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December 5, 2018

The Honorable David Ralston
Speaker of the House of Representatives
332 State Capital
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Speaker Ralston,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles M. Leger".

Charles M. "Buddy" Leger

Chairman



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Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle
240 State Capital
Atlanta, GA 30334

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December 4, 2018

Citizen's Review Panel (CRP) Members
Mr. C.M. "Buddy" Leger, Chairman
River Valley Special District

RE: Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010

Dear Citizen's Review Panel Members:

The Georgia Department of Transportation presents the attached update through calendar year 2018 on the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 for the River Valley Special District. Also attached is a summary for the completed project in the region within the last year. This summary can be utilized in the determination of benefits by the CRP for completed projects. The Transportation Investment Act of 2010 legislation requires submittal of an annual report by the CRP to the legislators by December 15th each year.

As of this letter, seven TIA projects have been completed in River Valley, seven are currently under construction, and seven are in preconstruction. Unfortunately, revenue collections in the region have failed to meet projections. The latest revenue collections for River Valley are 18.1% less than originally anticipated. The Department has taken a number of steps to mitigate this revenue shortfall, and will continue to implement cost saving strategies wherever feasible. As a result, all TIA projects will be delivered.

We are closely coordinating with all local governments to ensure successful delivery of the program. The Department remains committed to the people of River Valley for showing Georgia how to take an active role in its transportation future.

This update is provided to you for your information. Please let me know if you need further information regarding the TIA 2010 Program.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Franks
State TIA Administrator

Enclosure: Annual Project Status Report, Annual Report, Completed Projects Report, and CRP Meeting Minutes

cc: Diana Pope, Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission
Patti Cullen, River Valley Regional Commission

River Valley
Annual Project Status Report
status on Nov. 25, 2018



Band	Project ID	County	GDOT ID	Description	Project Phase	Project Let By
01	RC08-000017	Dooly	PI-0011428	US 41 - Passing Lanes and Traffic Signals	Project Complete	TIA Let
	RC08-000054	Muscogee	PI-0011433	Columbus River Walk	Construction	Local Let
	RC08-000062	Muscogee	PI-0011437	US 27/Custer Road Interchange Reconstruction/Modification at Fort Benning	Project Complete	TIA Let
	RC08-000058	Muscogee	PI-0012579	South Lumpkin Multi-Use Facility	Construction	Local Let
	RC08-000068	Randolph	PI-422235-	SR 1/US 27 WIDENING FM CR 153/CARNEGIE VILULAH RD TO CUTHBERT BYPASS	Project Complete	GDOT - OPD Let
	RC08-000065	Randolph	PI-431530-	Bridge Replacement SR 1/US 27 @ Ga/Ala RR	Project Complete	GDOT - OPD Let
	RC08-000084	Sumter	PI-0011438	Improvements to South Georgia Tech Parkway	Project Complete	TIA Let
	RC08-000097	Talbot	PI-0011440	Pobiddy Rd Resurfacing and Improvements	Project Complete	TIA Let
02	RC08-000012	Crisp	PI-0012578	US Hwy 280 Bridge Reconstruction over Lake Blackshear	Construction	TIA Let
	RC08-000022	Harris	PI-0011430	SR 103 passing lane from MP 11.8 to Troup County Line	Construction	TIA Let
	RC08-000035	Macon	PI-0007042	Replace the State Route 128 Bridge over Whitewater Creek	Construction	TIA Let
	RC08-000032	Macon	PI-0011431	Passing Lanes for State Route 224	Construction	TIA Let
	RC08-000060	Muscogee	PI-0001812	SR 219 Passing Lanes from Luther Land Bridge to Happy Hollow Road Improvements	Construction	TIA Let
	RC08-000057	Muscogee	PI-0011436	Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network)	Design	Local Let
	RC08-000052	Muscogee	PI-0012577	Buena Vista Road Interchange	Design	TIA Let
	RC08-000091	Sumter	PI-0011439	District Line Road Improvements	Design	TIA Let
	RC08-000102	Taylor	PI-0011441	Bickley Rd. at Patsiligia Creek Tributary Bridge Replacement	Project Complete	TIA Let
03	RC08-000010	Crisp	PI-422470-	U.S. 280 Widening from Crisp County Line to SR 300 Connector	Design	TIA Let
	RC08-000021	Harris	PI-0006446	SR 1/US 27 Widening from Turnberry Lane/Muscogee to SR 315	Design	TIA Let
	RC08-000019	Harris	PI-0011429	SR 1/US 27 Northbound Passing Lane	Design	TIA Let
	RC08-000045	Macon	PI-0011432	Widening of East Railroad Street	Inactive	TIA Let
	RC08-000055	Muscogee	PI-0011434	Cusseta and Old Cusseta Road Improvements	Design	TIA Let
Multiple	RC08-000056	Muscogee	PI-0011435	Intercity Express Bus Park-N-Ride Service	Operations	Local Let
		Regional	PI-A000626	Program Administration		

