

**THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**Meeting scheduled for:** **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**  
Historical Courthouse / Commissioners Conference Room –  
8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members:** Mark NeSmith, Chairman  
Herschel Ansley  
Moses Gross

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

1. Approve minutes from January 18, 2017 Road Committee meeting
2. Ready to send out bids for approved/funded resurfacing projects:  
Singletary Road  
Lawhorne Road  
Pummy road  
North Pinetree Boulevard between Jackson Street and Patterson Still Road
3. City of Ochlocknee – request and estimate to replace storm drain
4. Southwest Georgia Regional Commissioner – FY2017 Multimodal Safety and Access program Grant – information only
5. Motor Grader trade and lease – for discussion

**ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Historical Courthouse Annex  
January 18, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.**

Committee Members in attendance: Committee Chairman Mark NeSmith; Committee Member Herschel Ansley

Other board members present: Merrill Baker, Wiley Grady, Ken Hickey and Zippy Vonier

Board members not present: Phillip Brown, Moses Gross

Staff present: Mike Stephenson, Tony Wooten, Tony Bodiford, Ron Kelley, Angela Jones

Media present: None

Others present: Representing Oil Dri Corporation – Charles Bowman, Hiram Rivera, and Mike Willis

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. Invocation given by Commissioner NeSmith.

Approve minutes from December 21, 2016 meeting

On motion made by Commissioner Ansley, seconded by Board Chairman Hickey, approve the Road Committee minutes from December 21, 2016. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hansell Road – Oil Dri Corporation road usage request (Mike Willis)

Oil Dri has acquired the old Waverly property located off Hansell Road. This is a 40+-year location for material and they are currently working on their haul plan to move clay. They recently weighed one of their trucks and it was roughly 60,000 pounds, approximately 2 tons over the state's law of 56,000 pounds. They are estimating 100 loads per day to be hauled. Oil Dri is asking the County to allow this 60,000 capacity load on Hansell Road. They are willing to work with the County regarding the maintenance needs of the road. They have also been working with DOT regarding their routes and have already been denied crossing at Oil Dri's proposed haul road due to site limitations. The crossing at Hansell and US 19 may be a possibility, but the DOT may require them to construct a turn around lane and a deceleration lane. They have also discussed installation of a conveyor over US 19 to eliminate trucks crossing. Oil Dri Corporation owns all the trucks and no longer contracts haulers.

Mr. Wooten suggested getting a core sample of the roadbed and asphalt to determine its longevity of heavy truck traffic.

Mr. Wooten also mentioned their inquiry several months ago about Dollar Store Road between Maddox and Bulloch as a haul route for some property they purchased off Maddox Road. The bridge load capacity is of concern, as well as there is no base under Dollar Store. They stated this is for future use several years down the road, but they would keep Thomas County informed with their plans.

The Board is to discuss in depth liabilities and responsibilities to determine what the best options are for the County as well as Oil Dri Corporation.

Schedule for SPLOST projects

Mr. Wooten told the Committee that the Thomas County School Board is working on their property along North Pinetree Boulevard and has taken down all of the pine trees that have uprooted a 200' section of sidewalk and damaged the roadbed. Mr. Wooten stated that now is the perfect time for the County to go in and take up the sidewalk, dig out all the roots, and rework the curb and gutter and sidewalks. He estimates this work to cost \$9,100+- and Stuckey could perform the work and easily tie in to the school's work at these driveway entrances while he is there. He also stated as soon as this is done, resurfacing should be done immediately. The current budget is \$141,000 for North Pinetree Boulevard between Jackson Street and Patterson Still Road.

The Committee, on consensus, asked Mr. Stephenson to add this project to the current authorized, funded project list and Mr. Stephenson agreed. North Pinetree Boulevard will also be added to the contract list for resurfacing. This item will be taken to the full Board on January 24, 2017 meeting.

There are currently five (5) authorized, funded projects that the County has not yet completed:

Resurfacing: Singletary Road, Pummy Road, and Lawhorne Road, North Pinetree Boulevard

New Construction: Myrick Road

The Committee is ready to proceed bids for the budgeted new equipment, giving an option for trade-ins on the following old equipment:

588	1990 International 3800 Bus	1HVBBZWN9LH684542	167,566
170	1986 International Dump Truck	1HTLKTVRIGHA51220	N/A
150	1993 International Dump Truck	1HTSHPPR8RH568804	N/A
547	2001 CAT CB534 Roller	5HN00564	1,377
548	Bomag BW12AS	101560100105	N/A

549	2007 CP142 Pneumatic Dynapac		819
551	1997 Asphalt Spreader AP800C	NCM5898, 1PM00707	2,013
291	1993 John Deere 4960 Tractor	RW4960P006940	8,394

Airport Road bridge guardrail

Mr. Wooten stated he is taking an inventory of guardrail materials on hand and hopes that he can install it with County forces to save money.

