

1. July 18, 2023 Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

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# Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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**Steve Candler**  
*Development Services Director*

This board is supported by the staff of the Effingham County Board of Commissioners and the cities of Guyton, Rincon, and Springfield, IDA, and BOE.



**Present:** Lamar Allen, Tommy Blewett, Tim Callanan, Stephen Candler, Wesley Corbitt, Russ Dean, Chelsie Fernald, Mark Lastinger, Matt Morris, Katie Proctor, Ann Purcell, Angela Stanley, Marie Todd and Alan Zipperer.

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Zipperer at 9:31 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Russ Dean and seconded by Mr. Tommy Blewett.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved with a motion by Mr. Matt Morris and seconded by Mr. Tommy Blewett.

## Old Business:

Katie Proctor with GDOT reviewed the Preconstruction projects status report. Project ID 19612-SR 17 @ Marlow Road/Wesley Drive Roundabout - anticipating schedule review in August and November design NTP. Active Construction Projects - Added two maintenance projects. Ms. Proctor will let the board know when Project ID M6369 - 21 Business beginning north of SR 21 and extending south of SR 119 gets started. The proposed date isn't until September. Ms. Proctor stated that at the last meeting Mr. Corbitt asked about Hwy 21 being 6-lanes. Ms. Proctor stated this was an option that GDOT was discussing but the study has not been completed yet. At this time, there are no actual plans for 6-lanes on Hwy 21. Mrs. Ann Purcell stated that the Hwy 21 6-lane project is programmed in the Coastal Empire Regional Study as a proposal. Mrs. Purcell stated that the traffic signal at Hwy 30 and Hodgeville Road, the contractor is scheduled to begin the addition of the left turn lane off of Hwy 30 onto Hodgeville. Once that is completed, they will work with GA Power to get power to all of the equipment that is there.

Mr. Callanan presented a presentation on the following topics:

**LMIG 2023:** Mr. Callanan stated that the LMIG 2023 & 2024 are being combined so we will get a lot more projects completed in the fall. These items will be presented to the BOC on August 1.

**Non TSPLOST:** Mr. Callanan stated we have two intersection improvements, Hodgeville & Forest Haven Roads and Hodgeville & Scuffletown Roads that we will be adding to the repaving of Hodgeville Road. These will be right and left turn lanes and decel lanes.

**TSPLOST 2020:** Mr. Callanan gave an update on the remaining projects.

**TSPLOST Intersections:** Mr. Callanan stated that any intersections that are on a GDOT road has lights built in as that is a requirement of GDOT. The County has added lights to the intersections on the County roads. The first out to bid are Hodgeville & Kolic Helmey and Hodgeville & Goshen Roads roundabouts. We expect to start ROW acquisitions this month. The remaining intersections on the list are in the 60 - 90% design phase and they should be following close behind. Mr. Callanan is trying to get some of the intersections out to contract in the fall. Mr. Callanan showed concept renderings of the TSPLOST intersections. There is another roundabout that is being designed by a third party as part of a development that is going in at Kolic Helmey & SR 30.

**Other Recent Projects:** Mr. Callanan gave an update on the studies.

## New Business:

**TSPLOST 2023:** Mr. Callanan reviewed the estimated funding and project categories and included examples of projects for each. The County is looking at potentially extending Low Ground Road out to SR 17. Roundabouts that are not currently programmed but are in consideration are Sandhill & Blue-Jay Roads, SR 30 & SR 17 and BlueJay & McCall Roads.

Mr. Russ Deen asked when Mr. Callanan needs the TSPLOST lists from the municipalities? Mr. Callanan replied that we are putting ours up for vote by the BOC on August 1st, if we can get anything before that, that would be wonderful. We can always vote on our stuff and then add the municipalities items at the next meeting on August 15.

Mr. Corbitt asked Chairmain Zipperer if the board would think about identifying roads that they believe are important, key arterial and connector roads that needs improvement. This will help the County to plan the work needed and understand what account to fund the work with.

## Adjournment:

Mr. Zipperer called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Deen made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Blewett. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.