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July 19, 2016

Transportation Advisory Meeting

Present: Mr. Alan Zipperer, Mrs. Dinah King, Mr. Osman Bholat, Mr. Jon Burns, Mr. Rick Lott, Mr. Tommy Blewett, Mr. Toss Allen, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Mr. Wesley Sherrod, Ms. Wykoda Wang, Mr. Brian Adlerstein, Ms. Ann R. Purcell, Mr. Melvin E. Johnson, Ms. Maggie Yoder.

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Mr. Wendall Kessler.

Approval of Agenda: Because there was no quorum, the minutes were not officially approved.

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Old Business:

Item 1: Discussion of On-Going Transportation Projects

GDOT Projects

Maggie Yoder discussed the status of on-going transportation projects. The design and review of the plans for I-16@ CR310/Old River Rd.-Interchange is complete and is awaiting approval from environmental. Effingham Parkway had a value engineering study last month with responses from it anticipated in two to three weeks. The PAR has not been officially approved; however, several GDOT officials attest the likelihood of the official approval to be announced soon is high. The next step for Effingham Parkway is to have a preliminary field review which will be conducted at this time next year. The roundabout at SR 17 and Sr 119 will have right-of-way certified this week. The roundabout project at SR 275 and CR 307/Rincon-Still Road had its preliminary field plan review last month, and the right of way plans were submitted for review last week.

Regarding active construction projects, SR 21 resurfacing is required to be complete by the 31st of August and will be resurfacing the entire road (construction to take place at night). The contractor for SR Business CS610/1st Street to SR119 is currently working on sidewalk, curb and gutter. Construction of A Diverging Diamond Interchange on Sr 21/Sr 30 @ 1-95/SR 405 will begin asphaltting in August and will close the road one weekend to set up crossovers.

GDOT offered other projects not on the list. Jabez Road @ Hwy 17 runaround lane and Hwy 17 north bound turning lane on Roebing road are quick response projects that have been desired to let together and will commence very shortly. SR 119 from Crawford Street to Priester Street is to be let for resurfacing in February next year. Toss was asked if the commissioners have decided how to spend the \$300,000 additional LMIG. Toss replied that the subject would be addressed with the commissioners tonight. Discussion was conducted about the Effingham County restriping project that was awarded to Southern States Contracting to the sum of \$411,000. Special thanks was given for the additional funds offered to

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improve safety features on existing roads. A flyover is being constructed over Hwy 21 near the Publix facility. Thanks was given from Toss for the funding provided to help facilitate many of Effingham's maintenance and roadway improvement projects.

Asked about projects to improve traffic safety. Blue Jay Rd. and had a 4-way stop sign installed that removed traffic fatalities since installation. Effingham is tentatively working on Old Augusta Rd. and Fort Howard roundabout. City of Rincon will have a discussion about their potential annexation of intersection at Augustine and Fort Howard road later this week. Flashers have been incorporated at Blue Jay Rd. SR 17. I-16 is being widened near I-95 and plan to remove vegetation near ramps and signage in order to improve visibility.

Mr. John Burns mentioned that the HR 170 Bill has apparent widespread backing, as all 21 incumbents facing primary run-offs and having previously voted for the bill were re-elected.

GDOT initiated a discussion asking Effingham county and others to promote/ask drivers to slow down when entering construction work zones due to the loss of several GDOT employee lives from unnecessary fast driving. Ms. Ann Purcell was asked if there are any plans to install cables within the median at Pooler. Ann replied that the median is large enough to not require cables, but they would like to install them within the next 20-30 years depending on the available funding.

Item 2: Other Old Business

No other old business was discussed.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wendall Kessler adjourned the meeting at 9:16A.M.