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May 17, 2011

Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. Mike Phillips, Mr. Dennis Webb, Mr. Lamar Allen, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Tommy Blewett, Mr. Ken Lee, Mr. Jeff Netzinger, Mr. C.R. Jackson, Ms. Teresa Scott, Representative Ann Purcell, Mr. Randy Shearouse, Mr. David Crawley, and Mr. Toss Allen

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Mr. Webb.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Kieffer to approve the agenda, and carried by all.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2011 was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Lee, and carried by all.

Old Business:

Item 1: Discussion of On Going Transportation Projects

Ms. Scott discussed the status of ongoing DOT projects. A June letting is anticipated for the signal upgrade project. Right-of-way acquisition is underway for the signal upgrade at State Route 21 and 9th Street. Effingham parkway/Georgia Portway is still under review. Now that the Project Framework Agreement for the Old River Road/I-16 overpass has been signed, the concept report is being reviewed by the Georgia department of Transportation.

New Business:

Item 1: Update on the Closing of Rail Crossings Throughout the County

Mr. Netzinger shared the status of the Prosperity Drive project. A submittal was made to CSX concerning the possibility of an at-grade crossing for Prosperity Drive. The response to the submittal indicated that two previously closed at-grade crossings could be counted towards the required number of existing at-grade crossings that would need to be closed. Mr. Phillips stated that a public hearing would be required before the City Council could commit to the closing of any existing at-grade rail crossings. There are two crossing that could possibly be closed in The City of Rincon and one in Clio. Mr. Webb asked what the next step would be. Mr. Netzinger stated that the next step would be for The City of Rincon and The Effingham County Board of Commissioners to determine which existing at-grade rail crossings they could commit to closing. Mr. Crawley stated that he felt that we should identify all of the private at-grade rail crossings that had been recently closed and present

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them to CSX prior to holding public meetings.

Item 2: Update on Transportation Studies Currently Being Conducted by CORE MPO

Mr. Netzinger gave a presentation concerning his involvement with a project that is being to determine options for improvements to State Route #21. The project began in June of 2010 and is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2011. Eight different alternatives have been developed and each one was discussed in detail. Mr. Netzinger stated that he had made the same presentation to a number of other stakeholder groups and that he had solicited comments from each. The current goal of this project is to deliver a draft Concept Report of the most viable alternative to The Georgia Department of Transportation by the end of 2011.

Representative Purcell asked about the status of the temporary deceleration lane on I-95 at State Route #21. She stated that The federal Highway Administration has approved an extension of the deceleration lane that would extend it south beyond the Monteith Road overpass. Ms. Scott stated that the project had been approved but that she was not sure of the letting schedule.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.