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April 24, 2014

Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr. Dennis Webb, Mr. Tommy Blewett, Mr. Alan Zipperer, Ms. Ann Purcell, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Mr. Ken Lee, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Lamar Allen, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Matt Bennett, Ms. Maggie Yoder, Mr. Ron Nelson, Mr. Brent Moseley, Ms. Agndas Ghazi, Mr. Arthur Walden, Mr. Mike Tebeau, Mr. Jeff Utley, Mr. Michael Adams, Representative Stephens, Ms. Patsy Zeigler, Mr. Michael Moore, Ms. Martha Conner, Mr. Joe Conner, Mr. Gill Zeigler 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. Lee and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the agenda. The motion was carried by all.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2013 and February 18, 2014 was made by Mr. Zipperer seconded by Mr. Allen and carried by all.

Old Business:

Item 1: Discussion of On Going Transportation Projects

Ms. Yoder discussed the status of on-going DOT projects. A public Information Open House will be held for the SR 119 / from Usher Rd to SR 21 for center turn lane project on March 20, 2014 and the environmental document stands at approximately 35% complete. The environmental document for the I-16 @ CR 310 / Old River Rd Interchange project is approximately 65% complete and work is progressing on the drainage and erosion plans. The concept report, schedule and cost estimates are being updated on the Effingham Parkway project. The environmental document and the preliminary engineering plans for SR 17 @ SR 119 roundabout project are approximately 95% complete. A Preliminary Field Plan Review is anticipated to be held later this summer. Construction is scheduled to begin late in 2016. The SR 275 @ CR 307 / Rincon Stillwell Road project is awaiting a feasibility study which is being conducted by the district office. A request was received to change the project description for the CR 156 / Blue Jay Rd/ Blanford Rd @ CR 143 / CR 176 / McCall Rd project to an intersection improvement project located at Blue Jay Road and Midland Road. A traffic study was performed at that intersection which recommended a roundabout. The GDOT is awaiting additional information from the County.

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Active Construction Projects

The 9.695 miles of milling and plant mix resurfacing on S.R. 119 beginning at the Bulloch Co. line and extending to S.R. 21 BU (Laurel St.) is complete.

The 7.235 miles of plant mix resurfacing and shoulder rehabilitation on S.R. 30 beginning at S.R. 17 and extending to the Chatham Co. line is complete.

Utility relocation has began on the 1.133 miles of construction of a total of two bridges and approaches on US 80 / SR26 over the Ogeechee River project. The project is approximately 9% complete and has been delayed due to high river levels. Bridge construction is scheduled to begin in Spring/Summer of 2014.

New Business:

Item 1: Discussion on the S.R. 119 from Usher Rd. to S.R. 21 center turn lane project

Mr. Matt Bennett explained the history of the project. He stated that 64% of the participants in the public information open house held on March 20, 2014 had provided comments on the project. Of those comments, 47% were negative. Me. Bennett explained that the multipurpose path was required by FHWA because the road is located on a designated bike route. Dr. Moore asked how the bike path designation could be changed. Mr. Bennett stated that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to change the designation. Mr. Kessler asked if the State could add turn lanes in the areas which currently do not contain them rather than approaching the entire length of road as a single project. Mr. Bennett stated that if the GDOT made any improvements to the roadway, the roadway would have to be brought up to current design standards. He stated that the GDOT could contract with the County to deliver the improvement's, usually and 80/20 split, with alternative sources of funding such as LMIG or quick response.

Mr. Allen made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Commissioners requesting them to send a resolution to the Georgia Department of Transportation requesting the project be removed from the program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zipperer and carried by all.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Blewett and carried by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.