

# Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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December 17, 2013

## Transportation Advisory Meeting

**Present:** Mr. Dennis Webb, Rep. Jon Burns, Rep. Bill Hitchens, Ms. Ann Purcell, , Dr. Franklin Goldwire, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. John Henry, Mr. Rick Lott, Mr. Will Murphy, Mr. Brad Saxon, Mr. Matt Bennett, Ms. Maggie Yoder, Mr. Tom McQueen and Mr. Toss Allen

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Mr. Webb.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Dr. Goldwire and seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve the agenda. The motion was carried by all.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from October 15, 2013 was made by Mr. Bennett seconded by Rep. Burns and carried by all.

## Old Business:

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

Ms. Yoder discussed the status of on-going DOT projects. The environmental document and preliminary plans for the I-16 @ CR 310 / Old River Rd Interchange project are progressing. Historical and Archeological has been approved and Ecology is being prepared. Traffic data for the Effingham Parkway is being input into the traffic demand model. A Public Information Open House was held for SR 17 @ SR 119 roundabout project on November 21st. The Concept Report for the SR 275 @ CR 307 / Rincon Stillwell Road project is being prepared in the District Office.

### 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.

Mainline construction is complete and driveways are being finished on 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.

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. Bridge construction is scheduled to begin in Spring of 2014.

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The Quick Response right turn lane project at SR 17 and Jabez Jones and the Quick Response right turn lane project at SR 17 and Courthouse have been completed.

Ms. Yoder asked the Board if they believed the S.R. 119 from Usher Rd. to S.R. 21 center turn lane project was still necessary. Mr. Allen asked if everyone was familiar with the project, explained that approximately 60% of the project has been completed and then asked the Board for it's input. Mr. Saxon clarified the project limits. Rep. Burns asked what the anticipated cost of the project was. Mr. Bennett stated that the anticipated cost for Right-of-Way, Preliminary Engineering and Construction is between 4.5 and 5 million dollars. Mr. Saxon stated that the project includes a multi use path as per the Multi-Modal Transportation Study for Effingham County which was prepared in July 2008. Rep. Burns asked if the multi use path could be eliminated. The Board had a discussion on the multi use path for this project and the Multi-Modal Transportation Study which required it. Mr. Saxon stated that the question the Board need to consider is whether the project is still needed. He stated that the project was originally conceived due to an excessive number of rear end collisions, and that a center turn lane typically increase the frequency of rear end collisions. Mr. Bennett suggested that the project advance forward to a Public Information Open House so that the public's comments could be obtained. Dr. Goldwire stated that because traffic volumes on this corridor were going to continue to increase, he would like to see the project move forward. Rep. Burns stated that the project doesn't extend into Guyton and that he believed constructing a multi use trail that doesn't connect to Springfield and not extending the center turn lane into Guyton would be perceived negatively by the public. Mr. Henry asked for clarification on the scope of the project. Mr. Bennett gave a detailed description of the scope of the project. Ms. Purcell stated that there have been several near collision's on S.R. 119 at the entrance to Georgia Powers facility and that she is currently working with the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Effingham County Sherriff and the School Board on improvements to that location. Mr. Webb stated that residents along the project corridor have expressed concerns because they don't know what the project consists of. Mr. Bennett explained that the Public Information open House would be the first chance for residents to see the project plans and receive an explanation of the scope of the project. Mr. Webb stated that his opinion would be to continue with the project. The Board indicated a desire to continue moving forward with the project.

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## **New Business:**

### **Item 1: Effingham Day at the Capitol**

Mr. Allen asked for input on setting up a meeting with the Georgia Department of Transportation that would be open for everyone attending the event as opposed to only inviting the Transportation Advisory Board. The Board decided that it would be appropriate to invite the Transportation Advisory Board only since the group was created for the purpose of providing representation to all interested parties within Effingham County. Ms. Purcell stated that she had already set up a meeting on Monday morning. Mr. Allen stated that he would send out further information on the specifics of the meeting to the members of the Transportation Advisory Board.

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 A.M.