

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA  
MINUTES**

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

**June 16, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Emily Dunn, Chair  
Robert Brown, Vice Chair  
Jamie Boswell, Secretary  
Ann Purcell  
Johnny Floyd  
Sam Wellborn  
Stacey Key  
Mark Burkhalter  
Rudy Bowen  
Tim Golden  
Don Grantham  
Dana Lemon  
Roger Williams

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeff Lewis

**DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Russell McMurry, Commissioner  
Mike Dover, Deputy Commissioner  
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer  
Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer  
Matt Cline, General Counsel

Chair Emily Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Ann Purcell gave the invocation.

Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2016 meetings. Ann Purcell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tim Golden and unanimously approved.\*

Joe Carpenter, Director of P3/Program Delivery, presented the projects proposed for the July 2016 Letting for approval. Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the July 2016 Letting, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.\*

Jay Roberts, Director of Planning, presented revisions to the Construction Work Program for June. Chair Dunn asked for a motion to approve. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the revisions, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.\*

Commissioner Russell McMurry gave the monthly Department report, including state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending May 2016; the opening of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway in Savannah; report on the AASHTO spring meeting and the announcement of the AASHTO annual meeting coming to Atlanta in 2018; unused earmarks being used for new projects; the dedication of HERO Spencer Pass Memorial Bridge, an update on work zone safety month, recognized the winners of the Centennial Student Art Challenge and presented each of them a framed copy of their work; and an update on the Drive Alert, Arrive Alive campaign.

Rudy Bowen presented a Retirement Resolution for Phil Copeland. Mr. Bowen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.\*

**A Resolution by the State Transportation Board**

**WHEREAS**, Howard P. Copeland , native of Griffin, GA; a graduate of the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Real Estate, started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, as a 30 year veteran of the Georgia DOT, Mr. Copeland demonstrated his expertise in the areas of negotiations, appraisals, relocation, project management and property management in order to advance the Department's mission; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Copeland began his career in District 7 as a Right of Way Specialist where he was responsible for ensuring the timely acquisition of real estate for construction of transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, Mr. Copeland was promoted to Review Appraiser and then Real Estate Appraisal and Appraisal Review Manager in 2001 where he directed the development, implementation and monitoring of all appraisals for properties acquired or sold by the Department in compliance with state law and federal regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, only two years later, Mr. Copeland became the Assistant Right of Way Administrator where he oversaw the Acquisition Program, Plan Approval, Local Acquiring Agency Right of Way Program and Real Estate Portfolio; and

**WHEREAS**, after nine years as the Right of Way Administrator, Mr. Copeland was named the Assistant Division Director of Engineering. In this role, he assisted in the management of the offices of Environmental Services, Roadway Design, Bridge Design, Design Policy and Support, and Right of Way; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, he received the FHWA Excellence in Right of Way Leadership Award for his contributions to the profession and his leadership as the Right of Way Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Mr. Copeland has represented the Department on the AASHTO Subcommittee on Right of Way, Utilities and Highway Beautification where he served as the Region 2 Executive Committee member and was later appointed the Subcommittee Vice Chairman for Right of Way.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Howard P. Copeland for his outstanding contributions and loyal service to the Georgia Department of Transportation; thanks him for his commitment to serving Georgians; and wishes him the very best 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 Howard P. Copeland in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

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Sam Wellborn presented "The Ray" Resolution honoring the Ray Anderson Foundation to Harriett Anderson Langford. Mr. Wellborn made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.\*

**A Resolution by the State Transportation Board**

**WHEREAS**, the portion of Interstate 85 in Troup County from Exit 2 to Exit 18 was dedicated in 2014 as the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway by House Resolution 1057 of the Georgia General Assembly, sponsored by Rep. Randy Nix; and

**WHEREAS**, the state-owned Visitor Information Center is situated as a gateway to Georgia immediately inside the state line on the northbound lanes of Interstate 85; and

**WHEREAS**, the section of the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway is on Interstate 85 and the National Highway System, the department working cooperatively with FHWA will support utilization of this section of interstate for a pilot program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ray C. Anderson Foundation endowed an affiliate foundation, called The Ray, to facilitate and promote the establishment of the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway as the most sustainable and innovative highway in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Transportation Board passed a resolution in 2014 affirming and supporting the mission of The Ray, and encouraging all staff to support the mission and the work; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential use of road materials that are superior in one or more facets of sustainability, including durability, recycled content and efficiency, in future construction, maintenance and resurfacing projects on the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Corridor would support the mission of The Ray; and

**WHEREAS**, the demonstrating and testing of innovative, safer and sustainable road applications and road construction techniques on the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Corridor would support the mission of The Ray and possibly reduce highway accidents and fatalities; and

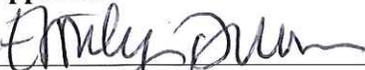
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Transportation Board encourages the Department to work cooperatively with FHWA and to continue the working partnership with The Ray to promote innovation, safety, and sustainability along the 18 miles of Interstate 85 that connects the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Corridor with the West Point Visitor Information Center and promote aspirational goals of the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway as the safest, most sustainable and most innovative highway in the United States.

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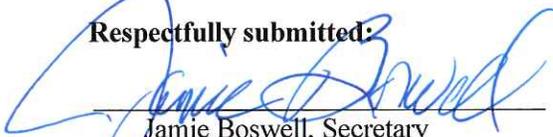
Lastly, Stacey Key made a motion to approve the 2016 Supplemental Specifications Book, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.

There being no new business, Chair Dunn adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

**Approved:**

  
Emily Dunn, Chair

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
Jamie Boswell, Secretary

\*Denotes documentation in file.