County pond

Mr. Wooten presented the Committee plans of what he would like to see done with the ponds. He stated that the DNR is going to require at least three (3) permits and the plans must be done by a certified professional. After reviewing his proposed plans and schematic drawing of the area, Mr. Stephenson asked Mr. Wooten to go ahead and submit this plan and schematic to DNR for review in conjunction with the shooting range to make sure it is not going to interfere with the shooting range construction plans. Once DNR approves, the County can proceed with a certified professional.

County Pond

- I Plans:
  - Contract with certified professional to acquire all permits
  
- II Permits:
  - Stream buffer
  - 404 from core of engineers
  - Land disturbing (fee per acre of \$80)
  
- III Concept:
  - Clear unwanted trees
  - Drain pond
  - Replace 3 pipes
  - Push 50'± muck from edges and remove
  - Dress slopes
  - Replace walk bridge with equalizer pipe
  - Connect island #2 with equalizer pipe on one end and walk bridge on the other end due to distance to shore
  - Create walking path on island #2
  - Grass and landscape as needed
  - Access shooting range parking area for entrance to pond
  - Keep Rock Yard Road closed to Public

Note: Do not disturb part of the east side due to wetland and archery area

IV Water and Fish maintenance according to professional advice:

- Treat vegetation
- Fertilize when needed
- Treat broadleaf growth on banks
- Stock according to fish and game

V Miscellaneous:

- Range master as superintendent
- Hour operation – same as Range
- Lighting to be determined
- Policy and rules to be determined
- Signage needed

Hancock Center update

All concrete work has been completed as of January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Topsoil work should be complete by January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Irrigation installation to begin January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Waiting on contract from the County for lighting  
Landscape, trees, and shrubs – ready for a final decision  
Asphalt tentatively scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Striping tentatively scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>

Chairman NeSmith stated that he would like to be simplistic with the landscaping, using only trees and sod to keep low maintenance. The Committee agreed.

Boston Collection site – extra security light needed

Solid Waste Committee Chairman Herschel Ansley asked if one more security light could be added to the site. This time of year, when it is dark by 7:00 p.m. closing time, the site attendants cannot see to lock the gates. Mr. Wooten stated he will get with Grady EMC and handle it.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Committee Chairman Approval:

Angela Jones  
Public Works Office Manager

Mark NeSmith  
Road Committee Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ESTIMATE TO REPLACE STORM DRAIN PIPE  
SR 188 IN FRONT OF THE PARK**

**February 9, 2017**

**MATERIALS**

60' - 18" poly pipe	\$ 493.80
4 loads Clay	\$ 300.00
20 tons type III granite rip rap	\$ 960.00
4 bags cement	\$ 50.00
	<b>\$1,803.80</b>

<b>LABOR</b>	<b>\$ 680.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 833.00</b>
	<b>\$1,513.00</b>

**TOTAL ESTIMATE** **\$3,316.80**

**OCHLOCKNEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL UTILITY LOCATIONS OR DAMAGES THAT  
MAY OCCUR TO UTILITIES DURING REPLACEMENT OF THE PIPE.**

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Date : January 18, 2017

<b>To:</b> Southwest Georgia Local Governments
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<b>Re:</b> FY17 Multimodal Safety & Access Program Grant

<b>From:</b> Beka Shiver
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<b>CC:</b>

● **Comments:** Attention all Local Governments, attached you will find information about the FY2017 Multimodal Safety & Access Program Grant. This grant will allow communities to address access concerns along the Georgia State Highway routes that run through your community. \$2M has been designated for these grants. Details enclosed. NOTE: All submissions must be made through the Regional Commission's office.

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**TO:** ALL REGION 10 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

**FROM:** SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

**DATE:** January 19, 2017

**RE:** FY17 Multimodal Safety Access Program (MMSAP)

The Georgia DOT's mission is to provide a safe and connected transportation system; this includes providing safe connections for people walking and biking. The intent of the Multimodal Safety & Access Program is to provide funds for relatively small projects sited on the state route system that improve access, make a connection, or fill a gap in existing pedestrian or bicyclist infrastructure. A total of \$2 Million in state funds is being made available and 5-20 projects will be chosen.

