

**MINUTES  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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

**August 18, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rudy Bowen, Chairman  
Johnny Floyd, Vice Chairman  
Jay Shaw  
Sam Wellborn  
Emory McClinton  
Brandon Beach  
Jim Cole  
Don Grantham  
Jeff Lewis  
Bobby Parham  
Dana Lemon

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Brown  
Emily Dunn

**DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Vance Smith, Commissioner  
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer  
Angie Whitworth, Treasurer  
Matt Cline, General Counsel

Chairman Rudy Bowen opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Johnny Floyd gave the invocation.

Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2011 meetings. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2011 meetings, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.\*

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the September 2011 Letting for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the September 2011 Letting, seconded by Jeff Lewis and unanimously approved.\*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, stated there were no revisions to the Construction Work Program for September 2011. Todd Long also presented a copy of the proposed 2012-2015 STIP to the Board to review and provide comments. Todd Long also stated that he will present the proposed 2012-2015 STIP at the next Board meeting for their approval.

Todd Long also gave an update on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). There was some discussion regarding the TIA. Todd Long stated that a list of the projects for each region is available on the website. Sam Wellborn requested that an update be given to the Board monthly on the TIA. Don Grantham stated, at the appropriate time, that the Board present a resolution to the public supporting the TIA.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending July 31, 2011 and major projects opened to traffic. Commissioner Smith also introduced Katherine Litton from the Garden Club to give a presentation. Katherine Litton presented a check for \$15,000 to the Department on behalf of the Garden Club to purchase wildflower seeds for roadside enhancement.

Commissioner Smith also gave an update on the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Fence Collapse. Commissioner Smith stated that a consultant has been hired to do an investigation on the cause of the fence collapsing. Commissioner Smith also stated once the investigation is complete, he will present the results to the Board.

Commissioner Vance Smith also requested that the Board approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Dana Lemon, Jeff Lewis abstained and the motion passed with 9 yeas.

### **Resolution**

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November 18, 1971, adopted a policy on outdoor advertising an

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, the 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 current 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 which said the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval or for renewal approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with State/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>
City of Commerce	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approval

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 named recommendations.

Resolved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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Chairman Bowen presented the following Retirement Resolution for approval. Chairman Bowmen asked for a motion to approve the following Retirement Resolution. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the following Retirement Resolution, seconded by Brandon Beach and unanimously approved.

**Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Burgess graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia in 1975 and went on to obtain her juris doctorate from UGA in 1978. She started her career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1978 as a hearing officer in the Contracts and Tollway Section; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Burgess' intellectual prowess has made her an invaluable asset to the Department. She was personally requested to remain a part of the GDOT staff when her previous position was moved to an executive branch of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Burgess went on to become one of the first women in the Department to be named as a division director upon her promotion to general counsel in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Burgess was promoted to director of the pivotal Public Private Partnership (P3) Division in 2010. Her leadership was vital in getting the \$1.1 billion project for reversible managed lanes on the I-75/I-575 corridor to final procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, Sandra Burgess has been a staple in the GDOT family and provided faithful service to the Department and the people of Georgia for 33 years, and her expertise will be greatly missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Sandra Burgess for her exemplary work and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates her loyal and devoted service, and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

**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 Sandra Burgess in recognition of her commitment, dedication and selfless service.

**Adopted this the 18th day of August, 2011.**

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Chairman Rudy Bowen presented the following Retirement Resolution for approval. Chairman Bowmen asked for a motion to approve the following Retirement Resolution. Emory McClinton made a motion to approve the following Retirement Resolution, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

**Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Gordon Jett started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jett has served in various positions to include skilled craftsman, general trades foreman, engineering technician II, senior construction inspector, construction project engineer, and state facilities manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jett managed the first project in metro Atlanta involving the closing of a section of an Interstate Highway. For 11 weekends a section of I-285 was closed for the milling and placing of more than 500 thousand tons of asphalt. Mr. Jett's team was so efficient in its execution of the logistically complicated project that they completed it ahead of schedule and on budget. The National Partnership for Highway Quality recognized the Department as its state winner for 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jett was recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council for his 'leadership in transforming the building industry'. He played a key role in helping the Department build its first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified structure and incorporating sustainability principles in all building designs resulting in lower operating cost; and

**WHEREAS**, Gordon Jett provided faithful service to GDOT and the people of Georgia for 27 years, and his knowledge and skill will be greatly missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Gordon Jett for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his loyal and devoted service, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

**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 Gordon Jett in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

**Adopted this the 18th day of August, 2011.**

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Chairman Rudy Bowen presented the following Appreciation Resolution for approval. Chairman Bowmen asked for a motion to approve the following Appreciation Resolution. Emory McClinton made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

**Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, S. David Doss is a native of Rome, Georgia and has been engaged in the real estate business for more than 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Doss is a career child advocate, having served on the Board of Directors for The Open Door Home, and is a founding member of Harbor House, northwest Georgia's most respected child advocacy center; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Doss also served as Chairman of the Floyd County Child Abuse Protocol/Child Fatality Review Committee and was appointed by former Governor Roy Barnes to serve on the Children's Trust Fund Commission and on the One Georgia Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Doss was elected to the State Transportation Board in August 2002 to represent the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and became an activist for change within the Department to improve operational efficiencies and project delivery methods; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Doss was re-elected to serve a second term as Board Chairman in 2005 and oversaw record-setting construction lettings in 2005 and 2006. In April of 2006, Mr. Doss was re-elected to represent the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for a full five-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, In March of 2007, Mr. Doss developed a Statewide Transportation Plan known as "The Big Idea", an innovative \$50 billion approach to solving the state's transportation and mobility problems with use of a statewide 1% sales tax; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Doss served on the Board's Statewide Transportation Planning/Strategic Planning, Finance and Intermodal Committees and chaired the Public Private Partnerships (P3) Committee and was the driving force behind the program, which is designed to bring private sector ideas and resources to public sector projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Transportation Board recognizes David Doss for his exemplary service and contributions to the Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his leadership and wishes him well.

**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 S. David Doss in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

**Adopted this the 18th day of August, 2011.**  
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Dana Lemon gave a report from the Intermodal Committee.\* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Public Private (P3) Committee.\* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Jim Cole gave a report from the Program Delivery Committee.\* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Don Grantham gave a report from the Statewide Transportation Planning/Strategic Committee.\* There was no action taken at the meeting.

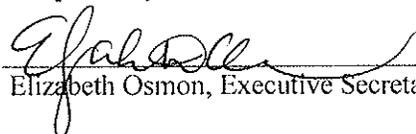
Under New Business Brandon Beach requested that Chairman Bowen establish a Sub Committee to develop a comprehensive plan to best utilize the Department's right-of-way, specifically looking into fiber optics, to get the maximum revenue for roads and bridges. Chairman Bowen stated he will appoint five Board members to serve on the Sub Committee to develop a plan.

There being no further business, Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to adjourn. Emory MClinton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

**Approved:**

  
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Rudy Bowen, Chairman

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
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Elizabeth Osmon, Executive Secretary

**\*Denotes documentation in file.**