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TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD  
Evaluation Committee Meeting

252 Edgar Brown Building  
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December 19, 2019  
2:00 pm

AGENDA

- I. Introductions Chairman John B. White, Jr.
- II. Approval of March 20, 2019,  
March 25, 2019 and August 7, 2019 Minutes
- III. Preliminary Review of Applications Chairman John B. White, Jr.
- IV. Executive Session (Legal Issues)
- V. Old Business
- VI. Adjourn

**\*\*This is an initial review for Committee Members. No time has been allotted to hear from applicants at this meeting\*\***

## MINUTES

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Present: John B. White, Chairman Presiding  
H.B. "Chip" Limehouse  
Mr. David Shehan  
Mr. Brent Rewis, SCDOT Representative

Present by telephone: Mr. Ernest Duncan

Others present: Ms. Tami Reed, CFO for the Bank; Mr. Robbie Robbins, SIB Board Member; Mr. David Miller, Financial Advisor; Mr. Bill Youngblood, Bond Counsel; Mr. Rion Foley, Bond Counsel;; Mr. Ron Patton, STV Inc.; Mr. Rob Tyson, Bank Counsel; Mr. Jim Holly, Counsel; Senator Tom Davis; Ms. Christy Hall, Secretary of Transportation; and other representatives of SCDOT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 2:02 p.m.

### **Introductions:**

Chairman White introduced the Evaluation Committee and thanked Secretary Hall and her staff for attending and welcomed Senator Tom Davis. The Chairman gave special thanks to Ms. Reed, CFO, for her hard work and dedication. Chairman White asked Ms. Reed to introduce the Bank staff.

Chairman White congratulated Mr. Rewis for his promotion and thanked him for agreeing to stay with the Bank through the application process.

Chairman White stated that today he plans to get an executive summary on the different applications. Chairman White stated twelve (12) applications were received by the Bank. Of the twelve applications eleven are still standing.

Chairman White stated that a meeting will be held in early January; at that time you will have received any additional comments that we have in regards to your applications by letter. We ask that you respond ten days prior to our meeting. At that time we will be prepared to hear presentations from you, ask you questions, and you can ask us questions. After that the

Evaluation Committee will meet and vote on how we decide and rank these particular projects. The projects then will be taken to the Board for voting.

Chairman White thanked everyone for their cooperation in getting the information requested. He stated that he hoped the Bank has been a little more user friendly than in the past.

Chairman White also stated that the Bank testified before the Senate Committee on Interstates in an interesting meeting and provided them information as to who we are and what we do.

### **Minutes:**

Chairman White called for a motion for approval of minutes for March 20, 2019; March 25, 2019; and August 7, 2019. Mr. Limehouse made the first motion and Mr. Sheehan made the second motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **Preliminary Review of Applications:**

Ms. Reed asked Mr. Patton of STV to give the basic fundamentals of the applications.

**Whiskey Road Aiken County:** Mr. Patton stated that Whiskey Road is a major arterial providing access to commercial, residential, and industrial areas. 2018 traffic showed an average of 37,000 vehicles per day utilizing Whiskey Road. The concern would be when the number gets to over 46,000 then it would be difficult to maneuver without additional lanes.

Ms. Reed stated that the match is over 15 percent and meets the requirement of the Bank.

Mr. Holly stated there was some mention in the material about the Powderhouse Connector Road which intersects with Whiskey Road and he is unclear whether they (Aiken County) had money for Whiskey Road or the Powderhouse Connector Road. Mr. Patton interjected that his understanding is Whiskey Road. Ms. Reed asked if clarification was needed. Mr. Holly stated yes. Mr. Lewis injected that Powderhouse Connector Road is a connector road so it is not widening.

Mr. Patton pointed out that the project was not ranked by the local MPO which Chairman White stated was a criteria. Mr. Limehouse asked what it had to do with the purposes for the meeting if it's not ranked. Chairman White explained the purpose of today's meeting is to take a preliminary look at the applications that have been completed and passed the eligibility requirements.

Chairman White stated additional questions need to be answered concerning Whiskey Road. Mr. Duncan asked Ms. Reed about the letter she sent to the City Manager; the letter asked a question about the MPO and the MPO indicated that the project will not be scored until verified funding source is identified. Ms. Reed stated there will not be a score.

**US 278 Corridor Improvement Project Beaufort County:** Mr. Patton described the project as a widening of US 278 from Moss Creek Drive to Spanish Wells Road.

Chairman White called the 278 project "The Hilton Head Project". Mr. Patton gave an overview of the project's funds which included funds from SCDOT. Mr. Rewis stated the \$43,521,000 that SCDOT has on the project is to replace a bridge.

**SC 41 Widening Interchange Project Charleston County:** Mr. Patton stated the SC 41 project is constructing a grade separating the interchange and intersections of US 17 and SC 41 and widening SC 41 and US 17 to Clements Ferry Road. Mr. Patton gave a financial overview of the project.

Mr. Rewis stated that the project along with US278 are under design. The NEPA document is underway.

