

**MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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

March 15, 2012

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rudy Bowen, Chairman
Johnny Floyd, Vice Chairman
Jay Shaw
Robert Brown
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Jim Cole
Don Grantham
Jeff Lewis
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bobby Parham
Emily Dunn
Sam Wellborn

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.

Jim Cole gave the invocation.

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

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the April 2012 Letting for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Emory McClintor made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the April 2012 Letting, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for March 2012 for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Program for March 2012. Emory McClinton made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for March 2012, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved. Todd Long also presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for April 2012.

Todd Long also gave an update on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). Todd Long stated he and DOT staff will be traveling to the 11 regions next month to discuss the project delivery method for the projects.

Keith Golden, Commissioner, gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending February 2012 and major projects opened to traffic. Commissioner Golden also stated that the Department has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Outdoor Advertising Association of Georgia (OAAG) to use outdoor advertising companies' electronic billboards to post messages during inclement weather. Commissioner Golden stated that the Department has been recognized as the Clean Air Campaign's platinum partner, because DOT employees use alternatives to driving alone for at least 20% of their commute trips, which reduces air pollution. Commissioner Golden also introduced Tedra Cheatham, Executive Director, Clean Air Campaign, to present an award to DOT employees that participated in the campaign.

Commissioner Golden also requested approval for the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Robert Brown and Jeff Lewis abstained and the motion passed with nine 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>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
Athens/Clarke	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 15th day of March, 2012.

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Commissioner Golden also requested that the Board approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Jay Shaw made a motion to approve, seconded by Don Grantham and Jeff Lewis abstained and the motion passed with nine 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>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
County of Carroll	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 15th day of March, 2012.

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Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the following Military Resolution. Emory McClinton made a motion to approve the following Military Resolution, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Charles F. Holloway is a data collection technician 1 for the Georgia Department of Transportation and a soldier in Georgia Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holloway took a temporary leave of absence from GDOT from February 1, 2011 through November 15, 2011 in order to deploy to Iraq with the 171st Aviation Regiment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holloway, a sergeant in the National Guard, demonstrated courage in his willingness to lead troops into hostile territory and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, Charles Holloway resumed his service to the residents of Georgia, returning to GDOT February 1, 2012, after spending nearly one year overseas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Charles F. Holloway for his self-sacrificing service and dedication to his country and the people of Georgia as a soldier of the Georgia Army National Guard. The Board also desires to extend its utmost appreciation to Mr. Holloway for 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 Charles Holloway in recognition of his commitment, diligence and selfless service.

Adopted this the 15th day of March, 2012.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Administrative Committee.* Johnny Floyd stated that the committee unanimously approved supporting and expanding the Local Government Maintenance Agreement Program for doing work on state routes be taken to the full Board for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve supporting and expanding the Local Government Maintenance Agreement Program for doing work on state routes, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved.

Jim Cole gave a report from the Legislative Committee.* Jim Cole stated that the committee unanimously approved the removal of House Bill 806 from the Department's 2012 Legislative Agenda to be taken to the full Board for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to remove House Bill 806 from the Department's 2012 Legislative Agenda. Jim Cole made a motion to remove House Bill 806 from the Department's 2012 Legislative Agenda, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

Dana Lemon gave a report from the Intermodal Committee.* Dana Lemon stated that the committee unanimously approved endorsing Crisps County's application for the TIGER IV grant to take to the full Board for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Dana Lemon made a motion to endorse Crisps' County's application for the TIGER IV grant, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

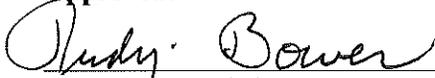
Jay Shaw gave a report from the Finance Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Don Grantham gave a report from the Gateway Subcommittee.* Don Grantham stated that subcommittee met and reviewed a number of examples that could be used for major gateways in Georgia. Don Grantham also stated that AMEC would provide a recommendation to subcommittee, who will bring a recommendation to the full Board at the May Board meeting.

Under New Business Don Grantham requested that the Board consider a policy change for the Chairman's term from allowing two consecutive one year terms to one year terms to serve as Chairman and bring their recommendation to the April 2012 Board Meeting. Chairman Bowen stated that this policy change will be reviewed in the Administrative Committee and the committee will bring a recommendation to the full Board for approval at the April Board Meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to adjourn. Emory McClinton 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.**