

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

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

May 15, 2019
1:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

(*denotes members of the committee)

Ann R. Purcell*
Tim Golden*
Johnny Floyd*
Lynn Westmoreland
Kevin Abel

Jamie Boswell
Jeff Lewis
Don Grantham*
Jerry Shearin*

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Chairman Jerry Shearin called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

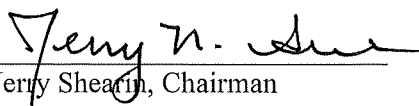
Paul Tanner, State Transportation Planning Administrator, gave an update on the development of the 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan and the 2020 Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan. Background information was provided on the current 2040 SWTP/2015 SSTP plans that were merged together in 2016 for the first time to show the traditional transportation analysis of the federally required Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the strategic business case for capital investment required by the State Senate Bill 200.

Key deliverables include updated travel demand, economic and financial forecasts, investment needs, recommended programmatic investment levels that could affect a number of GDOT offices, and the unique opportunity to consistently message investment priorities of the state. Plan enhancements include integrated performance management, a System Performance Report, alternative future analysis, and resiliency analysis. Interoffice working group meetings have taken place over the last four months to ensure key agency program areas are addressed and the entire updated plan should be completed by the end of 2020.

There were no committee actions taken. There being no further business, Chairman Jerry Shearin adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:


Jerry Shearin, Chairman


Rudy Bowen, Secretary

PROGRAM DELIVERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street
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May 15, 2019
2:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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Kevin Abel*
Emily Dunn*

Jamie Boswell*
Jeff Lewis
Don Grantham*
Jerry Shearin

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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


Chairman Don Grantham called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Monica Flournoy, State Materials Engineer, gave a presentation on streamlining and innovation at the Office of Materials and Testing (OMAT). OMAT is one of three offices under the Division of Construction. They perform quality assurance by testing and inspecting all construction materials, maintain the Qualified Products List, test and evaluate all new products, perform independent assurance assessments, provide aggregate, concrete, and asphalt technical assistance, geotechnical services, and pavement analysis and pavement design services. Monica discussed the e-construction initiative of the Division of Construction and going to a paperless administration to promote transparency and seamless connectivity. Each branch of OMAT is in the process of creating their own improvement strategies. These process improvements of OMAT promote a culture of innovation and collaboration that drives ongoing improvements.

There were no committee actions taken. There being no further business, Chairman Don Grantham adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:


Don Grantham, Chairman


Rudy Bowen, Secretary

INTERMODAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Jeff Lewis*
Don Grantham
Jerry Shearin*

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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


Jeff Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

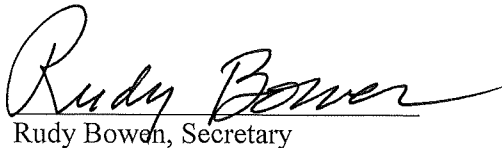
Carol Comer, Director of Intermodal, gave an overview of state freight rail. There are 4,607 miles of active freight rail lines in Georgia; GDOT owns 540 miles of the shortline rail. Of the state-owned rail, 465 miles are in service, 30 miles are not in service and 45 miles are leased to DNR for the Silver Comet Trail. Of the 28 freight railroads, two are Class I railroads and 26 are Class III shortline railroads. The State-owned shortlines provide 5,600 jobs across the state. The 2020 State Rail Plan is currently underway. This is required by the Federal Rail Administration every five years and will include an updated inventory of the rail network assets. Carol discussed the funding of the state-owned shortline rail, and that the Heart of Georgia was awarded the FRA Consolidated Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI Grant) for \$4.05 million. GDOT also has a pending CRISI grant application for rail capital projects and operating assistance.

There were no committee actions taken. There being no further business, Jeff Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:


Stacey Key, Chair


Rudy Bowen, Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

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

May 15, 2019
3:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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Ann R. Purcell*
Tim Golden*
Johnny Floyd
Lynn Westmoreland
Kevin Abel
Emily Dunn

Jamie Boswell*
Jeff Lewis*
Don Grantham*
Jerry Shearin

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Chairman Jamie Boswell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

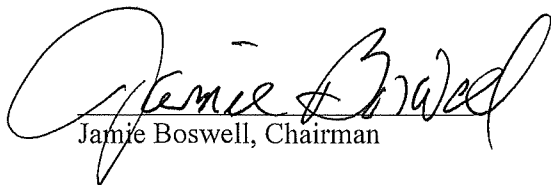
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer, gave a presentation on the June bond sale. It is a \$35 million bond sale for the FY 2020 General Obligation Rail Bond Package.

