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December 15, 2020

The Honorable Geoff Duncan
Lieutenant Governor
240 State Capital
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Lieutenant Governor,

As Chairman of the River Valley Region Citizens Review Panel for the Transportation Investment Act, I am writing this letter pursuant to OCGA 48-8-251.

Enclosed is the update on the River Valley Region Citizens Review Panel consisting of a letter from Kenneth Franks, TIA Administrator as a cover along with a copy of the Annual Project Status Report and minutes of the three meetings of the Review Panel for your review.

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Sincerely,

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Chairman





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December 1, 2020

Citizen's Review Panel (CRP) Members
Mr. Todd Schuster, Chairman
River Valley Special District

RE: Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010

Dear Citizen's Review Panel Members:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (the Department) presents the attached update through calendar year 2020 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, 12 TIA projects have been completed in River Valley, two are currently under construction, and eight are in preconstruction.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely and significantly affected the economic health of our Nation, we are fortunate that TIA collections and construction activity in RV have remained steady. The cost-savings and project management strategies that we have implemented to mitigate both this temporary crisis, and the longer term shortfall that has affected this program since its inception (17.2% less than original projections), have allowed us to continue planning, constructing, and completing TIA projects despite the many unanticipated obstacles presented throughout 2020. As a result, all TIA projects are still on track to be delivered by both the Department and our valued local government partners.

Please let me know if you need further information regarding the TIA 2010 Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Franks', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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
Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission

River Valley
Annual Project Status Report
Status on November 6, 2020

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

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**River Valley
Annual Report - TIA Funds Only**

Report covers: November 16, 2019 - November 6, 2020

Project ID	County	Band	GDOT ID	Description	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Corrective Action Required?	Comments
RC08-000017	Dooly	01	PI-0011428	US 41 - Passing Lanes and Traffic Signals	\$6,930,000	\$4,261,316	\$4,246,976	\$14,340	No	N/A
RC08-000054	Muscogee	01	PI-0011433	Columbus River Walk	\$10,000,000	\$10,002,605	\$10,002,605	\$0	Yes	Project exceeded original estimated cost. GDOT managed costs to keep overruns at a minimum.
RC08-000062	Muscogee	01	PI-0011437	US 27/Custer Road Interchange Reconstruction/Modification at Fort Benning	\$20,000,000	\$17,630,893	\$17,554,703	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000058	Muscogee	01	PI-0012579	South Lumpkin Multi-Use Facility	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,490,773	\$0	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	\$28,939,353	\$28,478,188	\$461,165	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$32,230,538
RC08-000065	Randolph	01	PI-431530-	Bridge Replacement SR 1/US 27 @ Ga/Ala RR	\$813,177	\$991,568	\$991,568	\$0	Yes	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$1,552,894. 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	\$10,474,419	\$10,472,899	\$1,420	No	N/A
RC08-000097	Talbot	01	PI-0011440	Pobiddy Rd Resurfacing and Improvements	\$3,325,000	\$2,184,435	\$2,184,435	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000012	Crisp	02	PI-0012578	US Hwy 280 Bridge Reconstruction over Lake Blackshear	\$30,000,000	\$21,645,218	\$21,639,542	\$3,850	No	N/A
RC08-000022	Harris	02	PI-0011430	SR 103 passing lane from MP 11.8 to Troup County Line	\$4,479,598	\$4,659,867	\$4,579,603	\$6,523	Yes	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$5,160,945. Project exceeded original estimated cost. GDOT managed costs to keep overruns at a minimum.
RC08-000035	Macon	02	PI-0007042	Replace the State Route 128 Bridge over Whitewater Creek	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,021,820	\$1,032,877	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$8,251,311
RC08-000032	Macon	02	PI-0011431	Passing Lanes for State Route 224	\$6,875,000	\$6,011,251	\$4,322,147	\$1,014,521	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	\$12,690,438	\$2,663,864	\$4,246,045	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	\$7,999,001	\$27,651	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$42,000,000
RC08-000032	Muscogee	02	PI-0012577	Buena Vista Road Interchange	\$47,670,000	\$52,730,628	\$6,143,374	\$13,838,866	No	Inflation applied to Original Estimated Cost; updated Project Budget \$52,730,628
RC08-000091	Sumter	02	PI-0011439	District Line Road Improvements	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$2,212,290	\$7,264,075	No	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$10,400,000
RC08-000102	Taylor	02	PI-0011441	Bickley Rd. at Patsillia Creek Tributary Bridge Replacement	\$500,000	\$291,662	\$291,205	\$457	No	N/A
RC08-000010	Crisp	03	PI-422470-	U.S. 280 Widening from Crisp County Line to SR 300 Connector	\$32,899,573	\$27,899,573	\$3,116,675	\$2,251,009	No	Blended Project - 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	\$1,730,007	\$576,378	No	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$40,000,000

