

**MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
#2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

December 13, 2007

10:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Evans, Chairman
Garland Pinholster, Vice Chairman
Roy Herrington
Billy Langdale
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Emory McClinton
Rudy Bowen
Larry Walker
Bill Kuhlke, Jr.
David Doss
Raybon Anderson
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sam Wellborn

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Gena Abraham
Buddy Gratton, Deputy Commissioner
Elizabeth Osmon
Earl Mahfuz
Greg Mayo
Mike Thomas
Karlene Barron
Todd Long
Gerald Ross
Sandra Burgess
Jeff Hill
Michael Cooper
Steve Henry

Chairman Mike Evans opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Dana Lemon gave the invocation.

Billy Langdale led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2007 meetings. Billy Langdale made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2007 meetings, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Preconstruction, requested approval of the projects proposed for the January 2008 Letting. Chairman Evans asked for a motion to approve. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the January 2008 Letting, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.*

Mike Thomas, Director of Planning, Data & Intermodal Development, requested approval for the revisions proposed for the Construction Work Program for December 2007. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.

Michael Rodgers, School of Civil/Environmental Engineering, gave a presentation on Georgia Tech's Continuous Atlanta Fleet Evaluation (CAFÉ) Study, which included the CAFÉ program particulars; vehicle remote sensing; recent CAFÉ measurement sites; average CO emissions for Atlanta; comparison of tested and untested vehicles; emission contribution by vehicle age and contact information.*

Sandra Burgess, Director of Legal Affairs, gave an update on Rules for Utility Mediation. Sandra Burgess stated that the proposed rule for utility mediation was opened to the public for the month of October and no public comments were received. Sandra Burgess also requested that the Board approve the proposed rules for Utility Mediation. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the proposed rules for Utility Mediation, seconded by Larry Walker and unanimously approved.*

Commissioner Gena Abraham gave her monthly report, which included the state fund collections; total employment figure for November 30, 2007; and major projects open to traffic.* Commissioner Abraham also presented a 25 year service award to Greg Mayo, Director of Construction, for dedicated years of service at the Department and doing a good job.

Commissioner Abraham also requested approval of the following resolution. Bill Kuhlke made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, the Georgia Department of Transportation Wildflower Program began in 1974 with the efforts of Mrs. Virginia Hand Callaway to plant and protect wildflowers on the roadsides; and

Whereas, the Department implemented the program after former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and several Garden Club of Georgia members researched the highly-successful Texas Wildflower Program and presented their ideas to then Commissioner Downing Musgrove; and

Whereas, through a partnership with the Garden Club of Georgia and funding from the Wildflower Auto Tag the Wildflower Program has been able to support beautification projects throughout the state as well as research and maintenance ; and

Whereas, the Office of Maintenance plays a key role in ensuring the wildflowers are properly maintained and visible throughout the state; and

Whereas, the Garden Club of Georgia has recognized the efforts of each DOT district maintenance office and has cited deserving Georgia DOT maintenance employees for their hard work and dedication to preserving the natural beauty of Georgia; and

Whereas, Johnny Westmoreland of Helen (District 1), Gilbert Harris of Ellaville (District 3), Rodney Humphries of Worth County (District 4), Robert McLaughlin of Ware County (District 5), Ronnie Gray of Tallapoosa (District 6), and Latoya Scrutchins of Atlanta (District 7) have all received the Garden Club of Georgia's "Best Wildflower Award" in its annual roadside beautification contest and should be recognized and applauded for their effort.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the "Best Wildflower Award" recipients are commended for their outstanding commitment to preserve and restore the natural beauty of the state and each member of the Board offers heartfelt appreciation for their efforts to continue the success of the Georgia DOT Wildflower Program.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be provided to the Award recipients in recognition of their devoted and commendable service.

Adopted this the 13th day of December, 2007.

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Chairman Evans asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Garland Pinholster made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, Robert Kelley Coty, a native of Savannah, graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Georgia Southern University, and has since obtained a Master's degree in Middle School Education from Walden University in 2004 and a Specialist degree in Administration from Lincoln Memorial University in 2006; and

Whereas, Kelley Coty is currently a Health and PE teacher at Dacula Middle School in Gwinnett County, where he has taught for nine years and is an assistant coach on the eighth-grade boys basketball team; and

Whereas, as an employee of Georgia Association of Petroleum Retailers in 1992, Kelley Coty attended state government information hearings on Georgia's vehicle emissions testing system; and

Whereas, upon discovering that the state of Georgia planned to award its emissions testing contract to one company, thus allowing for only five testing locations in the entire state, Kelley Coty decided to fight for the local service station and garage owners to conduct emissions testing in their own

facilities, thereby saving the state millions of dollars and making the process easier for Georgia motorists; and

Whereas, he pleaded his case to various legislators at the State Capitol every day during the next legislative session, and also gave flyers to the public, galvanizing Georgians to urge their legislators to make it state law for local facilities to do emissions testing; and

Whereas, as the result of his hard work and dedication to this cause, Georgia now has nearly 800 emissions testing facilities throughout the state, enabling motorists to get their vehicles inspected in an efficient and effective manner on a regular basis.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the State Transportation Board acknowledges Mr. Kelley Coty for his efforts in helping develop what is arguably the most successful de-centralized emissions testing program in the country.

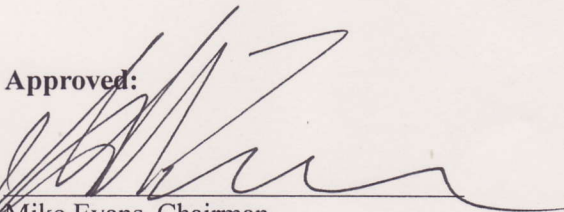
Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be provided to Kelley Coty in recognition of his devoted and commendable service to the state of Georgia and its citizens.

Adopted this the 13th day of December, 2007.

Chairman Evans requested that Robert Brown give a report from the Consultant Services Committee meeting.

Robert Brown gave a report from the Consultant Services Committee. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to update the committee on how consultant services are used in the Office of Planning. Robert Brown also stated that Angela Alexander, State Transportation Planning Administrator, gave a presentation on the Use of Consultant Services in the Office Planning, which included areas where the Office of Planning utilizes consultant services.

There being no further business, Chairman Evans asked for a motion to adjourn. Garland Pinholster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.

Approved:


Mike Evans, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

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