

**MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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

October 21, 2010

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
Steve Gooch
Bill Kuhlke
David Doss
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bobby Parham
Sam Wellborn

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Vance Smith, Commissioner
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer
Mary Harris
Kate Pfirman
Sandra Burgess
Matt Cline

Chairman Rudy Bowen opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Jay Shaw gave the Invocation.

Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2010 meetings. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2010 meetings, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the November 2010 Letting for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. David Doss made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the November 2010 Letting, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for October 2010 for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for October 2010. Bill Kuhlke made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program for October 2010, seconded by Jay Shaw and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long also presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for November 2010 to be approved at the November 2010 Board meeting. Todd Long also presented the list of TIGER II Grant recipients for the state of Georgia, which included the city of Atlanta street car.

Gary Millsaps, Incident Management Manager, gave a presentation on the HERO Program and Traffic Incident Management, which included the HERO patrol routes; possible future expansion; HERO response to incidents; the traffic incident management program overall; the Towing and Recovery Incentive Program (TRIP) and how it works; State Farm sponsorship and funds and ideas for the future.* There was some discussion regarding the HERO Program. Brandon Beach presented a letter to the Board from the State Farm representative stating the outstanding service and dedication of the HERO Program. Chairman Bowen requested that Brandon Beach, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, look at the possibility of improving the Incident Management Program in the Department's legislative agenda.

Grant Waldrop, Regional Traffic Operations Manager, gave a presentation on the Regional Traffic Operations Program, which included operators of the traffic signals; traffic signal programs; the meaning of arterial management; route selection process; regionally significant corridors and progress to date.* There was some discussion regarding the Regional Traffic Operations Program. Robert Brown suggested that the benefits of this program should be communicated to the public. Dana Lemon stated that this program is valuable and should be on an aggressive schedule to complete and encouraged DOT staff to request federal grants to fund the program.*

Tom Kern, Executive Vice President, Intelligent Transportation Society of America, presented The Smart Solution Spotlight Award to the Department for the Regional Transportation Operation Program for the best and most innovative uses of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Tom Kern stated that the Smart Solution Spotlight showcases projects that are making a real-world impact.

Matt Cline, General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included three civil actions; three cases closed; 15 ante-litem notices filed and six construction claims resolved.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure ending September 30, 2010; major projects open to traffic and awards and recognitions.* Commissioner Smith also presented the 2010 GDOT Scholarships to 10 students from different universities who are currently employed at the Department of Transportation.*

Michael Presley, Area Engineer, District 3, gave a presentation on a white paper he presented at the ITS America Conference this year that he developed for the District.*

David Doss gave a report from the Public Private Partnership (P3) Committee. David Doss stated that Chip Meeks, Innovative Finance Administrator, gave an update on the P3 Projects, which included the West by Northwest project; multi modal passenger terminal and the rest area advertisement.* David Doss stated that Elliott Brown, RBC Capital Markets Corporation, gave a presentation on Bridges Program, a P3 Delivery Approach for potential use for the Department's bridge program. David Doss also stated he presented an organization chart for the committee's review to consider using for the P3 Director's office, which is based on a model from the private sector that is used in their P3 operations business.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Equal Access Committee. Johnny Floyd stated that Michael Cooper, Director of EEO, gave an update on the Board Policy 2C-3; the Title VI Policy Statement and an update on the contract for the selection of a consultant for Supportive Services and the Disparity Study for the Department.

Bill Kuhlke gave a report from the Finance Committee. Bill Kuhlke stated that Kate Pfirman, Treasurer, gave an update on the FY 2011 Budget and that the Department has received \$208 million in federal funds to date and there is no confirmed date when the remaining federal funds will be sent to the Department. Bill Kuhlke stated there was some discussion regarding the Department's fund balance of approximately \$800 million. Bill Kuhlke also stated that the committee requested that GDOT staff prepare a plan for the next meeting on how to spend \$300 million to \$400 million of the approximately \$800 million fund balance on different projects. Brandon Beach requested that DOT staff provide information on the process of projects from the beginning to completion.

Emory McClinton gave a report from the Transportation & Air Quality Committee (TAQC), which included plan 2040; 2011 transportation planning work program; comprehensive transportation plan program update and regional transit committee update.*

Jay Shaw gave a report from the Partner Agency Sub-Committee Meeting regarding partnership with the Department of Corrections to support the Department with maintenance activities. Jay Shaw presented report on the maintenance activities, which included level of support from courts from their probation program to assist with maintenance activities.*

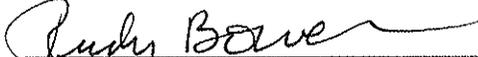
Gerald Ross, Chief Engineer/Deputy Commissioner, presented the draft FY 2011 Strategic Plan for the Board members to review.

Under New Business, David Doss requested the Administrative Committee review the following three items and bring their recommendation back to the full Board for discussion – 1. The Waive the 10 Day

Rule action of the Board takes 2/3 votes to pass the motion instead of the majority of the Board; 2. Every action taken by the Board requires the majority of the Board to pass the motion. – 3. – If a Board member has an issue with any project in the Board member's District, give authority to the Board member to pull the project or delay action.

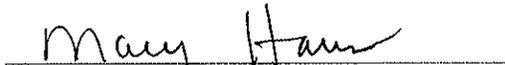
There being no further business, Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to adjourn. Emory MClinton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

Approved:



Rudy Bowen, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Harris, Interim Executive Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**