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October 16, 2012

Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr. Dennis Webb, Mr. Tommy Blewett, Mr. Alan Zipperer, Mr. John Henry, Mr. Ryan Moore, Mr. Jeff Netzing, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Brad Saxton, Ms. Maggie Yoder, Mr. David Crawley and Mr. Toss Allen

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Mr. Webb.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Blewett and seconded by Mr. Zipperer to approve the agenda. The motion was carried by all.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2012 was made by Mr. Zipperer, seconded by Mr. Blewett, 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 SR 119/from Usher Rd to SR 21 for center turn lane project is being taken off hold. Planning meetings for this project are now underway. The concept report for I-16 @ CR 310/Old River Rd. Interchange has been approved. The traffic signal upgrades and installation of intersection Video Detection Systems (VDS) at various locations on SR 21, SR 25 and SR 73 project is scheduled for final inspection at the end of this month. The intersection improvements on SR 21 @ 9th Street project was delayed because of a conflict with a power pole that needs to be relocated. Georgia Power has been unable to relocate the pole because recent storms have required their crews to be out of town. The 6.500 miles of shoulder reconstruction on CR 311 beginning at SR 26 and extending to CR 221 and on CR 140 beginning at the Chatham Co. line and extending to CR 156 is currently under construction. The project will be completed by the end of this year.

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New Business:

Item 1: Update on Proposed Changes to the Transportation Priority List

Mr. Allen gave an update on the progress that had been made on the revised Georgia Portway scenario. He stated that there had been preliminary conversations as to what the funds in the federal earmark could be used for and what would be required to try to have the funds moved to another project. He then stated that preliminary cost estimates for construction which would be consistent with the direction given by the Transportation Advisory Board had been obtained. These cost projections were shared with the Board.

Item 2: Update on the Closing of Rail Crossing Throughout the County

Mr. Netzinger gave a recap of the conversations that have previously occurred with CSX concerning the previously submitted applications. He indicated that the previous correspondence concerning using two previously closed rail crossings in conjunction with closing two existing rail crossings in Rincon had been received favorably. However, closing two existing rail crossings in Rincon doesn't seem to be feasible. Therefore, another rail crossing needs to be identified to close. Mr. Bennett suggested that a rail crossing on the site of The City of Springfield's spray field which had been closed since The City of Springfield acquired the property could possibly serve as a third crossing. Mr. Crawley suggested that some credit may be received from making safety improvements such as adding crossing arms to existing rail crossings which currently utilize stop signs. Mr. Corbitt stated that he was researching additional alternatives for obtaining permission to cross the rail line. He hoped to have the information available by the next Transportation Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Henry suggested that a pre-application meeting with CSX in which the application process and requirements for obtaining a permit could be discussed. Mr. Netzinger agreed to set up such a meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Webb to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.