

**MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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

March 18, 2010

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Kuhlke, Jr., Chairman
Roy Herrington
Sam Wellborn
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Johnny Floyd
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Rudy Bowen
Sidney Ross
Steve Gooch
David Doss
Bobby Parham
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Vance Smith
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer
Elizabeth Osmon
Kate Pfirman

Chairman Bill Kuhlke opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Johnny Floyd gave the invocation.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2010 meetings. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2010 meetings, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the April 2010 Letting for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve. Sidney Ross made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the April 2010 Letting with corrections, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.*

Angela Alexander, State Transportation Planning Administrator, presented the revisions to the Construction Work Program for April 2010.

Rhonda Brady, State President of GDOT Engineers Association, presented a plaque to each Board member for their dedication to GDOT employees.

David Sjoquist, Georgia State University, gave a presentation on Economic Impact Study for West by Northwest Project, which included the purpose of the study; economic impact; data; implant; results for ARC region and results for the state.*

Bill Wright, Landscape Architect Manager, gave an update on the Wildflower Program which included the two wildflower tags; tag project history; recent budget adaptations; specialty tag audit and future designs for the tag.*

Sandra Burgess, General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included four cases closed; tort actions and ante-litem notices.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure ending February 28, 2010; major projects open to traffic; ARRA 2009 stimulus project update and the 511 update.*

Commissioner Smith also requested approval of the following military Resolution. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the following Resolution. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the following Resolution, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, William E. McKenzie Jr. is a valued employee of the Georgia Department of Transportation, serving as a Computer Support Engineer II in the Office of Design Policy – Engineering Software Team; and

Whereas, William McKenzie is a dedicated employee of the Department of Transportation, performing his duties in an exemplary manner since his employment in 1995; and

Whereas, William McKenzie is a 12-year veteran of the United States Navy Reserve, serving as an Engineering Aide Petty Officer First Class (Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist); and

Whereas, he was deployed to Al Asad Air Base in Al Anbar Province, Iraq – his third deployment since 2005 – where he served an Engineering Aide Lead Petty Officer for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 24; and

Whereas, he supported the Second Marine Expeditionary Force in operations in Iraq, training and supervising engineering aide personnel in Design, Plotting Resources, Surveying and Material Testing on construction projects as well as conducting four Main Supply Route assessments totaling 600 tactical convoy miles from the Jordan to Iran borders; and

Whereas, because of his valued service during his deployments, William McKenzie has earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with Bronze Star and the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon; and

Whereas, William McKenzie served his nation with honor and commitment, answering the call of his Country.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the State Transportation Board acknowledges William E. McKenzie Jr. for his contributions to the Department and faithful service to his Nation in its time of need and each member of the Board offers heartfelt appreciation and best wishes upon his return to the Department.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be provided to William E. McKenzie Jr. in recognition of his devoted and commendable service.

Adopted this the 18th day of March, 2010.

Commissioner Smith also requested approval of the following military Resolution. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the following Resolution. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the following Resolution, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, Chester G. Thomas is a valued employee of the Georgia Department of Transportation, serving as a Transportation Engineer Associate in the Office of Roadway Design; and

Whereas, Chester Thomas earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering and a Master of Science degree with an emphasis in Transportation Systems from the Georgia Institute of Technology;
And

Whereas, Chester Thomas is a 12-year veteran of the United States Air Force, Georgia Air National Guard, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

Whereas, he is an Aerospace Maintenance Technician – Aircraft Mechanic Crew Chief – stationed with the 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Warner Robins Air Force Base; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Thomas was deployed to Qatar, Southwest Asia, with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing , maintaining aircraft in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Iraqi Freedom (Iraq); and

Whereas, because of his valued and meritorious service during his deployment, Chester G. Thomas earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; and

Whereas, Chester Thomas is a dedicated employee of the Georgia Department of Transportation, performing his duties in an exemplary manner since his employment in 2008; and

Whereas, Chester Thomas served his nation with honor and commitment, answering the call of his Country.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the State Transportation Board acknowledges Chester G. Thomas for his contributions to the Department and faithful service to his Nation in its time of need and each member of the Board offers heartfelt appreciation and best wishes upon his return to the Department.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be provided to Chester G. Thomas in recognition of his devoted and commendable service.

Adopted this the 18th day of March, 2010.

Commissioner Smith also requested approval of the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Resolution

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 Newnan	Amend 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 18th day of March, 2010.

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Commissioner Vance Smith also presented the Excellence in Leadership Award for Right-of-Way to Phil Copeland, State Right-of-Way Engineer, from Federal Highway Administration and he will be recognized at AASHTO this year.