**Main Road and Bohicket Project Charleston County:** Mr. Patton stated this project proposed to construct a grade separating the interchange of US 17, Savannah Highway and Main Road (S-20), which is to be widened, and Bohicket Road to River Road to Bees Ferry; and replace the existing Main Road bridge over CSX Railroad to construct a shared use path from West Ashley Greenway to Bees Ferry Road.

Mr. Patton gave a financial overview of the project and the Chairman asked for comments or questions. Ms. Reed stated that a prior application had been submitted in 2017 but the scope has been reduced for this project.

Mr. Rewis stated the project is under design as well.

**Low Battery Seawall Restoration Project City of Charleston:** Mr. Patton stated the low battery seawall will need to undergo extensive reconstruction to replace and raise the seawall to protect against storm surges, hurricane events and other large rain events. Mr. Patton gave the financial overview.

Mr. Rewis had comments for the project. He stated that to begin with the safety ranking on the project was at 3; but the scope was reduced.

Mr. Tyson stated that it may be a legal issue and the application needs to be reviewed to make sure it meets the criteria.

**US 17 City of Charleston Drainage Project:** Mr. Patton stated that the City of Charleston requested the opportunity to meet with the Bank Board to explore the possibility of amendment—first amendment be restated in a government agreement for US 17 Parkway Project in the City of Charleston. Mr. Patton gave a financial overview of the project.

Ms. Reed stated that the City of Charleston has a project-Septima Clark. She stated that the new request is on the summary on the front page. The City needed additional money so they had to submit a new request.

Mr. Rewis stated the project is not ranked in the local MPO; but it was also not ranked when the initial project was approved.

Mr. Sheehan asked if the scope had changed and if there was additional work.

Ms. Reed stated it was not a scope change; it is an increase in cost. Mr. Limehouse stated that there is more flooding. Ms. Reed stated that she wanted it to be clear that there are four projects from Charleston. Two from the City of Charleston and two from Charleston County.

**Woodruff Road Congestion Relief Project Greenville County:** Mr. Patton stated Woodruff Road has been congested for about twenty years and it has been widened twice already. The proposed project is a parallel to relieve some of the traffic. Mr. Patton gave a financial overview of the project.

Mr. Rewis stated the NEPA document has been signed and they are looking to move forward with acquiring right of way in 2020.

**SC 246 Widening Project Greenwood County:** Mr. Patton stated SC 246 is a widening project along SC 246 South. The project would change a vital four mile stretch of highway in the Lakeland Region of Greenwood County from a two-lane to a five-lane road. Mr. Patton gave a financial overview of the project.

Mr. Rewis stated the MPO has not approved the project and it is not in their long-range plan as well.

Mr. Holly stated the existing policy of the Bank. This project will not have local money until 2024 which is not consistent with the Bank's policy. Ms. Reed stated that she would let them know.

**Exit 3 I-95 Interchange Project Jasper County:** Mr. Patton stated that Jasper County and the City of Hardeeville are asking for the project to move forward. The County/Town submitted an update to the 2009 application through the State Bank for funding. The project now includes overall construction of a new interchange at Exit 3. Mr. Patton gave a financial overview of the project.

Mr. Holly stated there is two components to the financial assistance that has been requested; a \$28,000,000 grant plus a \$28,000,000 loan. The loan is going to be funded from a TIF –Tax Increment Financing Commission. Mr. Holly stated that the Bank would need additional information on the proposed TIF.

Mr. Duncan stated he felt the Bank should go back to the last time the project was discussed.

**Highway 601 / Highway 21 Project Orangeburg County:** Mr. Patton stated this project does not meet the minimum amount of dollars per project and the fact that the project is actually seven projects then the project is ineligible.

**SC 183 Pickens County Project:** Mr. Patton stated it is widening a four-lane divided from Old Farris Bridge Road to S-135. Mr. Patton provided a financial overview.

Mr. Holly stated clarification was needed for the use of local funds.

**I-77 York County Project:** Mr. Patton stated there are actually three interchanges that are part of the application, which includes Exit 85 SC 160, Exit 90 Carowinds Boulevard, and Exit 82 Celanese Road and Cherry Road. Mr. Patton gave a financial overview for the project.

There was some discussion concerning the funding. Mr. Holly said a letter was needed asking for more information on the funding sources.

**Public Comments:** Chairman White asked for questions from the public. Mr. Rob Rushing Greenwood County Engineer asked how much time each applicant would be given for presentations at the next meeting. Chairman White stated ten to fifteen minutes.

Mr. Limehouse asked Mr. Miller if the Bank had enough capacity to adopt all of the projects. Mr. Miller stated yes.

**Executive Session:**

Chairman White stated the Bank has some legal and financial issues that need to be discussed.

Chairman White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice where the advice relates to issues raised by the attorney client privilege. Mr. Limehouse made the motion and Mr. Shehan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session started at 3:08 p.m. and ended at 4:20 p.m.

Chairman White asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Limehouse made the first motion and Mr. Sheehan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman White stated that letters would be sent to all applicants regarding questions about the sufficiency of the application, criteria in the law to evaluate the applications, and some financial information.

**Adjourn:**

Chairman White asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Limehouse made the motion and Mr. Shehan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 4:21 p.m.