

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES**

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

**April 16, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Grantham, Chair
Emily Dunn, Vice Chair
Robert Brown, Secretary
Ann Purcell
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Stacey Key
Mark Burkhalter
Rudy Bowen
Jay Shaw (via telephone)
Jamie Boswell
Jeff Lewis
Dana Lemon
Roger Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Chair Don Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Jeff Lewis gave the invocation.

Chair Grantham asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2015 meetings. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2015 meetings, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.*

Joe Carpenter, Director P3/Program Delivery, presented the projects proposed for the May 2015 Letting for approval. Mike Dover, TIA Administrator, presented the TIA projects proposed for the May 2015 Letting. Chair Grantham asked for a motion to approve. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the May 2015 Letting, seconded by Roger Williams and unanimously approved.*

Commissioner Russell McMurry gave the monthly Department report, including state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending March 2015; major projects opened to traffic; project and staff awards; an update on C.W. Matthews settlement with FHWA regarding DBE reporting; and a review on GDOT responsibilities and activities related to the Palmetto Pipeline.

Chair Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Rudy Bowen. The motion to approve passed with Jeff Lewis abstaining.

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

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, that 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 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 that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and 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 Johns Creek	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve

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 recommendations.

Resolved this 16th day of April, 2015.

Chair Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Stacey Key made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Legislature for the State of Georgia passed the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 during the 2015 session; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Funding Act of 2015 provides for additional revenue necessary for funding transportation purposes in this state; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board ("Board") wishes to address and make any policies which may be needed in order to ensure consistency and inclusion in the delivery and management of the

projects that will ultimately be funded by the additional revenue created by the Transportation Funding Act of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department currently has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (“DBE”) program which is applicable to any federally aided projects that are undertaken by the Department which helps promote the participation of disadvantaged businesses in federally funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department conducted its most recent disparity study in 2012 to identify any disparity between the utilization and availability of DBE firms and to assist in establishing its DBE goal, and

WHEREAS, the Department will continue to implement the recommendations from the 2012 Disparity Study, and has undertaken a new study (“2015 Disparity Study”) to assist with the continued implementation of the DBE program and establishment of the program’s DBE goal over the next three years.

WHEREAS, it is the Board’s desire to encourage and promote the participation of groups such as small businesses, DBE’s (including minority and woman owned businesses), and veteran owned businesses, in projects funded with revenues generated by the Transportation Funding Act of 2015.

WHEREAS, it is the Board’s desire that the selection of contractors and consultants for the projects is done in a non-discriminatory manner and that the Department takes measures to prevent discrimination in the delivery and management of projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgia Department of Transportation, acting by and through its Board, shall ensure that the Department, and each recipient of funds generated by the Transportation Funding Act of 2015, reaffirms its commitment to Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act of nondiscrimination in the delivery and management of projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Department of Transportation, acting by and through its Board, shall continue to utilize the same tenets and recommendations of the 2012 disparity study, and undertake the recommendations from the 2015 Disparity Study which may be made applicable to state funded capital construction projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Georgia Department of Transportation, acting by and through its Board, shall utilize the information from its disparity studies to determine the necessary steps toward, and establish a DBE program applicable to capital construction projects resulting from the additional state revenue generated by Transportation Funding Act of 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Department of Transportation, acting by and through its Board, shall wherever practical and feasible, encourage the use of DBE’s (including minority and woman owned businesses), small businesses, and veteran-owned businesses in any project.

Resolved this 16th day of April, 2015.

Chair Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Emily Dunn made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Roger Williams and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, Jane Hutchins Smith, graduated from Loyola University of Chicago with a bachelor's degree in Biology in 1978, and embarked on a career in the United States Army, graduated from Fort Benning's Parachute School and received her first assignment in Germany as a communications officer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith returned to the United States five years later with a promotion to the rank of Captain, commanding a unit of 159 soldiers supporting 10,000 troops with full communications services, and was instrumental in creating an innovative digital communications system to relay commands directly to active gun crews; and

WHEREAS, Jane Smith earned a Master of Science in Information Systems Management and was assigned to the National Security Agency as part of a multi-service military team inspecting nuclear weapons for SALT 2 treaty compliance; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith took early retirement from the Army in 1995 as a decorated Major, having received numerous medals for her service; and

WHEREAS, Jane Smith began her career at the Department in 2002 as an Information Technology Project Manager, was promoted to Assistant Transportation Data Administrator in 2003 and then to Transportation Data Administrator in 2004, and brought technological advancements to that Office by updating procedures and policies, utilizing GIS and video log, developing software and data programs, streamlining records and improving efficiencies that saved the Department millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, During her leadership, the Department received the FHWA Certificate of Commendation for improvements in the State's data, and the URISA Exemplary Systems in Government Award; and

WHEREAS, Jane Smith's 13 years with the Department of Transportation provided an excellent opportunity for her to apply her skill in data collection and reporting activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Jane H. Smith for her exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates her devoted service, and wishes her well in her 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 Jane Hutchins Smith in recognition of her commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Resolved this 16th day of April, 2015.

Chair Grantham asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Ann Purcell made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Jeff Lewis and unanimously approved.

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WHEREAS, Michael Jeffery Bolden, graduated from Bluefield State College with a bachelor's degrees in Civil Engineering Technology and Mining Engineering Technology, and started his career at the Georgia

Department of Transportation in 1985 as a Civil Engineering Technologist in the Office of Road and Airport Design; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolden successfully mastered the skill of road design, becoming the resident expert in the area and receiving the Commissioner's Achievement Award for Outstanding Service; and

WHEREAS, Mike Bolden moved into various positions in the Design office to the level of Design Group Manager; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, he was promoted to the Office of Utilities as the State Permit Program Engineer where he successfully spearheaded the implementation of GUPS - the Georgia Utility Permitting System – and reduced permitting time by almost ninety percent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bolden breathed new life into the Utility Pole Safety Program by actively monitoring crashes involving utility poles to establish an effective system for prioritizing needed relocations to limit incidents; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, he received many awards and honors for his innovative and forward-thinking programs including the AASHTO Leadership Award, the AASHTO Innovation Award and the FHWA James F. Condron Award; and

WHEREAS, Mike Bolden's 30 years with the Department of Transportation provided an opportunity for him to impact the quality of life for Georgia citizens, and to develop new standards for utilities and permits that benefit all State DOTs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Mike Bolden for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates 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 Michael Jeffery Bolden in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

Resolved this 16th day of April, 2015.

Stacey Key gave a report from the Equal Access Committee.* Stacey Key motioned that the Board adopt the resolution to encourage DBE participation on any projects funded with the addition of state funds generated as a result of the Transportation Funding Act of 2015, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

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

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Legislative Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

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

Under new business, Sam Wellborn requested that the Department continue the positive work and efforts related to raising the income of the lowest paid staff members to ensure that all employees were lifted above the poverty level. Dana Lemon requested that mega-project updates be provided to the Board on a regular basis so members would be abreast of activities.

There being no further business, Chairman Grantham adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:



Don Grantham, Chairman



Robert L. Brown, Jr., Secretary

**Denotes documentation in file.*