

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES**

**Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308**

**February 21, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Johnny Floyd, Chairman
Jay Shaw
Ann Purcell
Sam Wellborn
Robert Brown
Dan Moody
Rudy Bowen
Emily Dunn
Don Grantham
Jeff Lewis
Bobby Parham (by phone)
Roger Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emory McClinton
Dana Lemon

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Keith Golden, Commissioner
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer
Karlene Barron, Director of
Communications
Kimberly King, Director of Equal
Employment Opportunity
Meg Pirkle, Director of Permits and
Operations
Joshua Waller, Director of Government
Relations

Todd Long, Deputy Commissioner
Russell McMurry, Chief Engineer
Matt Cline, General Counsel
Carol Comer, Director of Division of
Intermodal
Toby Carr, Director of Planning
Angela Alexander, Director of
Organizational Performance

Chairman Johnny Floyd called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Jeff Lewis gave the invocation.

Rudy Bowen read an appreciation resolution for former Board member Senator Brandon Beach. Bowen made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS, Brandon Beach received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and a master's in business administration from Centenary College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beach has demonstrated his passion for serving the people of Georgia and bettering the state through the many civic responsibilities he has taken on to include being a member of the Alpharetta City Council and the Alpharetta Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beach continues to devote his time and energies to serving the public by being active in community and civic activities such as the Regional Business Coalition, Greater Metro Atlanta chapter of the American Heart Association, and the Fulton County Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beach has demonstrated his passion for improving Georgia's infrastructure by helping to create and serving as the executive director of the North Fulton Community Improvement District, which focuses on moving infrastructure projects forward. Under Beach's leadership, the North Fulton CID has invested more than \$2 million to help bring more than \$30 million in new infrastructure to the District area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beach was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue in 2004 to the board of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and was elected to the State Transportation Board in April 2008 to represent the 6th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, while on the State Transportation Board, Mr. Beach chaired the Public Private Partnerships (P3) Committee and was the driving force behind the program successfully moving forward with its flagship P3 project, the Northwest Corridor project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Brandon Beach for his exemplary service and contributions to the Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his leadership and wishes him well as he continues his service to the state and its citizens as a member of the Georgia General Assembly.

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 Brandon Beach in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Adopted this the 21st day of February, 2013.

Chairman Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2013 meetings, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.*

Bobby Hilliard, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the March 2013 Letting for approval.*

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the projects proposed for the March 2013 Letting. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the March 2013 Letting, seconded by Rudy Bowen and unanimously approved.

Toby Carr, Director of Planning, proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for March.* Carr stated the changes were being presented for the Board's consideration and a vote to approve the revisions will be required in the March Board meeting.

Karlene Barron, Director of Communications, highlighted the progress of the Georgia Commute Options Program. Barron stated that the summer of 1996, during the Olympic Games, many Atlantans would not have recognize the downtown connector if they saw a picture of it. There was hardly any traffic and you could get from Langford to Brookwood in less than 5 minutes.

That summer served as a lesson learned for many of Georgia's transportation leaders. Since that time, the Department, in partnership with the Georgia Commute Options Program (formerly the Clean Air Campaign), Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), have focused on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) across the state with a goal of actively seeking ways to change commuter behavior on a daily basis by offering alternative ways to commute to and from work.

Last year, GDOT and The Clean Air Campaign worked together to develop the new branding for the Commute Options program. The goal was to create:

- A more global focus on commute options—pulling all of those alternatives under one umbrella
- Attract attention and motivate commuters to participate in the programs available by moving them quickly through the process of learning about the services and signing up; and
- Create a brand that more clearly identified what the commute options program was all about.

The Department has more than 3100 (over 70%) of its employees participating in some form of workaway program including compressed work week, alternate work week, teleworking, flexible scheduling and another 507 are carpooling, van pooling or taking transit.

Barron acknowledged the Department's leadership for consistently funding this program; the planning office; program manager Phil Peevy; the Clean Air Campaign staff who are dedicated to working with all our partners in moving the needle on congestion; the TMAs, ARC who work day in and day out to make commute options a priority.

Keith Golden, Commissioner, gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending January 2013; and major projects opened to traffic.* Commissioner Golden stated there will be an increase in the number of people leaving the Department between now and June 2013 due to change in the retirement system that takes effect the end of June. It is anticipated that approximately 100 more employees may be retiring.

Commissioner Golden stated that the Department has selected Mr. Joe Carpenter to fill the critical position of Division Director of Engineering. Mr. Carpenter is a licensed professional engineer with over 30 years of transportation engineering experience. He will transition into his new role effective March 16, 2013. Jeff Baker has been selected to fill the Division Director of Construction position. After interviewing for the optional position of P3 Director, the decision has been made to not fill the position at this time.

Commissioner Golden stated that he and Chief Engineer Russell McMurry met with the Southeastern states for a day and a half to determine the direction for tolling as a region. The Transportation Investment Act collections have been coming in and distribution of funds are expected to begin early March. The budget hearings wrapped up yesterday and have gone very well. The Department does need a continuing resolution at the federal level for this year's budget to remain stable. The situation is being closely monitored, and the staff will keep the Board abreast of the situation. The Department is in the process of concluding its workforce planning efforts. A summary sheet of the findings will be distributed to the Board. This will show how many people it will take to deliver the Department's core functions.

Jay Shaw gave a report from the Finance Committee.* There was no action taken at this Committee.

Don Grantham gave a report from the Legislative Committee.* There was no action taken at this Committee.

Jeff Lewis gave a report from the P3 Committee.* There was no action taken at this Committee.

Rudy Bowen gave a report from the Program Delivery Committee.* There was no action taken at this Committee.

Sam Wellborn gave a report from the Administrative Committee.* Sam Wellborn made a motion to open the rules and regulations for public comment on the purposed changes to licensing of certain open-to-the-public airports, seconded by Jeff Lewis and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Floyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeff Lewis and unanimously approved. Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Approved:



Johnny Floyd, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth Osmon, Executive Secretary

**Denotes documentation in file.*