

# Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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**November 15, 2016**

Transportation Advisory Meeting

**Present:** Mr. Alan Zipperer, Ms. Ann Purcell, Mr. Brett Bennett, Mr. Brian Adlerstein, Mr. Lamar Allen, Mr. Melvin Johnson, Mr. Toss Allen, Mr. Wesley Sherrod, Ms. Wykoda Wang.

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brett Bennett at 8:42AM.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with motion by Mr. Brett Bennett and a second by Mr. Allen Zipperer.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from September 20, 2016 were approved with motion by Mr. Tommy Blewett and a second by Mr. Allen Zipperer.

## Old Business:

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

#### GDOT Projects

Mr. Troy Pittman discussed the status of on-going transportation projects. The final plans for I-16@ CR 310/Old River Rd.-Interchange have been completed and submitted. Mr. Toss Allen mentioned this project is not in STIP, but can be added at a later date. Ms. Ann Purcell brought to everyone's attention that this project is in line with a Chatham industrial park (685 acres). GDOT said that this was taken into consideration during the design. The preliminary design and environmental studies for Effingham Parkway are ongoing. Mr. Toss Allen stated a letter was sent to Chatham requesting the use of 3 million dollars from the 4.4 million dollar grant to commence the purchasing of right-of-ways. Because this grant was originally intended for use in construction, a PFA is being drafted and will need to be approved before the money can be utilized in this manner. The current plan is to have Chatham County purchase right-of-ways within Chatham County for the parkway and Effingham County will reimburse the funds at a later date. Mr. Toss Allen brought up other issues of right-of-way acquisition, such as a conservation easement between Goshen Rd and the county line, as well as a homeowner experiencing a "life changing event." The roundabout at SR 17 and SR 119 received certification for its utilities this month. Right-of-way acquisition for the roundabout at SR 275 and CR 307/Rincon-Stillwell Road are under way.

Regarding active construction projects, SR 21 Business CS 610/1st Street to SR 119 completed its final inspection. A Diverging Diamond Interchange on SR 21/SR 30 @ 1-95/SR 405 is undergoing milling overlay on the northbound side. Ms. Ann Purcell stated that this interchange will probably be closed around the second week of December for striping. She asks that everyone advertises this with their media networks when we get closer to the date for striping. Signing and striping upgrades at various locations in Effingham County have begun earlier this month.

Mr. Toss Allen brought up item number five on the GDOT/Effingham County Projects Status Report. This item was left on the list because the intersection of CR 156/Blue Jay Rd/

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Blanford Rd and CR 143/CR 176/McCall Rd requires curb installation due to safety concerns. A traffic circle was the original intention, however the change in geometry to be brought about from construction of Effingham Parkway will allow a simple curb to meet standards. Approval for the roundabout at this intersection is being waited on so the traffic circle can later seek approval to be moved to another location, such as Midland Rd and Blue Jay Rd.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

## **Adjournment:**

Mr. Brett Bennett adjourned the meeting at 9:09 A.M.