

**MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308**

November 19, 2009

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Kuhlke, Jr., Chairman
Roy Herrington
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Sidney Ross
Steve Gooch
David Doss
Bobby Parham
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rudy Bowen

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Vance Smith
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer
Elizabeth Osmon
Kate Pfirman
Sandra Burgess
Earl Mahfuz
Keith Golden

Chairman Bill Kuhlke opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Roy Herrington gave the invocation.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2009 meetings. Roy Herrington made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2009 meetings, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the December 2009 Letting for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the December 2009 Letting, seconded by Brandon Beach and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for November 2009 for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the proposed revisions to Construction Work Program for November 2009. Dana lemon made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for November 2009, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Todd Long also presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for December 2009.*

Commissioner Vance Smith asked the Board to approve the following resolution. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, former Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner Wayne Shackelford was born on Nov. 3, 1933 in Carroll County and passed away on Sept. 1 of this year; and

Whereas, Wayne Shackelford earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Berry College, followed by graduate work at the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, upon completing military service with the U.S. Army, he joined Georgia's Cooperative Extension Service, serving as Assistant County Agent in Haralson County; and

Whereas, he joined the Gwinnett County Cooperative Extension Service in 1960 and was named the Extension Agent in 1963, serving in that position through 1973; and

Whereas, he was then appointed Executive Assistant to the Gwinnett County Commission, serving ably and professionally in that position until 1984 when he entered the private sector of real estate development and consulting; and

Whereas, in 1991 he was named by the State Transportation Board as the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, during his nine-year tenure, Wayne Shackelford was active in regional and national transportation policy development, serving as President of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) and President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); and

Whereas, he served as Chair of the Board of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA) and led the Department to successful completion of an ambitious program to ready the state's transportation infrastructure for the 1996 Centennial Olympics; and

Whereas, Wayne Shackelford earned many national honors, as did the Department under his leadership, and his professionalism and expertise benefitted all Georgians with an improved transportation system; and

Whereas, Wayne Shackelford was involved throughout his professional and private life with civic, business and community organizations, selflessly giving of his time to make his community, state and nation better places; and

Whereas, Wayne Shackelford, known belovedly to his Department colleagues as "Shack," was ever the personification of a true public servant and the embodiment of a gentle and caring man;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the State Transportation Board memorializes Wayne Shackelford for his outstanding contributions and service by establishing the annual Georgia Department of Transportation Wayne Shackelford Award to recognize Outstanding Employee Commitment.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Wayne Shackelford in recognition of his devoted and commendable service to the Georgia Department of Transportation and to the people of the State of Georgia.

Adopted this the 19th day of November, 2009.

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Mike Alexander, Research Division Chief, Atlanta Regional Commission, gave a presentation on the Atlanta Region Plan 2040 Forecast Preview of Population and Employment, which included regional population projections from 2000 to 2030; state growth trends; GDOT board districts and the ARC forecast (non-attainment) area; the age pyramid; population growth comparison; employment forecast growth and forecasted employment change from 2010-2040, in the 20 county forecast area.*

Sandra Burgess, General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included civil actions, mediations and ante-litem notices.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure ending October 31, 2009; major projects open to traffic; ARRA 2009 stimulus activities and awards.*

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Administrative Committee. Johnny Floyd stated that Keith Golden, Director of Operations, gave an update on the Georgia LOGO Program, which included the existing contract. Johnny Floyd stated that the committee unanimously approved that the contract for the Georgia LOGO program be rebid through the RFP process, with the current fee structure and a minimum bid of \$3.2 million per year to the full Board for approval. There was some discussion regarding the recommendation to the full Board. David Doss made a motion that the Georgia LOGO Program contract is rebid through the RFP process with the current fee structure and a minimum bid of \$2.9 million per

year on a five year contract, seconded by Steve Gooch and Emory McClinton opposed and the motion passed with 10 yeas and one nay.

David Doss gave a report from the Finance Committee. David Doss stated Earl Mahfuz, Assistant Treasurer, gave an update on Right-of-Way Deauthorizations. David Doss also stated that Kate Pfirman, Treasurer, gave an update on the FY 2010 Budget and an update on the FY 09 Audit findings. David Doss stated the committee requested that staff provide a report showing a comparison on the amount that was actually spent verses what was let to date.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Legislative Committee. Brandon Beach stated that the committee will focus on funding and investment needs for transportation in Georgia. Brandon Beach also stated he provided an update on the recent visit to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of congress. Brandon Beach stated that the committee discussed the possibility of the TEA-21 funds for commuter rail could also be used for construction of the Multi-Modal Passenger Terminal in Atlanta and it was also discussed that the Multi-Modal Passenger Terminal could possibly be a P3 project.