River Valley
Annual Report - TIA Funds Only
Report covers: Dec.1, 2017- Nov. 25, 2018



Project ID	County	Band	GDOT ID	Description	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Corrective Action Required?	Comments
RC08-000017	Dooley	01	PI-0011428	US 41 - Passing Lanes and Traffic Signals	\$6,930,000	\$4,768,051	\$4,245,716	\$1,260	No	N/A
RC08-000054	Muscogee	01	PI-0011433	Columbus River Walk	\$10,000,000	\$10,002,605	\$1,606,834	\$5,949,701	Yes	GDOT is actively managing the construction phase of this project to reduce costs and control cost variance.
RC08-000062	Muscogee	01	PI-0011437	US 27/Custer Road Interchange Reconstruction/Modification at Fort Benning	\$20,000,000	\$18,675,612	\$15,286,315	\$2,056,270	No	N/A
RC08-000058	Muscogee	01	PI-0012579	South Lumpkin Multi-Use Facility	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$2,749,900	\$331,776	No	N/A
RC08-000068	Randolph	01	PI-422235-	SR 1/US 27 WIDENING FM CR 153/CARNEGIE VILULAH RD TO CUTHBERT BYPASS	\$31,742,135	\$30,712,301	\$28,351,229	\$56,715	No	N/A
RC08-000065	Randolph	01	PI-431530-	Bridge Replacement SR 1/US 27 @ Ga/Ala RR	\$813,177	\$995,630	\$991,343	\$225	Yes	Project was let with PI-422235- as a single contract. Project exceeded original estimated cost. GDOT managed costs to keep overruns at a minimum.
RC08-000084	Sumter	01	PI-0011438	Improvements to South Georgia Tech Parkway	\$15,000,000	\$11,820,505	\$9,987,312	\$425,530	No	N/A
RC08-000097	Talbot	01	PI-0011440	Pobiddy Rd Resurfacing and Improvements	\$3,325,000	\$2,184,435	\$2,184,395	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000012	Crisp	02	PI-0012578	US Hwy 280 Bridge Reconstruction over Lake Blackshear	\$30,000,000	\$26,870,968	\$6,803,435	\$11,852,227	No	N/A
RC08-000022	Harris	02	PI-0011430	SR 103 passing lane from MP 11.8 to Troup County Line	\$4,479,598	\$4,634,475	\$951,777	\$2,121,963	Yes	GDOT is actively managing the construction phase of this project to reduce costs and control cost variance.
RC08-000035	Macon	02	PI-0007042	Replace the State Route 128 Bridge over Whitewater Creek	\$2,500,000	\$2,210,439	\$786,667	\$193,928	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$7,775,122
RC08-000032	Macon	02	PI-0011431	Passing Lanes for State Route 224	\$6,875,000	\$6,011,251	\$894,213	\$446,496	No	N/A
RC08-000060	Muscogee	02	PI-0001812	SR 219 Passing Lanes from Luther Land Bridge to Happy Hollow Road Improvements	\$17,690,438	\$11,184,576	\$1,432,615	\$870,756	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$17,690,438
RC08-000057	Muscogee	02	PI-0011436	Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network)	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$2,526,777	\$3,676,615	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$42,000,000
RC08-000052	Muscogee	02	PI-0012577	Buena Vista Road Interchange	\$47,670,000	\$44,212,823	\$1,695,842	\$1,181,302	No	N/A
RC08-000091	Sumter	02	PI-0011439	District Line Road Improvements	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$788,706	\$422,582	No	N/A
RC08-000102	Taylor	02	PI-0011441	Bickley Rd. at Patsiligia Creek Tributary Bridge Replacement	\$500,000	\$365,559	\$61,674	\$229,281	No	N/A
RC08-000010	Crisp	03	PI-422470-	U.S. 280 Widening from Crisp County Line to SR 300 Connector	\$32,899,573	\$27,841,122	\$1,803,687	\$972,484	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$32,702,849
RC08-000021	Harris	03	PI-0006446	SR 1/US 27 Widening from Turnberry Lane/Muscogee to SR 315	\$20,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$905,888	\$515,006	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$40,000,000
RC08-000019	Harris	03	PI-0011429	SR 1/US 27 Northbound Passing Lane	\$2,950,973	\$2,950,973	\$268,079	\$283,665	No	N/A

