

MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

December 15, 2011

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Keith Golden, Commissioner
Gerald Ross, Chief Engineer
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer
Matt Cline, General Counsel

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

Dana Lemon gave the invocation.

Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2011 meetings. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2011 meetings, seconded by Brandon Beach and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the January 2012 Letting for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the January 2012 Letting, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for December 2011 for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for December 2011. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for December 2011, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long also stated that DOT staff has started the process for the 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and requested that Board members provide recommendations regarding the STIP at the Board meeting.

Keith Golden, Commissioner, gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending November 30, 2011; major projects opened to traffic and customer service statistics.* There was some discussion regarding the Commissioner's report. Sam Wellborn requested that Commissioner Golden give an update on the equipment needs for the Department. Commissioner Golden stated that he will be presenting a needs plan for equipment for the Department at the next Board meeting.

Keith Golden also introduced Gene Drake, Concrete Paving Association, to present a Gold Award to the Department for the winner in the category of divided highways (rural) for the widening and reconstruction of I-95 in Glynn and McIntosh counties.

Keith Golden also presented the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution for approval and to waive the 10 Day Rule. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule for the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule to approve the following resolution, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved. 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 Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

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 Columbus	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 15th day of December, 2011.

Emory McClinton presented the following appreciation resolution to employees of the PATH Foundation. Emory McClinton also requested approval of the following resolution. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the following appreciation resolution. Emory McClinton made a motion to approve the following Appreciation Resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved

Resolution

Whereas, the State Transportation Board's approved Mission Statement is: "The Georgia Department of Transportation provides a safe, seamless, and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to its citizens and environment"; and

Whereas, the PATH Foundation was established with the goal of building Atlanta's first dedicated pedestrian and bicycle trails; and

Whereas, the stated goal of PATH is to facilitate such trail systems by providing expertise in planning, design and implementation of such projects; and

Whereas, The State Transportation Board and PATH believe a strong working relationship with local governments offers the State and its citizens alternative transportation infrastructure which improves the quality of life for all; and

Whereas, The PATH Foundation has over the past 20 years worked with numerous partners and stakeholders to develop over 170 miles of facilities throughout Georgia; including in the Silver Comet, Stone Mountain, South Decatur Trolley, Northwest Atlanta and Freedom Park Trails; and

Whereas, The PATH Foundation is committed to partner for the success of current and future projects such as the Atlanta Belt Line, South River and GA 400 Trails; and

Whereas, The PATH Foundation's Executive Director – Ed McBrayer, staff and Board of Directors successfully use over 90 cents of every dollar raised to directly fund construction and maintenance of trails.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the State Transportation Board recognizes the aforementioned contributions of the PATH Foundation to the State on the occasion of PATH's 20th Anniversary and extends its collective appreciation of past successful collaborations, as well as continuing future cooperation, to delivering an improved transportation system to the citizens of Georgia.

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2011

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Administrative Committee. Johnny Floyd stated there was not a quorum at the committee meeting to take action to open the Rules for 30 Days for Outdoor Advertising. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule to open the Rules for 30 days for Outdoor Advertising. Johnny Floyd made a motion to open the Rules for 30 days for Outdoor Advertising, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to open the Rules for 30 days for Outdoor Advertising. Johnny Floyd made a motion to open the Rules for 30 days for Outdoor Advertising, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved.

Dana Lemon gave a report from the Intermodal Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Jim Cole also gave a report from the Legislative Committee.* Jim Cole stated that Stephanie Carter, Senior Policy Advisor, presented the agenda recommended for the 2012 Legislative Session. Jim Cole stated that only one bill was recommended for the 2012 Legislative Agenda, the Annual Housekeeping legislation. Jim Cole stated that DOT staff may bring more recommendations for the 2012 legislative session to the January 2012 committee meeting.* Jim Cole also stated that the committee unanimously approved to take the recommended 2012 Legislative Agenda to the full Board for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the recommended 2012 Legislative Agenda. Jim Cole made a motion to approve the 2012 Legislative Agenda, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Public Private (P3) Committee.* Brandon Beach stated he presented a statement to the committee that the state of Georgia has cancelled the P3 Procurement of the West by Northwest corridor contract and the Transportation Board is examining other available options for the delivery of the project.

Emily Dunn gave a report from the Property Utilization Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to adjourn. Emory McClinton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Approved:



Rudy Bowen, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth Osmon, Executive Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**