

**MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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

February 19, 2009

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Kuhlke, Chairman
Larry Walker, Vice Chairman
Roy Herrington
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Rudy Bowen
Steve Farrow
David Doss
Raybon Anderson
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Kevin Clark, COO
Elizabeth Osmon
Earl Mahfuz
Gerald Ross
Jo Ann Chance
Sandra Burgess
Mike Thomas
Richard Sawyer
Ericka Davis

Chairman Bill Kuhlke opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Rudy Bowen gave the invocation.

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

Genetha Singleton, Assistant Director of Preconstruction, presented the projects proposed for the March 2009 Letting for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the March 2009 Letting, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.*

Mike Thomas, Director of Planning & Data, presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for February 2009. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for February 2009. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for February 2009, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.*

Mike Thomas also presented the revisions proposed for the Construction Work Program for March 2009 to be approved at the March 2009 Board meeting.*

Cheryl King, Director, Transit Implementation Board, gave a presentation on the Transit Implementation Board and Concept 3, which included the regional transit vision and Concept 3 illustrative implementation.*

Angela Alexander, Transportation Planning Administrator, gave a presentation on the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant Program, which included an overview on how the TE program works; funding; past performance of TE; current status of the TE program and future of the TE program. There was some discussion regarding the TE program. Chairman Wellborn stated there are some problems with the program and requested that staff resolve the issues with the TE program. Johnny Floyd requested that staff provide a listing of the TE projects in each congressional district to the Board members and provide the status of the project and any issues related to delays.

Chris Tomlinson, General Counsel, gave a Legal Update, which included civil actions and personnel actions.

Steve Henry requested that the Board waive the 10 Day Rule to approve the following comprehensive zoning resolution. Roy Herrington made a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule to approve the following resolution, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved. Roy Herrington made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Chatham County	Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Resolved this 19TH day of February, 2009.

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Steve Henry requested that the Board to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Larry Walker made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial

approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Franklin County	Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Resolved this 18TH day of February, 2009.

Steve Henry requested that the Board to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Roy Herrington made a motion to approve the following comprehensive zoning resolution, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Liberty County	Amendment to Comprehensive Parcel No.	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Resolved this 19TH day of February, 2009.

Rudy Bowen gave a report from the Administrative Committee. Rudy Bowen stated that Chris Tomlinson, General Counsel, DOT; Denise Whiting-Pack, Senior Assistant to Attorney General and Chris Risley, Risk Management Manager, DOAS gave an overview of legal representation for the Department.

Larry Walker gave a report from the Intermodal Committee. Larry Walker stated that Terry Montague, Atlanta Beltline and Luz Borrero, Deputy Chief Operating Officer for the City of Atlanta, gave an update on the Atlanta Beltline project, which included the Decatur beltline abandonment issue. Erik Steavens, Director of Intermodal Programs, gave an update on the Decatur beltline abandonment, which included identifying solutions for that portion of the beltline. Larry Walker also stated that public comments were allowed from three people supporting the Beltline.

Sam Wellborn gave a report from the Finance Committee. Sam Wellborn stated that Earl Mahfuz, Assistant Treasurer, gave an update on the Right-of-Way De-authorization. Greg Mayo gave an update on "Final Acceptance" of Projects and Materials Certifications, which values \$29.6 million. Sam Wellborn also stated that Chris Jones gave an update on Budget day at the Department and gave a report on cash balances for the Department. Sam Wellborn stated that Kate Pfirman, Treasurer, and Paul Turner, Director of Internal Audit, gave an update on the progress of Audit Findings. Sam Wellborn stated that the committee will receive monthly updates on the audit findings until all of the issues have been resolved. Chris Jones also gave a presentation on the FY 2009 2nd Quarter Financial Statements Compilation and the FY 2009 Budget.

Dana Lemon gave a report from the Legislative Committee. Gerald Ross gave an update on the Washington D.C. Advocacy Trip, which included an update on the meeting with Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation, regarding the stimulus package. Dana Lemon also stated that Chris Tomlinson provided an update the Legislative session and transportation bills that effect the Department.

Emory McClinton gave a report from the Joint Intermodal/Transportation Agency Partner Committee with the MARTA Board. Emory McClinton stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss MARTA's organization and operation.

Under New Business, Chairman Kuhlke stated that the Board will have two out of town Board meetings. The first out of town meeting will be in May 2009 in Coffee County and the second out of town Board meeting will be held in October 2009 in Statesboro.

Gerald Ross gave an update on HOV to HOT. Gerald Ross stated that the consultant has been hired for the project and is in the process of developing a plan for public involvement. Gerald Ross also stated

that he will be bringing information to the March Board meeting to discuss the implementation of converting HOV to HOT to HOV 3 or HOV 4.

Chairman Kuhlke stated that Jane Smith, Data Services Administrator, recommended that the Georgia State Map be prepared every other year. There was some discussion regarding the state map. Sam Wellborn made a motion that the Georgia state map be prepared every other year, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.


David Doss made motion to instruct the Commissioner to withdraw all Georgia DOT objections to abandon the section of rail of the Decatur Beltline and further urge Amtrak to withdraw their objections also, seconded by Dana Lemon and there was some discussion and the motion failed with six nays, three yeas and two abstained.

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

Approved:


Bill Kuhlke, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:


Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**