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RC08-000045	Macon	03	PI-0011432	Widening of East Railroad Street	\$209,424	\$209,424	\$0	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000055	Muscogee	03	PI-0011434	Cusseta and Old Cusseta Road Improvements	\$58,269,412	\$49,003,872	\$325,628	\$634,729	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$54,203,872
RC08-000056	Muscogee	Multiple	PI-0011435	Intercity Express Bus Park-N-Ride Service	\$22,400,000	\$22,400,000	\$4,148,449	\$766,209	No	N/A
	Regional	Multiple	PI-A000626	Program Administration	\$5,676,751	\$5,676,751	\$2,313,235	\$169,036	No	N/A
Total					\$393,431,481	\$351,231,373	\$91,109,718	\$33,157,755		

Completed Project Report

River Valley



Project: US 27 at Custer Road Interchange
Project ID: RC08-000062
GDOT ID: PI-0011437

Project Description

This project reconstructed the US 27/Custer Road Interchange.

Project Benefit

The project has reconstructed the existing interchange to accommodate future growth of Fort Benning and now provides permanent public access to the proposed development that will not interfere with Base security. The interchange has additionally made a large, previously inaccessible parcel of land available for development that will be a new tech park.

Schedule Information

NTP Date: 12.04.2015
Completion Date: 05.15.2018

Budget / Cost Information

Original Budget: \$20,000,000
Projected Final Cost: \$18,675,612

Project Delivery

GDOT Let
Project construction managed by GDOT

Project Photo

Before



After



Completed Project Report

River Valley



Project: South Georgia Tech Parkway Improvements
Project ID: RC08-000084
GDOT ID: PI-0011438

Project Description

This project improved South Georgia Tech Parkway/Southerfield Road from Highway 49 (east terminus) to US 19 (west terminus) including roadway widening with new sidewalks and bike lanes, and the realignment of District Line Road with South Georgia Tech Parkway into a roundabout.

Project Benefit

The project has allowed for greater ease of travel for heavy commercial trucks, less congested traffic through Downtown Americus, and provided safer passage for bikers and pedestrians along the corridor, including students attending Sumter County Elementary and Middle School, as well as South Georgia Technical College

Schedule Information

NTP Date: 08.13.2015
Completion Date: 06.06.2018

Budget / Cost Information

Original Budget: \$15,000,000
Projected Final Cost: \$11,820,505

Project Delivery

GDOT Let
Project construction managed by GDOT

Project Photo

Before



After



Completed Project Report

River Valley



Project: Bickley Road over Patsiligia Creek Tributary Bridge Replacement
Project ID: RC08-000102
GDOT ID: PI-0011441

Project Description

The project replaced a previous bridge structure with a concrete box culvert on Bickley Road at Patsiligia Creek allowing a more efficient stream crossing.

Project Benefit

The project has benefited the public by providing a smoother surface for travel, along with optimizing capital asset management, and potentially improving safety.