Jeff Lewis made a motion to approve the FY 2020 rail bond package, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved. This item will be taken up by the full board at the May 16 board meeting the following day.

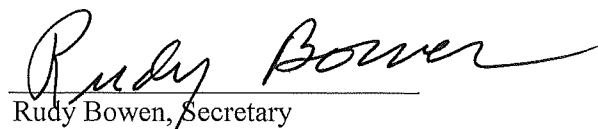
There being no further business, Chairman Jamie Boswell adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:



Jamie Boswell, Chairman



Rudy Bowen, Secretary

GATEWAYS COMMITTEE MINUTES

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

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

May 15, 2019
3:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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Ann R. Purcell*
Tim Golden
Johnny Floyd
Lynn Westmoreland*
Kevin Abel
Emily Dunn*

Jamie Boswell
Jeff Lewis
Don Grantham
Jerry Shearin*

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Russell McMurry, Commissioner
Mike Dover, Deputy Commissioner
Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer
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Chairman Lynn Westmoreland called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

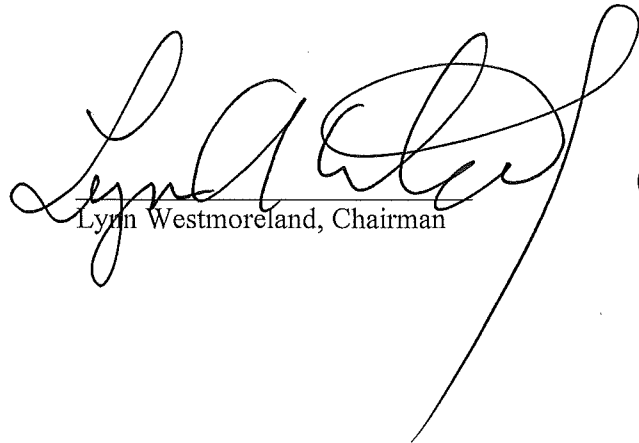
Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer, gave an update on the Georgia Beautification Programs. Meg gave a history of the Gateways Committee, which was created in 2011 with a vision of improving the “first impression” to travelers of the state. In 2012, the focus was on Welcome Centers, followed by Rest Areas. All Welcome Centers have been updated, and the completion of the last four I-20 Rest Areas will occur in September 2019. In 2017, the committee turned its focus to beautification programs that enhance the natural beauty of the state.

The Georgia Beautification Programs received additional funding in FY 2018 for wildflowers and daffodils and color at the Welcome Centers. In FY 18 and FY 19, there was \$600,000 added for the new Welcome to Georgia grant Program. There were 18 applications submitted and 12 were awarded. These are currently under development, and four are approved for construction. Meg discussed the plantings and additional color proposed at the Welcome Centers around the state and GDOT’s partnership with the Department of Agriculture.

All trees and shrubs installed under GDOT’s state funded contracts must be grown in Georgia. GDOT is also partnering with Georgia Southern University to study public response to different plantings at the Welcome Centers around the state. The District offices are working with the Landscape Architecture Unit to develop plans for enhancing the entrances to the state with colorful plants. Meg showed two examples of these plans on I-85 and I-20.

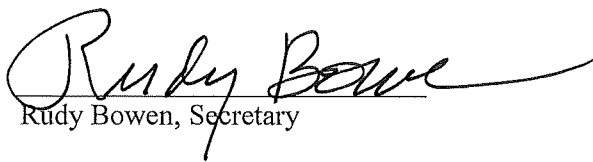
There being no further business, Chairman Lynn Westmoreland adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Approved:

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Lynn Westmoreland, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rudy Bowen'. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Rudy Bowen, Secretary

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA

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

May 15, 2019
3:45 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ann R. Purcell
Tim Golden
Johnny Floyd
Kevin Abel
Emily Dunn

Jamie Boswell
Jeff Lewis
Don Grantham
Jerry Shearin

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Russell McMurtry, Commissioner
Mike Dover, Deputy Commissioner
Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer
Angela Whitworth, Treasurer
Matt Cline, General Counsel