**River Valley
Annual Report - TIA Funds Only**

Report covers: November 16, 2019 - November 6, 2020

Project ID	County	Band	GDOT ID	Description	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Corrective Action Required?	Comments
RC08-000019	Harris	03	PI-0011429	SR 1/US 27 Northbound Passing Lane	\$2,950,973	\$3,149,655	\$1,044,913	\$1,698,134	Yes	GDOT is actively managing the construction phase of this project to reduce costs and control cost variance.
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	\$53,269,412	\$1,419,454	\$1,121,671	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$58,269,412
RC08-000056	Muscogee	Multiple	PI-0011435	Intercity Express Bus Park-N-Ride Service	\$22,400,000	\$22,400,000	\$5,940,560	\$3,727,691	No	N/A
	Regional	Multiple	PI-A000626	Program Administration	\$5,676,751	\$5,676,751	\$3,414,507	\$134,489	No	N/A
Total					\$93,431,481	\$356,118,469	\$144,961,109	\$37,421,162		

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Completed Project Report



River Valley

Project: SR 224 Passing Lanes
County: Macon
Project ID: RC08-000032
GDOT ID: PI-0011431

Project Description

This project added passing lanes in Macon County on SR 224 from SR 26 to the Houston County Line.

Project Benefit

This project has benefited the public by improving traffic flow, and potentially reducing the incidence of crashed along this corridor of SR 224.

Schedule Information

NTP Date: 08.24.2018

Completion Date: 12.31.2019

Budget / Cost Information

Original Budget: \$6,875,000

Projected Final Cost: \$6,011,251

Project Delivery

TIA Let

Project construction managed by GDOT

Project Photos

Pre-Construction



Completed



River Valley Citizens Review Panel
Minutes
April 21, 2020
Video Conference Call

Panel Attendees: Todd Schuster, Chair; Jerry Carney, Vice-Chair; Joseph Brannan, Secretary

Others Present: Kenneth Franks, GDOT; William Eastin, GDOT; Jason Floyd, GDOT; Don Bodycomb, GDOT; Joe Gillis, GDOT; Carrie Greathouse, GDOT; Karen Judd, GDOT; Mandy Marshall, GDOT; Aynsley O'Brien, GDOT; Jim Livingston, RVRC; Gerald Mixon, RVRC; Rick Jones, City of Columbus; Harry Lange, Guest; Rhonda Davis, Guest.

Chair Todd Schuster called the meeting to order at 10 AM and acknowledged and thanked everyone for adjusting the meeting format due to COVID-19. Mr. Schuster asked that Rick Jones give the first update for City of Columbus as he needed to attend another meeting.

Mr. Jones reported first on the SpiderWeb. The first phase of the project bid was awarded to Robinson Paving and final paperwork was being completed. He expects construction to start soon. There are 5 additional parcels to be acquired which are being worked on now. Phase II would be let by the end of 2020.