Schedule Information

NTP Date: 01.22.2018
Completion Date: 08.01.2018

Budget / Cost Information

Original Budget: \$500,000
Projected Final Cost: \$365,559

Project Delivery

GDOT Let
Project construction managed by GDOT

Project Photo

Before



After



River Valley Citizens Review Panel

Meeting Notes

April 24, 2018

**South Georgia Technical College
Americus Campus
900 South Georgia Tech Parkway
Americus, Georgia 31709**

Panel Attendees: Jerry Carney, Vice-Chair and Todd Schuster

Others Present: Kenneth Franks, GDOT; Shrujal Amin, GDOT; Rick Jones, Planning Director, City of Columbus; Patti Cullen, RVRC; Commissioner Randy Howard (Sumter County); Bill Twomey, County Manager Sumter County; and Jason Floyd, GDOT

Vice Chair Jerry Carney called the meeting to order. He said the Chairman would not be present due to Medical issues. Ms. Cullen stated that Joseph Brannon had emailed her this morning and said he was unable to come due to an emergency at his office. Mr. Carney and Mr. Schuster did not see any needed changes to the November 30, 2017 minutes.

Mr. Carney introduced Mr. Kenneth Franks as the new State TIA administrator. Kenneth said he took the position in February and had hired his replacement, Brent Moseley. Mr. Moseley is located in Jesup, Georgia and would be working with Southern Georgia if their TIA passes on May 22nd.

Mr. Franks said River Valley region has collected \$234,319,138 in TIA funds through February 2018, with \$175,739,353 going toward the approved project list and \$58,579,785 going to local governments in the form of discretionary funding (these are all rounded amounts). He said we were approximately 17.7% under the forecasted amount of revenues. Mr. Carney injected that local purchasing is down due to sales on the internet. Local tax digests are up but sales tax revenues are not. Mr. Franks pointed out that Heart of Georgia revenues were lagging further behind the forecasted revenues. He said the state required the Department to use the State Economist's projections. Kenneth assured everyone that GDOT supported the TIA program and would do what it takes to finish all the projects. Mr. Carney suggested that GDOT keep track of what they had contributed to the TIA regions in terms of each project. TIA is on the May 22nd ballot in the Middle and Southern Georgia regions.

Mr. Franks referred everyone to the Fact sheet on the River Valley region. He said River Valley had 23 projects on the approved investment list. Four projects have been completed. He told the members present if they needed additional information or to change the format of the meeting to just let him know. The GDOT staff is more than happy to provide them with any needed information.

Mr. Franks asked Mr. Jones to give a status report on each of the Columbus projects. Mr. Jones said the only item missing to complete the South Lumpkin Trail project was the bridge over Victory Drive. The bridge will hopefully be in place in May with the project ready for closeout in June or July. The Columbus River Walk should closeout in August. Two bridges at Bibb Mill are being put in place now. The US27/Custer Road Interchange is substantially complete. The contractor is completing the punch list. The intersection improvements along Buena Vista Road is scheduled to be let in December/January 2019. The city is in the process of acquiring the needed ROW. A divergent diamond is being planned for the Buena Vista Road interchange. GDOT will be starting the acquisition process soon. Over 100 parcels will need to be acquired. The project is a band two project and should be under construction by the end of 2019. GDOT and the city are working with property owners along Cusseta and Old Cusseta Road. The church in the area has indicated a willingness to sell. GDOT hopes to purchase the church property early. Rick Jones said he felt this project was vital to economic development in this part of the city. Mr. Jones also said the city continues to review the Intercity Bus project. Several tweaks are being made to routes to insure ridership.

Mr. Franks reported on the other projects. He said the bridge over Lake Blackshear is 50% invoiced and is on schedule. Mr. Carney noted the differences in height in the two bridges and asked that GDOT look at the safety ramifications, since motorist may be blinded by on-coming traffic and if a barrier has to be put in place it will take away from the aesthetics of the lake. It was noted that the contractor was working extremely hard on this project.

GDOT is working on property acquisition for the US 280 widening project. Legislation was passed this year so that some of the park land could be used for transportation projects. They are working with both the National and State Park Service. One piece of property is needed to meet the requirements of the National Park Service. It does not look like a parcel next to Veteran's Park will be acquired. DNR is requiring a secondary parcel be identified. GDOT is looking at a piece in Stewart County that is needed by Providence Canyon to stabilize one of its trails. There is no secondary parcel next to Veteran's State Park.

