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September 15, 2020

Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

Present: Kristin Achtziger, Lamar Allen, Tommy Blewett, Tim Callanan, Liberto Chacon, Teresa Concannon, Wesley Corbitt, Russ Deen, Charlie George, Brandt Herndon, Ken Lee, Matt Morriss, Troy Pittman, Ann Purcell, Troy Smith, Wykoda Wang, and Alan Zipperer.

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Allen at 9:30 A.M.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Zipperer and seconded by Mr. Corbitt.

Old Business:

Mr. Pittman provided a summary of county projects' status: the Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) for Effingham Parkway was held. All ROW petitions have been filed. On track to certify ROW in October. Environmental studies and final design are ongoing (35%) for the SR 119 @ Ogeechee River & Overflow. The delay is related to ROW, due to environmental approval. ROW is certified, and wrapping up final design for SR 17 @ CR 156/Blue Jay Road roundabout.

Active Construction Projects: Widening and reconstruction on CR 310/Old River Road and construction of a bridge and approaches over I-16/SR404 is ongoing, and expected to be complete in summer of 2021. Milling, resurfacing, and shoulder rehabilitation on SR 275 from north of SR 21 to dead end is ongoing, and expected to be complete in Fall 2020. Mr. Pittman reported on two Chatham County projects that are related to Effingham County transportation priorities: 3.060 miles of milling and plant mix resurfacing on SR 30 from Effingham County line to W of SR 21 is underway, and expected to be complete in Spring 2021; and 9.860 miles of milling, inlay and plant mix resurfacing on SR 21 from N of Jacks Creek to N of Dewitt Road is expected to begin soon.

Mr. Corbitt asked about the utilities in the Hwy 17 roundabout. Mr. George noted that GDOT will coordinate with the county regarding utility relocation to allow county utilities to be placed in the ROW.

Mr. Callanan reported that the LMIG projects are ongoing. Rincon-Stillwell Road is underway. Bunyan-Kessler Road repair, including new subsurface with asphalt, is underway. Repairs have been completed at the Little McCall Road and Courthouse Road intersection. Mr. Corbitt commented that the east side of Little McCall Road looks incomplete. Mr. George noted that the main scope of work was in the intersection. The scope included the worst sections. Mr. Callanan reported that the surface treatment of ash roads is ongoing, and they have completed the list of roads needing repair as a result of winter storm Grayson. Mr. Callanan provided a TSPLOST update: the call for the referendum has been published in the county's legal organ; the referendum is on the ballot for the November election; county staff are working on GIS and an informational website; and advocacy is being handled by the Chamber of Commerce.

New Business:

Mr. Herndon reported that Norfolk-Southern will be cutting McCall Road on November 5-6 to add rail line to the crossing for OmniTRAX. Mr. Corbitt commented that OmniTRAX should be encouraged to have routes planned for Effingham Parkway access, as work on the Parkway will begin in July 2021. He also reported on the allocation of funds to conduct a study for the East-West Corridor.

Mr. Lee reported that Rincon City Council had accepted completion of the Ft. Howard / Old Augusta Road roundabout at the city council meeting the previous night. The city plans to add illumination to

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the roundabout.

Mr. George reported that additional stop signs are planned for the intersection at Courthouse Road and Midland Road, to make it a four-way stop. There will be message boards and flashing lights to alert drivers to the change. Mr. Callanan added that thermoplastic striping is planned too, to provide warning of the 4-way stop intersection.

Adjournment:

Mr. Allen noted that the next meeting is November 17, and called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Callanan made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Zipperer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.