Dana Lemon gave a report from the Intermodal Committee. Dana Lemon stated that Erik Steavens, Director of Intermodal Programs, gave update on the Committee's goals for FY 2010, which included monitoring compliance with FTA financial management and state managements; developing a plan for state of good repair of our rail lines; monitoring progress of AARA funding and pursuing funding opportunities for freight and passenger rail. Dana Lemon stated that Erik Steavens and John Crocker, Transit Implementation Board, presented information on the "Quad Party Agreement" between GDOT, ARC, GRTA and MARTA. Dana Lemon stated that committee unanimously approved the Quad Party Agreement be brought to the full Board for approval. Dana Lemon also requested that Erik Steavens prepare a list of the transit programs receiving AARA funds for distribution the Board and legislators.

There was some discussion regarding the Quad Party Agreement. Dana Lemon made a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Commissioner to execute the amendment to the Quad Party Agreement, seconded by David Doss and unanimously approved. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the following resolution authorizing the Commissioner to execute the amendment to the Quad Party Agreement, seconded by Brandon Beach and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) are the signatories to the Memorandum of Agreement for Transportation Planning Coordination and Cooperation in the Atlanta Metropolitan Planning Area (Quad-Party Agreement) which provides the framework for the overall transportation planning process in the Atlanta region; and

WHEREAS the transitional Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board (TIB) was established in January 2009 as the successor to the Transit Planning Board (TPB), the entity that developed Concept 3 as the Regional Vision Plan for transit expansion in the Atlanta area ; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2009, the TIB recommended the establishment of a full committee of the ARC as an interim measure in the process of developing a long term, sustainable regional transit governance structure; and

WHEREAS, the recommended interim measure was the establishment of the Regional Transit Committee (RTC); and

WHEREAS, the RTC committee will be established as a policy committee of the ARC Board with modifications of the ARC bylaws as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, this committee will be charged with performing the work of systems planning, service coordination, performance monitoring and public education within the existing Quad Party framework while state legislative action is sought to establish the recommended regional transit governance structure recommended by the TPB; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Quad Party Agreement is necessary to establish the authority of the new committee and to delineate the roles of the signatories to the Quad Party.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the State Transportation Board that the Commissioner is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the ARC, MARTA and GRTA amending the Quad Party agreement so as to establish a committee of the ARC Board to be designated as the Regional Transit Committee (RTC), which committee shall be recognized as an interim primary regional transit governance entity for the purposes of systems planning, service coordination, performance monitoring and public education while legislative action is sought to establish the recommended regional transit governance structure developed by the Transit Services Board.

Adopted by the State Transportation Board this 19TH day of November, 2009.



Robert Brown gave a report from the Statewide Transportation Plan Committee. Robert Brown stated that Todd Long, Director of Planning, gave a presentation on the Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan, which included the Senate Bill 200 Review; statewide strategic transportation plan; IT3 strategic direction; current transportation investment levels and presented revisions to Board policies to present to the Administrative Committee for approval. Robert Brown stated that committee recommended that Policy 2D-4 be modified to state that the Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan and the State Transportation Improvement Program shall be approved by the Governor and the State Transportation Board. Robert Brown also stated that Mathew Fowler, Office of Planning gave a presentation on the Southwest Georgia Interstate Study, which the study found there is no need for a new Interstate in southwest Georgia, but recommended the completion of widening State Route 133 and US 27 corridors.


David Doss gave a report from the Public Private Partnership (P3) Committee. David Doss stated that Earl Mahfuz, P3 Program Director, presented the Board with existing policies and recommended changes to be in line with Senate Bill 200 rules and regulations. David Doss stated that Chip Meeks, Office of P3

Programs, presented new P3 Webpage, which provides information on current P3 activities and public comments.

Under New Business Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion for the December Board meeting to be held on December 9 & 10, 2009. Sam Wellborn made a motion for the December Board meeting be held on December 9 & 10, 2009, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to adjourn. Johnny Floyd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Approved:



Bill Kuhlke, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**