

# Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board

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**March 16, 2021**

## Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

**Present:** Brett Bennett, Tim Callanan, Teresa Concannon, Russ Deen, LaMeisha Kelly, Eric Larson, Melissa Phillips, Troy Pittman, Ann Purcell, Wykoda Wang, and Mark Wilkes.

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Callanan at 9:34 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Deen and seconded by Mrs. Kelly.

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

## 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; the final plan package has been submitted. 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 on schedule, at 70% complete. Milling, inlay and plant mix resurfacing on SR 21 from north of Jacks Creek to north of Dewitt Road is 100% complete, and the final inspection is complete. SR 17 @ CR 156/Blue Jay Road roundabout has a notice to proceed..

Mrs. Wang asked for clarification on the Effingham Parkway timeline. If it is to be let in May and a contract awarded in July, the project should be moved from the CORE MPO long range project list.

Mrs. Purcell reported on the proposed roundabout at Hodgeville Road and Hwy 30, which is located in Chatham County. Effingham County has offered to share the cost of safety improvements, as the intersection serves Effingham County residents. However, there is a prohibition on using county road funds in other counties. GDOT will help fund the Chatham County project.

Mr. Callanan reported that he will be presenting to the Board of Commissioners on safety improvements funding from GDOT. The funding requires a local match. Safety improvement projects include striping and rumble strips on Ziegler Road and McCall Road. He also reported that the county has issued bonds for \$35m for TSPLOST projects. The county, Springfield, and Guyton opted in to receive bond funding up front, and plan to begin work and award contracts as soon as possible.

Mr. Larson reported that TSPLOST projects are being grouped into like treatments such as asphalt milling and/or resurfacing, and combined with LMIG resurfacing to bid out and let. The remainder of the county project list requires engineering and geotechnical work, such as full depth reclamation of ash roads. Turn lane projects are in the design phase, and will require land and right of way acquisition.

## New Business:

Mr. Larson reported on the Indefinite Delivery Contract (IDC) RFP. Nineteen proposals were received for contract design work. Mr. Callanan noted that the Effingham Parkway design work is not part of the IDC, but is being handled by GDOT. The Effingham Parkway connector at Bluejay Road, and the McCall Road and Bluejay Road intersection improvements are out to bid as part of

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TSPLOST. Mrs. Wang asked when TSPLOST funds would start coming in. Mr. Callanan responded that collection would begin the week of April 6.

Mr. Larson gave an update on the Transportation Master Plan. The consultants from Pond were present, and an in-person stakeholders meeting would immediately follow the TAB meeting. A virtual stakeholders meeting was planned for 1pm. There is ongoing public engagement, and traffic counts are being collected, to identify road sections and intersections to be studied.

## **Adjournment:**

Mr. Callanan noted that the next meeting is on May 18, and called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Deen made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Bennett. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.