

**MINUTES  
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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

**February 16, 2012**

**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  
Dana Lemon

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bobby Parham

**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.

Jeff Lewis gave the invocation.

Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2012 meetings. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21012 meetings, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.\*

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the March 2012 Letting for approval. Emory McClinton requested that DOT staff provide a list of the LMIG projects in his district and include the status of the projects by congressional district balancing. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the March 2012 Letting, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.\*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for February 2012 for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Program for February 2012. Jeff Lewis made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for February 2012, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved. Todd Long also presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for March 2012.

Todd Long also presented the information for the TIGER Grants (TIGER IV), which included projects under consideration for TIGER IV.\*

Matt Cline, General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included pending lawsuits.

Keith Golden, Commissioner, gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending December 30, 2011; major projects opened to traffic; Federal Transit Administration awards; clean air campaign and introduced Dale Brantley to give a presentation on the Department's maintenance expenses and equipment.\* Commissioner Golden also stated that a full report will be presented to the Board regarding maintenance activity with local governments around the state.

Commissioner Golden also requested approval for 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 Johnny Floyd 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<br/>ZONING</u> | <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| City of Warrenton  | Comprehensive Zoning            | Recommend 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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Commissioner Golden also requested the Board to waive the 10 Day Rule and approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule for the Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Jay Shaw made a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule for the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved. Chairman Bowen also asked for a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Jay Shaw made a motion to approve, seconded by Don Grantham 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>RECOMMENDATIONS</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| County of Greene   | Amendment                   | Recommend 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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Dale Brantley, State Equipment Administrator, gave a presentation on the Department's Equipment, which included the fleet overview; maintenance expenditures; fleet current replacement needs; fleet current condition and the current equipment plan.\* There was some discussion regarding the equipment update and maintenance. Brandon Beach asked whether leasing equipment an option in the evaluation plan and Dale Brantley stated that leasing and rental options are being reviewed. Chairman Bowen requested that a cost analysis be prepared on comparisons of leasing or rental and buying equipment. Dana Lemon requested that DOT staff provide information from other states regarding their experience on leasing and renting equipment.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Administrative Committee.\* Johnny Floyd stated that the committee unanimously approved the proposed changes to the Outdoor Advertising Rules be taken to the full Board for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Outdoor Advertising Rules. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the changes to the Outdoor Advertising Rules, seconded by Robert Brown, Jeff Lewis abstained and the motion passed.

Emily Dunn gave a report from the Property Utilization 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.

Jim Cole also gave a report from the Legislative Committee.\* Jim Cole stated that the committee approved support of metal theft legislation (Senate Bill 321 House Bill 872) to be taken to the full Board for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion support Senate Bill 321. Jim Cole made a motion to support Senate Bill 321, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved. Chairman Bowen asked

for a motion to approve House Bill 872. Jim Cole made a motion to approve House Bill 872, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.

Robert Brown gave a report from the Joint Intermodal/Statewide Transportation Planning Committee.\* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Search Committee. Brandon Beach stated that the Committee has been going through the interview process for the Commissioner's position. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Brandon Beach made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the Board meeting. Brandon Beach made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume the Board meeting, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved. Brandon Beach stated the Search Committee has recommended Keith Golden as the sole finalist for Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve Keith Golden as the sole finalist for Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. Brandon Beach made a motion to approve Keith Golden as the sole finalist for the Commissioner for the Department of Transportation, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved. Chairman Bowen stated final action will be taken on the recommendation at a Special Called Board meeting on March 1, 2012, at 12:00 p.m.

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

**Approved:**

  
Rudy Bowen, Chairman

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
Elizabeth Osmon, Executive Secretary

**\*Denotes documentation in file.**