

# Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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April 19, 2011

## Transportation Advisory Meeting

**Present:** Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. John Henry, Mr. Mike Phillips, Mr. Dennis Webb, Mr. Alan Zipperer, Mr. Lamar Allen, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Tommy Blewett, Mr. Brad Saxon, Mr. Ken Lee, Mr. Ryan Moore, Mr. Jeff Netzinger, Mr. David Crawley, and Mr. Toss Allen

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Mr. Webb.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the agenda with the addition of two items of new business, and carried by all.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2011 was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Zipperer, and carried by all.

## Old Business:

### Item 1: Discussion of On Going Transportation Projects

Mr. Saxon discussed the status of ongoing DOT projects. He advised the Board that the 2' lane widening projects on Hodgeville Road and Sandhill Road were moving forward and that the right-of-way acquisition for the signal upgrades at State Route 21 and 9th Street were about to begin. He also stated that the signal upgrades at State Route 21 and McCall Road were running slightly behind schedule due to an issue with the strain poles for the signals. Mr. Allen discussed the potential roundabout for the intersection of Bluejay and McCall Roads which would be funded 100% with Federal off-system safety improvement money.

## New Business:

### Item 1: Discussion concerning the Executive Committee meeting of the Coastal regional Commission Transportation Roundtable

Mr. Allen informed that board that the meeting had actually taken place prior to the advertised time so he didn't get to attend the meeting. Mr. Crawley stated that he had spoken with Alan Burns concerning the details of the meeting. He stated that Mr. Burns had requested for each jurisdiction to rank the projects that they had submitted for the unconstrained project list in order of importance. After much discussion, the board ranked all of the projects which had been submitted by Effingham

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County. A motion to approve the ranking of the list was made by Mr. Kieffer, seconded by Mr. Zipperer, and carried by all.

## **Item 2: Discussion on Options to Improve Participation by the City of Guyton**

Mr. Lee suggested sending a letter to each councilmember inviting them to attend the Transportation Advisory Board meetings. Mr. Zipperer suggested that a representative of the Transportation Advisory Board attend a Guyton City Council meeting and personally invite the council to attend meetings.

## **Item 3: Discussion on the Closing of Rail Crossings Throughout the County**

Mr. Jeff Netzinger with HGBD discussed with the Board several options for closing rail crossings so that a permit could be submitted to CSX for a new at-grade crossing for the proposed Prosperity Drive access into the Research Forest Tract. He explained that CSX required the closing of three existing public crossings before they would permit a new at-grade rail crossing. Mr. Crawley stated that he felt that CSX should give some credit for crossings that they had closed on the Research Forest Tract and the Tract of land that The City of Springfield purchased for use as a spray field. Mr. Saxon suggested that someone contact CSX and ask if the addition of signalization on crossings that are currently controlled by stop signs, could count towards the required closings rather than actually closing the crossings.

The Board decided to readdress this issue at the next meeting.

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.