Project proposals must be submitted to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission through March 15, 2017. Local Governments must provide cash and/or in-kind commitment of 30% of the project cost.

Project activities can include sidewalks, crosswalks, curb ramps, median refuge islands, pedestrian scale lighting, shoulder widening, protected bicycle lanes, and more.

MMSAP funds cannot be combined with LMIG and LMIG funds cannot be used as a match. Projects can be located anywhere on a state route system as well as provide a crossing across a state route. There is no cap on proposal costs.

For more information concerning the grant contact the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission at 229.522.3552.

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## FY 17 MULTIMODAL SAFETY & ACCESS PROGRAM



### **Program overview**

The Georgia DOT's mission is to provide a safe and connected transportation system; this includes providing safe connections for people walking and biking. The intent of the *Multimodal Safety & Access Program* is to provide funds for relatively small projects sited on the state route system that improve access, make a connection, or fill a gap in existing pedestrian or bicyclist infrastructure. A total of \$2M in state funds is being made available in FY17 to fund the construction phase of projects statewide; the Department is targeting funding between 5 and 20 projects.

### **Timeline**

- Regional Commissions may submit project proposals through March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Projects will be prioritized by GDOT based on local impact and feasibility; local government sponsors will be contacted to provide commitment for the local match and project implementation no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- Local governments must provide commitment to implement by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- All projects must be under construction by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### **Project proposal and selection criteria**

Each Regional Commission is asked to submit project proposals using the form provided through March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Proposed projects must be on the state route system and either connect or improve a connection in existing facilities for biking, walking, or connecting by biking or walking to transit. Any state route is eligible, the program is not specific to state or local bicycle or pedestrian corridors. Projects should demonstrate improve safety for people walking and/or biking and not adversely impact the safety of people driving. Projects should have public support. Additional consideration will be given to projects that will improve health outcomes and generate economic impact in the community.

### **Local Government (LG) responsibilities**

Local governments must be in good standing in regards to receiving state funds. LGs must provide at least a 30% match; matching funds may cover preliminary engineering, public outreach, utilities, and right of way as well as construction. State funds will only be eligible for the construction phase.

LGs will be responsible for completion of fieldwork, plan preparation, bidding the project, construction oversight and inspection services. LGs are responsible for determining the appropriate level and timing of public outreach.

LGs will also be fully responsible for all clearance of environmental requirements, utility adjustments and right of way. LGs will be responsible for any traffic studies needed to justify specific project recommendations as well as permitting for the project.

### **Eligible contract items**

Eligible contract items include, but are not limited to sidewalks, crosswalks, curb ramps for sidewalks or paved trails, median refuge islands, pedestrian scale lighting, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, pedestrian hybrid beacons, shoulder widening, protected bicycle lanes, and pavement markings (including, but not limited to striped bicycle lanes and bicycle boxes).

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Regional Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Local Government (LG): \_\_\_\_\_

LG Address: \_\_\_\_\_

LG Contact Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

LG Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

LG Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROPOSED PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title (include location): \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed project is located on the state route system  YES  NO

closes a gap in the walking and/or biking network  YES  NO

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

I. Attach a one-page (8.5"x11" max.) map that shows the location of each project component and other relevant landmarks.

II. Describe the physical components of the project.

III. Describe how the project connects or improves a connection in existing facilities for biking, walking, or connecting by biking or walking to transit. Describe what services will be connected by the project (e.g. residential to education/ residential to park, etc.).

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IV. Describe the community impacted by the project; are there currently people walking and/or biking? Is the area currently underserved in regards to walking and/or biking infrastructure?

V. Describe how the project will impact transportation safety, health, and/or economic outcomes in the community impacted by the project.

VI. Is the project consistent with local and/or regional plans? List all relevant plans and documents.

COST ESTIMATE	
Task	Estimated or Actual Cost
1. Preliminary Engineering	\$ _____
2. Public Outreach	\$ _____
3. Utilities (if applicable)	\$ _____
4. Right of Way (if applicable)	\$ _____
5. Construction	\$ _____
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

*No.'s 1-4 must be locally funded, even if this cost exceeds 30%. The value of in-house work may be documented.*

*GDOT will provide up to 70% of the total project cost to selected projects.*