Mr. Eastin gave updates on the Cussetta Road and the Buena Vista interchanges with I-185. The Cussetta Rd. interchange is being discussed with Federal Highway Administration for a categorical exclusion. Right of Way acquisition centers around the church adjacent to the interchange. The Buena Vista interchange was rebid with a May let date. The previous bid was over budget and changes to the bid documents clarified questions regarding the amount of fill and earthworks necessary for the project. Todd Schuster asked if there was a different design in the re-bid process. William Eastin responded no.

Rick Jones said that the METRA transit system has received a total of 8 new busses, and that they are constantly reevaluating the ridership and routes, especially in light of COVID-19.

Mr. Schuster asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2019 meeting. Jerry Carney made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Joseph Brannan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schuster then asked Kenneth Franks to give an update from GDOT on TIA funded projects.

Mr. Franks went through projected and actual collections for the region. Thus far through February 2020, the River Valley has collected \$334,349,186. Revenues were catching up somewhat to original projections (or at least not falling further behind) before March, 2020. The COVID-19 shut down has thrown many of the revenue projections into question. Mr. Franks believes the April 2020 revenue report will show the financial impact of the virus, and provide a clearer picture of the fiscal challenges ahead.

Mr. Franks also shared a video produced by the TIA office as well as an update on the other regions and their progress on reapproving TIA funding. Election dates changing and the inability to meet person to person has pushed back the timeline for the two regions who are moving ahead with their TSPLOST reauthorization. CSRA will vote in June 2020 on reauthorizing TIA. Heart of Georgia is somewhat behind that schedule, but expects to have their projects ready to be voted on by the November general election.

He said that construction projects are ongoing, with some greater flexibility given to contractors regarding completion dates.

Mr. Franks then asked William Eastin to give the update on River Valley projects. Projects discussed by Mr. Eastin include:

- SR 224 Passing Lane (Macon Co.) – Complete. Awaiting establishment of permanent grassing
- SR 128 Bridge Replacement (Macon Co.) – Decking in place, approaches being worked on.
- SR 219 Passing Lane (Harris, Muscogee Co.) – Under construction. Cleared, but working on unstable walls because of needed rock blasting.
- District Line Road (Sumter Co.) – 35% complete. Full depth reclamation needed to base topsoil.

Other projects in the planning phase:

- East Railroad Street Resurfacing (Macon Co.) – being handled as a quick response project with fewer than three bids needed. Total project cost less than \$200,000.
- Spider Web (Muscogee Co.) –property acquisition ongoing for 4 remaining parcels. Phase II to commence by end of 2020.
- Buena Vista Interchange/I-185 (Muscogee Co.) – Rebid expected May 2020.
- US 280 widening (Crisp Co.) – Needing approval from National Park Service for land acquisition.
- US 27 widening (Harris Co.) – Issues raised by GDOT regarding proposed road design. Will go before public again before design is finalized and project is advertised.
- Cussetta Road/I-185 Interchange –Federal Highway Administration – needs categorical exclusion.

Jim Livingston gave an update on the TIA Roundtable renewal process. The Round Table has been established with approved guidelines, investment criteria and Executive Committee. Terrell Hudson of Dooly County is the chairman. The Roundtable decided not to move forward with the proposed renewal of the TSPLOST until sometime in 2022. A project site has been established for communities to submit projects for consideration.

Mr. Schuster told the panel that the 2020 meeting dates would be August 11 in Columbus and December 1 in Cordele.

Mr. Carney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brannan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

River Valley Citizens Review Panel
Minutes
August 11, 2020
Video Conference Call

Panel Attendees: Todd Schuster, Chair; Jerry Carney, Vice-Chair; Joseph Brannan, Secretary

Others Present: Kenneth Franks, GDOT; William Eastin, GDOT; Jason Floyd, GDOT; Don Bodycomb, GDOT; Joe Gillis, GDOT; Carrie Greathouse, GDOT; Karen Judd, GDOT; Jim Livingston, RVRC; Randy Howard, Guest; Nona Gilford, Guest.

