



TIA Citizens Review Panel Agenda Tuesday, November 19, 2019; 2:00 p.m. Berrien County Administrative Building 201 North Davis Street Nashville, GA 31639

I. Call to Order Chair

II. Introductions/Roll Call Chair

III. Approval of Minutes – August 6, 2019 Chair

**IV. Public Comment** 

V. New Business Chair

VI. TIA Update Kenneth Franks

A. End of the Year Report

VII. Privilege of the Floor Chair

VIII. Next Meeting Date, Place, Time Chair

**Action: Discussion** 

IX. Adjournment Chair





Georgia Department of Transportation

# Minutes TIA Citizens Review Panel August 6, 2019 2:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Walter Hudson	Irwin County
Robert Griner	Berrien County
D.W. Harper	Irwin County
Patrick Jones	Ware County
Others Present	
Kenneth Franks	TIA GDOT
Brent Moseley	TIA GDOT
Dan Bodycomb	TIA GDOT
Rick Toole	Alfred Benesch & Co.
Eric Hammarlund	Alfred Benesch & Co.
Janet Studstill	The Berrien Press
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC

## CRP Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Slaughter called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

## CRP Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Slaughter asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

## **CRP Item #3 – Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Slaughter gave the committee time to review the minutes. Mr. Harper made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jones made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

# **CRP Item #4 – Public Comment**

Mr. Slaughter opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments.

### **CRP Item #5 – New Business**

#### A. Coffee County Band Change Request

Mr. Slaughter explained that the information for this band change request was in the agenda packet and that the request was previously tabled at the last meeting. Mr. Slaughter asked Mr. Franks to give an update concerning the project as it relates to available TIA funds to move it forward. Mr. Franks stated that the TIA office ran financial analysis to determine if this was possible. We looked at all band one projects holistically and performed a cost-spending program for the first four years and it is well within our capabilities to advance this project into band one. Mr. Slaughter asked if anyone had questions. There were no questions. Mr. Griner made a motion to approve the Coffee County Band Change Request. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion passed.

#### **CRP Item #6 – TIA Update**

Mr. Franks gave a brief update on TIA in other regions. Mr. Franks gave a brief update on TIA in the Southern Georgia Region. Mr. Franks handed out a list of all the projects throughout the region that included the current band, project stage, and estimated let date among other information. Mr. Franks explained that the other regions that are looking to have a TIA referendum have begun developing projects to submit. Mr. Slaughter asked how far out are the other regions before TIA ends. Mr. Franks responded that they are in Band 2 and they are 3 years out from TIA ending. They have begun the process early because the law states that if the resolution goes to ballot and fails then there is a 2 year wait to put it on the ballot again, so if it fails they can put it back on the ballot in 2022. Mr. Franks stated that the total thus far in collections is a little over \$40 million dollars in collections. Currently, the projections have the Southern GA. Region at 13% over, based on this TIA is projected to end 18 months early; however, these projections tend to change, the trend is good now but we are only in year one and

want to be aware that these amounts can change. Mr. Franks stated that on the handout GDOT will remain as letting the project until the project is approved for local let. We bring the project sheet because we want to be transparent with all the taxpayers in the region by showing where we are spending the money at and the progress. There will be TIA budgetary changes on projects with blended funds where TIA funds will increase and State funds will decrease and be expanded into other projects. Mr. Bodycomb explained that 17 projects will be let in CY19. Four of the projects will be local let and 13 GDOT let. The bids for the projects were really good and were below the projected budget for the project. Mr. Slaughter asked what happens if there is additional funding after all TIA projects are completed. Mr. Franks responded that the funds were be disbursed to the region via the discretionary funding formula. Mr. Bodycomb showed a snapshot of the upcoming 10 projects in the SGR. He continued, the I-75 and SR 31 (Exit 11) project is behind and has been pushed back to October/November 2020 due to geotechnical issues. Mr. Bodycomb gave a brief description of the rest of the projects and explained how the agreements for local let projects are executed and the current status of the projects. Mr. Bodycomb notified the panel that Pierce County will have a ribbon cutting on Friday, September 13, 2019 for their project. Mr. Franks stated that the TIA office is happy with the progress thus far and with the current forecast we will start advancing and pushing out projects faster. We want to be efficient as we can and process projects as quickly as we can to beat inflation.

## <u>CRP Item # 7 – Privilege of the Floor</u>

There were no comments.

### <u>CRP Item #8 – Next Meeting Date, Place, Time</u>

Mr. Slaughter asked the panel when would they like for the next meeting to take place. Mr. Franks stated that there is an end of year report that needs to be done. The committee agreed that the next meeting will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. at the same location.