Terry Gable, State Aid Administrator, gave an update on the LARP Program, which included the FY 2010 LARP-Fall of 2009 Summary and 2010 LARP-Spring Summary.* There was some discussion regarding the LARP program and emphasis on maintaining the roads instead of new projects. Chairman Kuhlke requested that DOT staff look at the May letting to see if it possible for more maintenance projects be included and give the report at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Bobby Parham made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, Roy Herrington is a resident of Baxley, Georgia, and was elected to the State Transportation Board of Georgia in 2005 and served the 1st Congressional District with distinction, faithfully representing his constituents with the highest degree of integrity; and

Whereas, Roy Herrington is a graduate of Appling County High School and Marsh Business College in Atlanta and is a veteran of the United States Air Force; and

Whereas, Roy Herrington has enjoyed a distinguished business career, serving as General Manager of Thompson's Farm Supply and then as its President and Owner; and

Whereas, Roy Herrington is active in the Georgia business community, lending his expertise to the Georgia Pork Producers, the Georgia Agribusiness Council and the National Livestock and Meat Board; and

Whereas, Roy Herrington is very active in the civic affairs of his community, serving on the board of directors of the Appling County Chamber of Commerce, the Baxley State Bank and the Community Bank of Georgia as well as Director of the Appling County Industrial Development Authority and President of the Appling County Stockman's Association; and

Whereas, Roy Herrington is a dedicated advocate of improving transportation infrastructure in the 1st Congressional District, and across the State of Georgia, and has chaired the State Transportation Board's Overview Committee and currently serves on the Board's P3 (Public-Private Partnership) and Legislative committees.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the State Transportation Board recognizes and appreciates Board Member Roy Herrington for his outstanding contributions and service in meeting the transportation needs of the people of Georgia and wishes him every success 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 provided to Roy Herrington in recognition of his devoted and commendable service to the State Transportation Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Adopted this the 18th day of March 2010.

David Doss gave a report from the Public Private (P3) Committee. David Doss stated that Gregory Le Frois, P.E. and Jim Barbaresso, P.E., with HNTB gave a presentation on Toll Technology and IntelliDrive, which included tolling technology on GA 400 and I-85. Brandon Beach stated that the technology for the cruise card should be accepted by all tolling systems and should be a topic of discussion at the SASHTO conference this year. David Doss requested that Earl Mahfuz give an update on P3 projects, which included the West/Northwest Corridor (I-75/575 and I-285/I-20 W); the Atlanta multi-modal passenger terminal; rest area advertisement and above ground use of right-of-way-communication towers.* Emory McClinton requested that DOT staff encourage the IntelliDrive technology research be conducted in Georgia.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Legislative Committee. Brandon Beach stated Stephanie Carter presented the bills from the 2010 Legislative Session that the Department is supporting, which included Transportation Funding, HB 1218; Alternative Delivery Methods, SB 305; Multiyear Construction Agreements, HB 1135; Rural Transportation Coordination, SB 22; P3 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, HB 1186 and Housekeeping Legislation, HB 1174. Brandon Beach also presented new bills, which included Senate Bill 502; Senate Bill 503 and Senate Bill 505. Brandon Beach stated that Dan Gentry, Congressional Liaison, gave an update on the SAFETEA-LU extension.*

Rudy Bowen gave a report from the Finance Committee. Rudy Bowen stated that Kate Pfirman, Treasurer, reported that there has been \$74 million in Advanced Construction (AC) conversions, which are budget adjustments. Rudy Bowen also stated Kate Pfirman presented an update on the FY 2010 Budget and various reports, which included an update on the FY 2009 audit; bank accounts; FY 2010 motor fuel tax collections; vacant positions and FY 2010 capital outlay.* Kate Pfirman also requested approve Policy 2H-1 remain in place and be taken to the Administrative Committee for approval and was unanimously approved to be taken to the Administrative Committee for approval. Rudy Bowen stated Kate Pfirman also gave a report on Motor Fuel Collections from the Department of Revenue.*

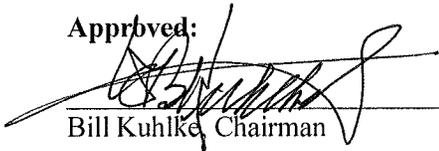
Dana Lemon gave report from the Intermodal Committee. Dana Lemon stated that Erik Steavens, Director of Intermodal Programs, presented policy changes from the Intermodal Committee to be taken to the Administrative Committee for approval and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the committee. Dana Lemon stated Erik Stevens also gave an update GDOT's Rail Assets and an update on Passenger Rail.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Equal Access Committee. Johnny Floyd stated that Michael Cooper gave an update on DBE Board Policy 2C-3 and there was some discussion regarding Title VI and the difference between minority businesses and the DBE program. Michael Cooper also presented the new Federal regulations for the DBE Program regarding the DBE goal.

Under New Business, Robert Brown requested that Strategic Planning Committee work with the Board and GDOT staff in dealing with the decrease in employees and funding and still continue to meet the needs of the Department. Commissioner Smith stated that he has been meeting with staff internally to discuss these issues.

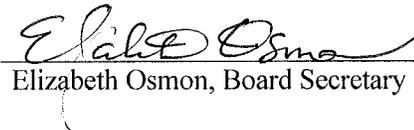
There being no further business, Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to adjourn. Johnny Floyd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Approved:



Bill Kuhlke, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**