Chair Todd Schuster called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

Mr. Schuster asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2019 meeting. Jerry Carney made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Joseph Brannan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kenneth Franks gave an update on the revenue collections for the program to date. Our year over year sales tax collections for March – June have actually increased from 2019 to 2020 by 3%. We remain below originally forecasted revenues by 18%, but that number has remained steady since the inception of the program. As of now, GDOT projects us being able to complete all projects within the allocated budget. Total revenue collected through June 2020 is \$351,867,647.

William Eastin gave updates on the projects in preconstruction phases. The Buena Vista interchange Divergent Dimond was bid in May 2020 within budget. There are final parcels that are needed and construction will begin after acquisition – probably end of August, 2020. The Cussetta Rd. interchange had a preliminary planning meeting in July. There is ongoing negotiation with the Mt. Pilgrim Church on acquisition. If it cannot be acquired, it will dramatically impact the potential for an interchange at that location. Hwy 280 widening has 64 of 72 parcels acquired and is continuing its environmental review as well as coordination and permitting with the National Park Service. The US 27 widening project concept report is being worked on by GDOT. The Cussetta Road and US 27 widening projects will be the last two projects to be let in late 2022.

Mr. Eastin then gave the update on River Valley projects currently under construction. Projects discussed by Mr. Eastin include:

- SR 128 Bridge Replacement (Macon Co.) – 96% Complete.
- US 27 NB Passing Lane (Harris Co.) -- 51% Complete. Pavement going down now and expect completion of the rest of the project by the end of August.
- SR 219 Passing Lane (Harris, Muscogee Co.) – Under construction – 57% Complete. First pavement being laid in the last few days. Expect completion in 4th Quarter 2020.
- District Line Road (Sumter Co.) – 70% complete. Topping being applied.

Mr. Eastin also gave an update on the Columbus Spider Web. Right of way acquisition continues, with 5 remaining parcels to be closed. Project is split into two construction phases. Phase 1 has been awarded, and Phase 2 to be let by the end of 2020.

Jim Livingston gave an update on the TIA Roundtable renewal process. The Round Table has been established with approved guidelines, investment criteria and Executive Committee. A project site has been established for communities to submit projects for consideration. RVRC will be working in late 2020 to prepare for 2021 collection of projects and getting all information ready for a vote at a as of yet undecided 2022 election date.

Mr. Schuster asked the status of replacement appointments to the Citizens Review Panel. Mr. Franks reported that the GDOT office had been in touch with the Lieutenant Governor, but have not received word on any appointments yet. Mr. Carney noted that the CRP itself should be in touch with the appointing representatives to help find the new members and volunteered to help with that process. Mr. Schuster said that the absence of Anthony Murry necessitated finding a new member to fill that position as well. Mr. Franks confirmed that Mr. Murry was a Speaker of the House appointed member.

Mr. Schuster told the panel that he looked forward to seeing everyone in Cordele for our final meeting of 2020 in December.

Mr. Carney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brannan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

**River Valley Citizens Review Panel
Minutes
December 1, 2020
Video Conference Call**

Panel Attendees: Todd Schuster, Chair; Jerry Carney, Vice-Chair; Joseph Brannan, Secretary, Kathy Carslile

Others Present: Kenneth Franks, GDOT; William Eastin, GDOT; Jason Floyd, GDOT; Don Bodycomb, GDOT; Joe Gillis, GDOT; Carrie Greathouse, GDOT; Karen Judd, GDOT; Jim Livingston, RVRC; Gerald Mixon, RVRC; Rick Jones, City of Columbus; Harry Lange, Guest; Nona Gilford, Guest.