SR 103 Passing Lanes in Harris County is less than 10% into construction. The contractor is waiting on utility relocations. SR1/US27 widening project is still in the design phase. It is looking like it will be a three-lane road throughout the project with a middle turn lane and a few passing lanes. The amount of right-of-way and the number of utilities that will need to be moved are making this project almost impossible to do. There is still a lot of R-O-W that will need to be cut. Mr. Schuster asked was this going to meet the needs of the people who travel the road. Mr. Jones and Mr. Franks said it should be okay for the next 15 years. Mr. Schuster stated he did not think that this type of road is what the citizens of Harris and Muscogee County are expecting. GDOT is planning to advance SR1/US 27 northbound passing lane to a band 2 project.

In Macon County SR 244 passing lanes will be let in June and under construction this year. The SR 128 bridge replacement should be let in July. GDOT is putting in additional money to complete this project.

The federal dollars originally purposed for the project had too many strings attached. The widening of East Railroad Street has been moved to a band 3 project.

The South Georgia Parkway improvements are almost complete. The contractor is working on the punch list. Mr. Howard noted that he had good reviews from the citizens concerning the roundabout. District Line Road is set for a September let date. GDOT is pushing to keep this project on track. This project is also being affected by the cost to mitigate certain requirements. GDOT was able to get an environmental decision reversed on the impact to a stream (ditch). Eighty percent of the property needed has been acquired. A gas line on one piece of property is causing some issues. Mr. Howard stated that Sumter County is planning on widening Lamar Road from US 280 to District Line Road to further improvements in this area.

Work on the Bickley Bridge-Culvert in Taylor County should begin in June. The project should only take 6- 8 weeks.

Mr. Carney asked if GDOT could provide the committee estimates of project completion in percentages. He said this will help the CRP members and the public know where we stand on the projects. He said at the end of the year we need to prepare an Executive Summary to be sent to the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the house.

The following dates were selected for our next meetings: September 11, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the River Valley Regional Commission office and November 27th in Cordele at SGTC campus at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Carney thanked everyone for attending.

River Valley Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

September 11, 2018

River Valley Regional Commission

710 A Front Avenue

Columbus, GA 31901

Panel Attendees: Buddy Leger, Chair; Jerry Carney, Vice-Chair; Anthony Murray, Secretary; and Todd Schuster

Others Present: Kenneth Franks, GDOT; Jason Floyd, GDOT; Nona Guilford, GDOT; William Eastin, GDOT; Brent Moseley, GDOT; Lynda Temples, Planning Department, City of Columbus; Patti Cullen, RVRC; Commissioner Harry Lange (Harris County); and Marsha Davis, Resident City of Columbus

Chair Buddy Leger called the meeting to order. Mr. Leger asked that the panel review the minutes from the April 25, 2018 meeting. Jerry Carney made a motion to accept the minutes/notes as written and Todd Schuster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Leger then turned the meeting over to Mr. Kenneth Franks, the State TIA administrator. Kenneth introduced Brent Mosely and William Eastin. He said that since the Southern Georgia Regional Commission region had passed a TSPLOST in May that Mr. Mosely would be their regional representative, as well as the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region. Mr. Mosely is located in Jesup, Georgia. Mr. Eastin will come on board for the River Valley region as the regional representative. He said collections will start the first of October for the Southern Georgia region. The Southern Georgia region has 151 projects on their approved project list which includes numerous resurfacing projects, as well as regional projects.

Mr. Franks said River Valley region has collected \$254,479,144 in TIA funds through July 2018, with \$190,859,358 going toward the approved project list and \$63,619,786 going to local governments in the form of discretionary funding (these are all rounded amounts). He said we were 18% under the forecasted amount of revenues, however we were up from last year and the previous year. We have had moderate growth collections and are trending in a positive manner. He said projects are still being designed to the 2011 budgets and no adjustments have been made for inflation.