Chair Ann R. Purcell called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

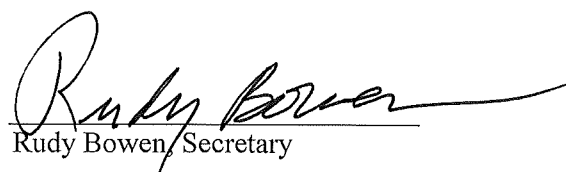
Scott Higley, Director of Strategic Communications, gave an update from the Office of Communications. Scott gave an overview of the communications staff and their seven key principles that include to advocate, innovate, collaborate, anticipate, celebrate, educate, and evaluate. He discussed the implementation of GDOT's new logo, visual identity and brand standards over the last year, GDOT publications such as the Milepost and the annual Accountability and Investment Report, strategic pitches and partnerships, social media presence and growth, the Extra Mile blog, Super Bowl LIII involvement, and introduced GDOT's new online press network. He also gave an update on the Drive Alert Arrive Alive campaign as well as the See and Be Seen campaign. GDOT is partnering with Scholastic on these two informative campaigns to create curriculum to reach a younger student audience in schools.

There being no further business, Chair Ann R. Purcell adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:


Ann R. Purcell Chair


Rudy Bowen, Secretary

**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES**

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

**May 16, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ann R. Purcell, Chairman
Tim Golden, Vice Chairman
Rudy Bowen, Secretary
Johnny Floyd
Lynn Westmoreland
Kevin Abel
Emily Dunn
Jamie Boswell
Jeff Lewis
Don Grantham
Jerry Shearin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Brown
Stacey Key
Dana Lemon

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Chair Ann R. Purcell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Jeff Lewis gave the invocation.

Chair Ann R. Purcell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2019 board meeting. Jerry Shearin made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2019 board meeting, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.*

Albert Shelby, Director of Program Delivery, gave a report on projects for the June 2019 Letting. Kenneth Franks, TIA Administrator, gave TIA update for the June Letting. There are two TIA projects in the June letting, one in the Southern Georgia region and one in the CSRA region. Don Grantham made a motion to approve the June 2019 Letting, seconded by Tim Golden and unanimously approved.*

Commissioner McMurry gave the monthly department report including state fund collections; total employment figure ending April 2019; monthly procurement report; projects open to traffic; highlighted National Infrastructure Week; GDOT's Transit Program was presented with a Federal Transit Administration Award at the State Programs Team annual meeting; highlighted Georgia Public Employee Appreciation Week; highlighted the annual awards and the Commissioner's Merit Award Winners and the commissioner's achievement award winners and statewide award winners; the Project Engineer's Academy completed the program's week long training; GDOT hosted their annual Roadeo competition in Dublin when all seven GDOT districts compete in six categories, District 5 won overall; Georgia received \$7 million in USDOT funding for Airport infrastructure; and Governor Kemp signed a proclamation declaring May 2019 "Teen's in the Driver's Seat" month, Teens in the Driver's Seat is a partnership with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, GDOT and CHOA.

Jerry Shearin gave a report from the Strategic Planning Committee.* There were no actions taken during this committee.

Don Grantham gave a report from the Program Delivery Committee.* There were no actions taken during this committee.

Jamie Boswell gave a report from the Finance Committee.* During this committee meeting, Jeff Lewis made a motion to approve the FY 2020 rail bond package, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved. Jamie Boswell made a motion to the full board to accept the FY 2020 bond package, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

Lynn Westmoreland gave a report from the Gateways Committee.* There were no actions taken during this committee.

Chair Ann R. Purcell gave a report from the Committee of the Whole.* There were no actions taken during this committee.

Chair Ann R. Purcell made a motion for the board to go into Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. Jamie Boswell seconded this motion and the board unanimously approved.

Ann R. Purcell made a motion for the board to come out of Executive Session at 10:34 a.m. Tim Golden seconded this motion and the board unanimously approved.

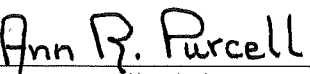
Jeff Lewis gave a report from the Intermodal Committee.* There were no actions taken during this committee.


Chair Ann R. Purcell made the announcement that a candidate for the Executive Secretary to the Georgia Department of Transportation Board was chosen, and that a written public announcement would follow.

