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August 16, 2011

Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr. Mike Phillips, Mr. Dennis Webb, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. John Henry, Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. Randy Shearouse, Mr. Rick Lott, Mr. Brad Saxon, Ms. Teresa Scott, Mr. David Crawley, and Mr. Toss Allen

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Mr. Webb.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Kieffer to approve the agenda with the addition of item #4 under new business to discuss legislative priorities. The motion was carried by all.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2011 was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bennett, and carried by all.

Old Business:

Item 1: Discussion of On Going Transportation Projects

Mr. Saxon discussed the status of on-going DOT projects. The signal upgrade project is scheduled to be let later this month. The signal at State Route 21 and 9th Street is closed to having right-of-way certified. The State Route 26/US 80 @ Ogeechee River and Overflow project will have a Preliminary Field Plan Review later this month. The GADOT has received \$100,000 in rapid response money to be used to construct a left hand turn lane at US 80 and Sandhill Road. The widening of Hodgeville and Sandhill Roads is moving forward. The overpass over State Route 119 is being reviewed to determine how much, if any, the road can be lowered to allow for greater clearance. The preliminary engineering for the roundabout at 119 and 17 is beginning. The preliminary engineering for the roundabout at State Route 275 and Rincon-Stillwell Road is beginning. The roundabout at Blue Jay and McCall Roads has been approved by Federal Highway and will be assigned a DOT project manager in the near future.

New Business:

Item 1: Discussion on the Executive Committee meeting concerning the Transportation Investment Act of 2010

Mr. Allen gave a summary of the Executive Committee meeting and the status of the Constrained Investment List.

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Item 2: Discussion on Creating a Project List to be Funded by the 25% Discretionary Funds from the Transportation Investment Act of 2010

After much discussion concerning the approach to creating the list and the types of projects to be funded, it was decided that each entity represented would prepare a list of projects that they would like to see funded and present it at the next transportation Advisory Board meeting.

Item 3: Discussion on Promoting the Passage of the Referendum on the Transportation Investment Act of 2010

The Board discussed the laws relating to the ability of elected officials and governmental bodies to participate in or expend funds on advocating the passage of legislation. It was agreed that the Chamber of Commerce was the only entity that currently exists that would legally be allowed to expend funds on and actively promote the passage of the referendum. Mr. Lott indicated that a committee to advocate SPLOST already existed and that there were some funds currently designated for that purpose. Mr. Webb suggested that we create a postcard sized map of the proposed projects with facts about the funding included on the reverse of the map. This would be something that could be easily mailed on handed out to people.

Item 4: Discussion on Legislative Priorities Regarding Transportation

After some discussion, it was suggested that we advocate for gateway improvements. Mr. Saxon stated that the GADOT could provide mowing and maintenance for the entire state for approximately \$3,000,000. Another suggestion was requesting an amendment to the State law that prohibits unincorporated areas from mowing the grass within the State right-of-way.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Bennett to adjourn the meeting, and carried by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.