January 19, 2021

Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

Present: Kristin Achtziger, Brett Bennett, Tommy Blewett, Tim Callanan, Teresa Concannon, Wesley Corbitt, Russ Deen, Brandt Herndon, LaMeisha Kelly, Eric Larson, Matt Morris, Melissa Phillips, Troy Pittman, Troy Smith, and Alan Zipperer.

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Zipperer at 9:39 A.M.

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

Old Business:

Mr. Pittman provided a summary of county projects from the GDOT Status Report: The Effingham Parkway contract will be let in May 2021, and awarded in July. Environmental studies and final design are ongoing for the SR 119 @ Ogeechee River & Overflow.

Active Construction Projects: Widening and reconstruction on CR 310/Old River Road and construction of a bridge and approaches over I-16/SR404 is 60% complete, and expected to be complete in summer of 2021. Milling, inlay and plant mix resurfacing on SR 21 from north of Jacks Creek to north of Dewitt Road is 90% complete. SR 17 @ CR 156/Blue Jay Road roundabout was just let, and they are awaiting a notice to proceed. The contractor is APAC Atlantic.

Mr. Larson, Assistant County Manager and County Engineer, introduced himself to the group, and reported that TSPLOST projects are being grouped into similar projects for advertising, e.g., full depth reclamation of ash roads, widening, etc. Mr. Callanan reported that the TSPLOST referendum allows the county to borrow up to $35m up front. He is currently in discussions with the bond attorney and municipal advisor. Collection of funds will begin in April 2021.

New Business:

Mr. Larson announced the launch of the Transportation Master Plan, which will study major corridors and intersections, and develop a 20 year timeline. Melissa Phillips, a member of the Pond consulting team, was present to answer questions. Staff has already identified what they consider to be the major corridors and intersections, and now they will seek input from stakeholders. The first stakeholder meeting is scheduled for February 3. There will be virtual and in-person open house meetings to collect stakeholder input. The the scope of services will be solidified, and the consultants will move forward based on the schedule distributed at the meeting.

Adjournment:

Mr. Zipperer noted that the next meeting is March 16, and called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Corbitt made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Deen. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 A.M.