There being no further business, Chair Ann R. Purcell adjourned the board meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:


Ann R. Purcell, Chair


Rudy Bowen, Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**

A Resolution by the State Transportation Board

WHEREAS Elizabeth Osmon, a native of Wilmington NC, graduated from Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business with a bachelor's degree in Marketing; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth was a dedicated servant to the great state of Georgia, making ongoing contributions and dedicating her career to the betterment of economic development and the forward movement of transportation in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, having held positions with influential organizations such as ARCADIS, Juneau Construction Company, the Council for Quality Growth and the Atlanta Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, at the Georgia Department of Transportation, she served dutifully as the Executive Secretary to the State Transportation Board of Georgia for more than 14 years; and

WHEREAS, during that time she was a trusted resource and served as the right hand of the 14-member State Transportation Board, tending to the individual business needs of each member and ensuring that all board matters were skillfully and expertly executed; and

WHEREAS, during her time with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the State Transportation Board, she served 37 different board members, 15 different Board Chairs, and 5 different Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, her tireless dedication to the betterment of Georgia has contributed to many positive outcomes for the people of this great state; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth is the dedicated and devoted mother of two children; and

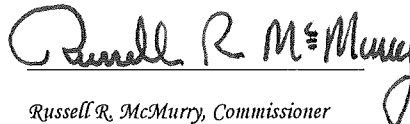
WHEREAS, she spends her free time serving her local children's ministry and brightening the day of those nursing home-bound; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognize Elizabeth Osmon for her exemplary contributions, her loyal service, and for her unwavering dedication to the citizens of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Transportation and the State Transportation Board.

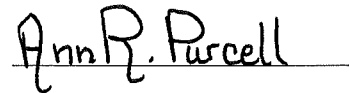
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Elizabeth Osmon in recognition of her commitment, service and substantive contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation and the state.

ADOPTED, this the 15th day of May 2019.

Approved:



Russell R. McMurry, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Transportation



Ann Purcell, Chairman
State Transportation Board



Rudy Bowen, Secretary
State Transportation Board

County of Fulton,
State of Georgia

Affidavit of Presiding Officer of Board

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Ann Purcell, Chairman of the State Transportation Board (hereinafter sometimes the "Board"), who, after being sworn, deposes and states under oath the following:

1.

I am the duly appointed Chair of the Board. I am over the age of eighteen years, and have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this Affidavit.

2.

This Affidavit is given as required by the Georgia Open Meetings Act ("the Act", O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, *et seq.*), specifically O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b).

3.

The State Transportation Board met in an open meeting, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(b), on the 16th day of May, 2019, and during the course of that meeting it became necessary for the Committee to close the meeting to the public, pursuant to the provisions of the O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2).

4.

As reflected in the minutes of the open meeting to which this Affidavit is attached, upon a majority vote of a quorum of members of the Committee present for the meeting, the meeting of the Committee was closed for the specific reason set out in the minutes, the specific exception to the Act being the following:

§ 50-14-3(b)(2) Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or interviewing applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency. This exception shall not apply to the receipt of evidence or when hearing argument on personnel matters, including whether to impose disciplinary action or dismiss a public officer or employee or when considering or discussing matters of policy regarding the employment or hiring practices of the agency. The vote on any matter covered by this paragraph shall be taken in public and minutes of the meeting as provided in this chapter shall be made available. Meetings by an agency to discuss or take action on the filling of a vacancy in the membership of the agency itself shall at all times be open to the public as provided in this chapter.

5.

I presided over the closed portion of the meeting of the Board.

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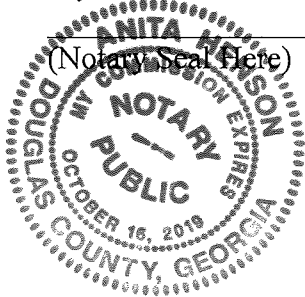
The closed portion of the meeting was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and no public matter, official business, or policy of the State Transportation Board was discussed or presented; no official action was taken; and no recommendations on any public matter, official business or policy were formulated, presented or discussed during the portion of the meeting of the Board which was closed to the public **EXCEPT** as such discussion, presentation, recommendation or action related to the specific exceptions to the Act for which the meeting was closed to the public, as set out in Paragraph 4 of this Affidavit.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 16th day
of May, 2019.

Anita Henson

Notary Public MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10/16/2019
My Commission Expires:



Ann R. Purcell

Name: *Ann Purcell*
Chairman
State Transportation Board