Kenneth said River Valley had eight projects in Band 1 and had completed four of them; only one has been completely closed out. Mr. Carney suggested GDOT try to close-out the projects in a timelier manner. He felt by keeping them open it costs everyone more money. Kenneth said once a project was complete the contractor could not invoice the project anymore. He said GDOT inspectors do still have to inspect projects, but it was not out-of-line with how GDOT normally does business. Mr. Franks passed out a packet providing a regional overview of the TIA projects in the region. He spotlighted the

Bickley Road Bridge/culvert replacement in Taylor County. He said the project was let in November 2017 for \$215,976. This resulted in a savings of approximately \$135,000 in TIA funds.

Mr. Franks then asked Mr. Mosely to give an update on all the projects. Mr. Mosely first gave an update on the projects proposed for a GDOT letting and in the design phase:

- District Line Road Improvement Project (Sumter County) - \$10 million full depth reclamation project from US 280 to SR 49. It will include a roundabout at the SR 27 intersection. Final plans are complete. On the new alignment section, the profile grade was raised to avoid increased cost due to a gas line conflict. GDOT is currently wrapping up R-O-W (32 of 34 parcels have been acquired) and is finalizing archeological work. The project is scheduled to be let in December 2018.
- US 27/SR 1 Northbound Passing Lane Project (Harris County) - \$2.95 million TIA budget. Final plans are 95% complete. GDOT is currently acquiring R-O-W. Project is scheduled to be let in March 2019. This is a band 3 project, however GDOT is trying to move it along to beat inflation cost. The project construction should only be about 12 months.
- Buena Vista Road at the I-185 Interchange (Muscogee County) – \$47.67 million TIA budget. The project will include a diverging diamond interchange. R-O-W plans have been approved and acquisitions have recently begun. Ninety-five (95) parcels will need to be acquired. It is anticipated that a plan review will be held in April 2019 with a letting in December 2019. Mr. Murray stated that GDOT should communicate with the public about this project, that there were a lot of older people who lived in the area. Lynda Temples said one public meeting has already been held and that the city and GDOT were planning to hold others in the future.
- US 280 /SR 30 widening beginning at Lake Blackshear to SR 300 Connector west of Cordele (Crisp County) - \$32.9 million budget which includes \$5 million in state funds. R-O-W plans have been approved and acquisition has begun. Seventy (70) parcels are involved. Letting is currently scheduled for July 2020.
- US 27/ SR 1 widening beginning at Turnberry Lane in Muscogee County and ending at SR 315 in Harris County (Harris County) – Project has a total budget of \$40 million with \$15 million in TIA funds and \$25 million in state funds. Project is still in the concept phase. The project team is still looking at design alternatives in order to manage the budget and scope.
- Cusseta and Old Cusseta Road Improvement Project (Muscogee County) – Project has a \$53.2 million TIA budget with an additional \$5 million in state funds. GDOT is waiting on the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) from their consultant, once it is received the TIA office will perform an internal review and submit to FHWA for approval.

Mr. Mosely said the City of Columbus is delivering the Spider Web network project. This project has a \$40 million TIA budget with an additional \$2 million in state funds. Approximately 50% of the parcels needed have been acquired. Lynda Temples stated that Circle-K will need to be condemned. The anticipated let date is March 2019.

Mr. Mosely then gave an update on projects currently under construction:

- SR 219 passing lanes (Muscogee County) was let in July 2018. The project includes three passing lanes. Southeastern Site Development was low bidder at \$11,579,326.66. A notice to proceed is expected to be given later this month. GDOT is currently trying to address an issue with an endangered plant that was discovered after the project was let. The project is expected to be delivered under budget if tweaks can be made to avoid the endangered plant and GDOT does not have to rebid the project.
- SR 128 Bridge replacement over Whitewater Creek (Macon County) was let in July. Robinson Paving was low bidder at \$6,273,335.51. The federal funds of \$3.6 million had been removed from this project and GDOT replaced these funds with bridge bond money. The project came in over budget and an additional \$1.3 million in bridge bond money had to be added so that the contract could be awarded. Six bids were received on this project; GDOT staff felt good about the bid even though it came in over budget. Bridge work has gone up considerably across the state. A notice to proceed is expected to be given later this month.
- SR 224 passing lanes (Macon County) was let in June. The project includes four passing lanes. Reeves Construction Company was the low bidder at \$3,827,974.47, which was approximately \$1 million under budget. The notice to proceed has been given and a pre-construction conference was held in August. Contractor anticipates beginning work by the end of September.
- SR 103 passing lanes (Harris County) project is 50% complete and ahead of schedule. Contractor is working on the subgrade and is scheduled to begin paving in October.
- US 280 bridge over Lake Blackshear (Crisp County) project is 75% complete and ahead of schedule. Contractor has poured 24 deck spans with 17 remaining.

