MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

January 20, 2011

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rudy Bowen, Chairman
Johnny Floyd, Vice Chairman
Jay Shaw
Sam Wellborn
Robert Brown
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Jim Cole
David Dos
Bobby Parham

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dana Lemon

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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 December 2010 meetings. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2010 meetings, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Rice-Singleton, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the February 2011 Letting for approval. Chairman Bowen asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the February 2011 Letting, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Planning, stated there were no revisions to the Construction Work Program for January 2011 for approval.

Todd Long also stated that there were no proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for February 2011.

Matt Cline, General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included one mediation; 5 cases closed; one new civil action; 8 new ante-litem notices filed and two personnel actions filed.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure ending December 31, 2010; major projects open to traffic; awards and recognitions and emergency maintenance events.* Commissioner Smith also gave a report regarding the Budget from the Joint Appropriations meeting. There was some discussion regarding the Department's organizational structure. David Doss requested the GDOT staff provide an update at the next meeting regarding the Department's organization/efficiency recommendations.

Commissioner Smith also requested a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning resolution. Jay Shaw made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Sam Wellborn 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; a

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:

CITY/COUNTY	COMPREHENSIVE ZONING	RECOMMENDATION
City of Monroe	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.

ADOPTED, this the 20th day of January, 2011.

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Chairman Bowen made a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule to adopt the following resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to waive the 10 Day Rule, seconded by David Doss and unanimously approved. Chairman Bowen also asked for a motion to approve the following resolution.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the employees of the Georgia Department of Transportation are recognized for tireless service provided during an unprecedented winter weather event the week of January 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, these employees represented the Department with a determined commitment to the state and its citizens, and are dedicated to their work. They performed valuable and vital services-- working long hours away from their families-- driving trucks and shoveling snow on both interstates and state routes to create safe driving conditions for motorists; and

WHEREAS, several hundred hardworking men and women were on duty throughout the state, ready to render assistance with willingness and courage to their fellow Georgians in a time of great need. The importance of service provided by these employees is too often forgotten or ignored; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board is honored to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all Department employees for their continued spirit of dedication; and

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the State Transportation Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation, are grateful for the vital contributions employees made during this emergency circumstance.

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 the Office of Maintenance, Office of Construction, Traffic

Management Center and each of the seven GDOT District Offices, in addition to the Highway Emergency Response Operators, or HEROs in recognition of their outstanding effort.

ADOPTED, this the 20th day of January, 2011.

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David Doss gave a report from the Public Private Partnership (P3) Committee.*

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Legislative Committee. Brandon Beach stated that Stephanie Carter gave an update on the legislative agenda items for the 2011 Legislative Session. Brandon Beach stated the committee unanimously approved to recommend to the full Board the changes to the 2011 Legislative Agenda. Rudy Bowen asked for a motion to approve the recommended changes to the 2011 Legislative Agenda. Brandon Beach made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the 2011 Legislative Agenda, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.*

Jay Shaw gave a report from the Finance Committee.*

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Administrative Committee. Johnny Floyd stated that the committee unanimously approved to recommend to the full Board to adopt the Title VI Board Policy. Rudy Bowen asked for motion to approve the Title VI Board Policy. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the Title VI Board Policy, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.*

Robert Brown gave a report from the Statewide Transportation Strategic/Planning Committee.*

Under New Business Chairman Bowen appointed a Coordinating Planning Committee to work with senior staff on a planning process dealing with inclement weather, such as snow and ice. Chairman Bowen stated that the committee would consist of Robert Brown, Chairman, Brandon Beach, David Doss and Jay Shaw.

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:

Elizabeth Osmon, Executive Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**