

# Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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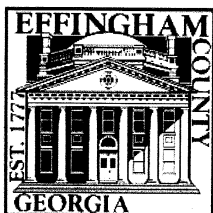
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**May 17, 2016**

## Transportation Advisory Meeting

**Present:** Mr. Lamar Allen, Mr. Tommy Blewett, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Chap Bennett, Mr. Osman Bholat, Mr. Troy Pittman, Mrs. Wykoda Wang, Mr. Melvin Johnson, Mr. Wesley Sherrod, Mr. Toss Allen, Mr. John Henry, Mr. Phil Kieffer, Mr. Bill Hitchens, Mr. Brad Saxon, and Mr. Alan Zipperer

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Mr. Lamar Allen.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda for this meeting was unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Lamar Allen

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the March 17th meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Chap Bennett and a second by Mr. Alan Zipperer.

## Old Business:

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

#### GDOT Projects

Mr. Pittman discussed the status of on-going transportation projects. The I-16 interchange at Old River Road had its final field plan review comments addressed in March and is waiting on environmental approval. Effingham Parkway's environmental activities and preliminary design are on-going with a VE study scheduled for 6/14/16. The roundabout at SR 17 and SR 119 has acquired right-of-way and is finalizing lighting/utility relocation plans. Mr. Osman Bholat asked if the lighting involved Ga Power, and GDOT said it did not. Preliminary design is ongoing for the roundabout at SR 275 and Rincon-Stillwell Road with completion of that phase by July. There is currently no activity taking place at County Road 156 and Blue Jay Road.

Regarding active construction projects, the resurfacing project construction on SR 21 is anticipated to be complete by the summer of 2016, although construction has not started yet. Springfield's SR 21 project has begun and is currently about 10% complete with project completion anticipated by Fall of 2017.

GDOT offered other projects not on the list. One project, with PI Number 13621, involves signing and marking at Norfolk-Southern Railroad crossings and has just begun. There are two "Quick Response projects, Jabez Road @ Hwy 17 and Roebing Road @ Hwy 17, that are anticipated to start this year. The already approved FY 2016 striping project is anticipated to begin in June. GDOT has stated that Effingham County's additional requested LMIG off-system safety projects are being reviewed, and that they will inform us whether approval shall be granted by the end of this month. Mr. Toss Allen sought clarification on the approved striping project of whether it was GDOT let. GDOT replied that they will let us know. Mr. Allen also asked about the not yet approved off-system safety project involving the Fort Howard Road/Old Augusta Road roundabout. GDOT claimed it would be given top priority during review. Mr. Melvin Johnson mentioned about the Hwy 21 repairs from North Rincon to Jacks Branch as ongoing. The I-95/Hwy 21 interchange project was issued a NTP at the beginning of this month, although no actual ground-breaking activity has yet occurred. Startup will occur soon, though. The Jimmy DeLoach Connector is scheduled to open in May 2017. A question was asked about Benton Boulevard's status, and GDOT reported that the Chatham County engineer informed them that they were currently acquiring right-of-way.

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## **Item 2: Other Old Business**

No other old business was discussed.

## **New Business:**

A question was asked to Mr. Toss Allen about the status of the T-SPLOST. Mr. Allen replied that although the Commissioners have passed the resolution to approve SPLOST for the upcoming general election vote, they have not yet moved on the T-SPLOST resolution. It was agreed that before the next meeting, the board would attempt to discover whether there are groups adamantly opposed to it.

## **Adjournment:**

Mr. Lamar Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:52A.M with motion by Mr. Chap Bennett and second by Mr. Alan Zipperer.