

Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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January 17, 2023

Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

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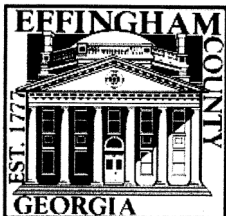
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Superintendent, BOE

Teresa Concannon
County Planning Manager

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: Tommy Blewett, Tim Callanan, Jasmine Champion, Teresa Concannon, Russ Deen, Chelsie Fernald, Brandt Herndon, Asia Hernton, Clint Hodges, Mark Lastinger, Ken Lee, Katie Proctor, Ann Purcell, Troy Smith and Alan Zipperer,

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Zipperer at 9:32 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved with a motion by Mayor Lee and seconded by Mayor Deen.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved with a motion by Mr. Blewett and seconded by Mayor Lee.

Old Business:

Preconstruction projects: SR119 at the Ogeechee River & Overflow is authorized for a bridge replacement with no added capacity. SR 17 @ Marlow Rd/Wesley Dr is scheduled for safety improvements. Authorization pending. Stillwell Rd @ Ebenezer Creek is scheduled for a bridge replacement with no added capacity. I-95 @ Savannah River @ S. Carolina line is scheduled for a bridge replacement with no added capacity. Awaiting dates from S. Carolina DOT. SR 30 @ Hodgeville Rd is authorized for a roundabout, Mrs. Purcell stated that she is working to move this project forward earlier than expected.

Active construction projects: The 2-lane roadway on Effingham Parkway ROW beginning at SR 30 and extending to Bluejay Road is under construction, and is 18% complete.

Ms. Proctor reported that SCDOT is still in planning stages for widening I-95. Mrs. Purcell explained that GDOT is working with SCDOT.

County road projects: LMIG 2021 is complete. LMIG 2021 Safety Action Plan (SAP) projects are complete. LMIG 2022 was awarded to McLendon, Mr. Callanan stated that the bulk of the LMIG 2022 funds went to Sandhill Road and that the funds for LMIG 2023 will be broken up.

TSPLOST 2020: Mr. Callanan stated that there was an issue with the chip seal on Old Dixie and Mt. Pleasant Road and that the County may need to look at asphaltting those roads. Hodgeville Rd resurfacing, and Goshen Rd widening will be delayed pending other improvements and a traffic study for Goshen Road. Courthouse Rd realignment will eliminate safety issues and eventually connect at Laurel Street traffic light. The Board of Commissioners approved the Old Augusta Road corridor study. Improvements are not yet funded for design. Mr. Callanan reported that he had a conference call with POND about the East-West Corridor from BlueJay Road to Hwy 21. Staff are in communication with Balfour Beatty and Atlas for Effingham Parkway-related design and construction. The Goshen Road and Bluejay Road roundabout designs are complete, and the Gateway Parkway roundabout design is in progress. A roundabout at Sandhill Rd and the Recreation Center has been approved.

New Business:

TSPLOST will be on the ballot in 2023, with projected revenue of \$120 million over five years. There was discussion of bringing relevant roads up to truck route standards. The cities wish to improve Gracen Rd between Guyton and Old Louisville Road; Silver Church Road; and Blandford Rd from McCall Road into Rincon. A TSPLOST planning meeting will be scheduled after a future TAB meeting.

Troy Smith announced that his IDA term is complete, so he should be replaced on the TAB

Adjournment:

Mr. Zipperer called for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Deen made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Blewett. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.