Mr. Mosely said the US 27 at Custer Road Interchange project in Muscogee County and the South Georgia Tech Parkway improvements in Sumter County are basically complete with only punch-list work remaining.

Ms. Lynda Temples with the City of Columbus said the bridge for the South Lumpkin Trail project has been installed and the project should close by November 2018. The Columbus River Walk bridges are about 80% complete. She said the city planned to have dedication ceremonies once these projects are complete.

Harry Lange, Chair of the Harris County Board of Commissioners, expressed his disappointment that the US 27/SR 1 widening project from Turnberry Lane in Muscogee County to SR 315 in Harris County will not be built to the scope originally proposed. He understood that the cost of the project is much greater than what was anticipated but it frustrating that it will not be a four-lane all the way thru. Mr. Franks said that GDOT had some concepts to be discussed later today with Commissioner Lange and the city of Columbus personnel. The R-O-W cost alone to four-lane the road is approximately \$26 million. GDOT is putting in \$25 million and TIA is putting in \$15 million. Federal funds are no longer being used on the project. Both Mr. Carney and Mr. Leger expressed their concerns that the project will not be built as originally proposed to the voters and that this would hurt the region's chances when another TSPLOST vote is taken. Mr. Franks said hopefully the concept design that will be proposed will meet everyone's expectations.

Ms. Cullen said the next meeting of the Citizens Review Panel will be held on November 27th at the SGTC campus in Cordele at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Leger adjourned the meeting.

River Valley Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

November 27, 2018

Crisp County Power Commission

202 South 7th Street

Cordele, Georgia 31015

Panel Attendees: Buddy Leger, Chair; Jerry Carney, Vice-Chair; and Todd Schuster

Others Present: Kenneth Franks, GDOT; Jason Floyd, GDOT; Nona Guilford, GDOT; William Eastin, GDOT; Adam Smith, GDOT; Rick Jones, Planning Director, City of Columbus; Patti Cullen, RVRC; and Commissioner Randy Howard (Sumter County)

Chair Buddy Leger called the meeting to order. Mr. Leger asked that the panel review the minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting. Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Jerry Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Leger then turned the meeting over to Mr. Kenneth Franks, the State TIA administrator. Mr. Franks gave an overview of the four TIA regions. He said Southern Georgia had just started collection in October of this year. The three original TIA regions are in their sixth year of collections and have completed 486 projects to-date. Band 3 projects should start in 2020 and may go through 2027 before final closeout. A discussion concerning the timely closeout of projects ensued but those present did not think it was out-of-line with how GDOT normally operates. Overall 521 projects have advanced to the construction stage. He said the River Valley region has collected \$262,398,229 in TIA funds through September 2018, with \$196,798,671 going toward the approved project list and \$65,599,557 going to local governments in the form of discretionary funding (these are all rounded amounts). He said we were still at approximately 18% under the forecasted amount of revenues. He reiterated that projects are still being designed to the 2011 budgets and no adjustments have been made for inflation. Mr. Franks gave the 2018 TIA highlights and said 95 TIA projects were let, 66 projects were completed and \$75,459,582 of TIA funds were spent.

Kenneth asked Mr. Eastin to give the update on River Valley projects. To-date seven projects are completed and seven are in construction. As of 11/13/18 \$117,177,263 has been expended. Three projects were completed in 2018: the Custer Road Interchange (Muscogee County), Bickley Road Culvert (Taylor County), and the South Georgia Tech Parkway (Sumter County). Although each of these projects will still have money spent on them, they are considered complete by GDOT standards. Each of these projects are expected to come in under budget.

Mr. Franks stated that the River Valley Region is looking at a \$9 million short fall, but that TIA staff were looking at ways to close the gap. Adam Smith stated that contractors were looking for big dirt moving projects and the TIA staff was trying to get as many projects out for bid as possible.

Mr. Eastin reported that seven River Valley projects were under construction: South Lumpkin Multi-Use Trail (Muscogee County); Bridge over Lake Blackshear (Crisp County); SR 103 passing lanes (Harris County); SR224 passing lanes (Macon County); SR128 over Whitewater Creek (Macon County); SR passing lanes (Harris and Muscogee Counties); and the Columbus RiverWalk. Rick Jones said the City of Columbus plans to hold a dedication on December 18th at 2:00 p.m. at the South Lumpkin Multi-Use Trail. The trail will be named after the late Owen Ditchfield. He also said the city is planning to dedicate the Columbus RiverWalk on December 17th at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Carney said he hoped that Crisp County would also have a dedication ceremony for the Bridge over Lake Blackshear once it is completed. He felt this was important so that the public would get a better understanding about this project and TIA projects in general.

Mr. Eastin reported that two projects were near construction: District Line Road Improvements Project (Sumter County) - project to be let in December 2018 and the US 27/SR 1 Northbound Passing Lane Project (Harris County) - project is scheduled to be let in March 2019 (it is a band 3 project that has been moved ahead of schedule).

The following Muscogee County projects were also discussed: Spider Web project which will create a grade separation at Norfolk Southern and Buena Vista Road. The project is scheduled to be let in June of 2019. Mr. Jones expressed his concern that \$40 million may not be enough money to complete the project. The Buena Vista Road at the I-185 Interchange project (Muscogee County) – \$48 million TIA budget. The project will include a diverging diamond interchange. R-O-W plans have been approved and acquisitions have begun. Ninety-five (95) parcels will need to be acquired. It is anticipated that a plan review will be held in April 2019 with a letting in December 2019. The Cusseta and Old Cusseta Road Improvement project (Muscogee County) – project has a \$58 million budget. The Interchange Justification Report (IJR) has not been submit to FHWA for approval.

TIA staff is managing the following projects: US 27/ SR 1 widening beginning at Turnberry Lane in Muscogee County and ending at SR 315 in Harris County (Harris County) – Project has a total budget of \$40 million with \$15 million in TIA funds and \$25 million in state funds. Staff is coordinating with Georgia Power on the project. US 280 /SR 30 widening project beginning at Lake Blackshear to SR 300 Connector west of Cordele (Crisp County) - \$32.9 million budget which includes \$5 million in state funds. Staff is working with DNR and the Crisp County Power for needed property to mitigate the impacts of the current R-O-W alignment. The swap for a piece of property at Providence Canyon fell through. The East Railroad Street project in Macon County is a minor roadway project with a budget of \$200,000.

Mr. Franks went over the 2018 Annual Reports – TIA funds only and the Project Status Report which gives the Band Number, Project ID, County location, GDOT ID, description of the project, project status and responsible part for letting the project. All Band One projects have been completed with exception

of one which is under construction and should be completed by the end of the year. Photographs of the three projects completed this year were shown.

Mr. Franks stated that TIA staff is actively monitoring each of the projects to control cost. Mr. Leger and Mr. Carney expressed their appreciation to the TIA staff.

Mr. Franks also informed the committee that the Central Savannah River Area has had their first meeting to discuss another proposed TIA tax in 2022 when the current tax expires. The Roundtable would like to get it on the 2020 ballot in case it doesn't pass so they would have another chance for passage in 2022. The Heart of Georgia Altamaha area is also looking to begin the process. He suggested that counties and cities begin to look at possible projects now. Kenneth said TIA staff would be involved in vetting the projects and the proposed budgets. Mr. Schuster said he would like to see it on the 2020 ballot.

The following officers were elected: Buddy Leger Chair, Jerry Carney Vice Chair and Todd Schuster, Secretary.

Jerry Carney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.