Chair Todd Schuster called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Mr. Schuster asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2020 meeting. Jerry Carney made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Joseph Brannan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kenneth Franks gave an update on the statewide TIA program as well as efforts in the River Valley to renew the TSPLOST in 2022. The River Valley TIA Roundtable has targeted March, 2022 to have voters consider renewing the TSPLOST for another 10 years. Mr. Franks also noted that despite Coronavirus setbacks, the TIA staff have continued their work unabated. He was proud of the work they have done to keep the program on track in the field and at home.

Mr. Franks gave an update on the revenue collections for the program through October, 2020. Our year over year sales tax collections for January – October have increased from 2019 to 2020 by 14.8% (\$41.9 million to \$48 million). We remain below originally forecasted revenues by 17%, but that number has remained steady since the inception of the program. There was an audit settlement in August that increased the collections by \$4 million due to an overpayment to state funds that were in fact due to the TIA program. Even with this settlement, there is still a substantial year over year increase in sales tax revenue. Mr. Franks noted that while the TIA program has done a good job of closing out projects, they were behind in financially closing them out, and as of this meeting, no projects in the River Valley had been financially closed. The TIA Office was staffing up to help with that process.

William Eastin gave an update on existing projects. He first noted that one of the River Valley Band 1 projects- the Riverwalk expansion in Columbus received AASHTO's 2020 National People's Choice Award from the America's Transportation Awards (ATA), given annually to a project that receives the most online votes. Mr. Eastin then gave updates on the projects in preconstruction phases. The Old Cussetta Road interchange at I-185 was moving forward with a verbal agreement with the church to sell necessary right-of-way to make the project happen. There is an ongoing NEPA process because it impacts a federal interstate. US Highway 27 widening from Muscogee County to GA 315 in Harris County will have a series of virtual meetings in February for public comment. Todd Schuster asked how word about these meetings will be distributed. Mr. Eastin replied that a postcard would be sent to all addresses in the affected zip codes with public meetings scheduled virtually, ability

to comment online, as well as one-on-one meetings offered to residents by TIA staff. The Cusseta Road and US 27 widening projects will be the last two projects to be let in late 2022.

Mr. Eastin discussed three projects that are in early phases of construction or bidding. These include:

- Divergent Dimond – Buena Vista Road (Muscogee Co.) – Remaining acquisition necessary. Low bid CW Mathews
- East Railroad Street (Macon Co.) – Quick Response process used. Low bid Reeves Construction.
- US 280 Widening (Crisp Co.) – Ongoing review by National Park Service. Low bid Reeves Construction.

Mr. Eastin then gave the update on River Valley projects currently under construction. Projects discussed by Mr. Eastin include:

- US 27 NB Passing Lane (Harris Co.) -- substantively complete.
- Whitewater Creed Bridge (Macon Co.) – substantively complete.
- SR 219 Passing Lane (Harris, Muscogee Co.) – Under construction – Contractor expect to be complete with paving by the end of the year.
- District Line Road (Sumter Co.) – substantively complete. U

Rick Jones also gave an update on the Columbus Spider Web. Right of way acquisition continues. The project is split into two construction phases. Phase 1 has been awarded and construction has begun. Phase 2 was originally to be let by the end of 2020, but because right-of-way will likely need to be condemned, that process will not begin until Columbus City Council has a chance to review and approve the condemnation in early 2021.

Mr. Franks then walked the CRP through the proposed annual report. He said that the project phases noted as complete were not in fact financially closed yet. Jerry Carney said that it should be noted that the work of the TIA staff to deliver these projects under budget and in difficult times was to be commended. There was some discussion of the mechanics of submitting these annual reports to the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House. Mr. Carney noted that the Citizens Review Panel usually gets those documents to the state offices directly before the annual December 15 deadline. Mr. Franks asked that the TIA office be carbon copied to make sure the final report gets submitted on the TIA website.

Mr. Schuster asked panel members if they had any comments. He welcomed Kathy Carslile to the Citizens Review Panel. Joseph Brannon noted that there was a new Columbus Chamber executive and that he was aware of the TIA-2 process and timing.

Jim Livingston talked about the proposed 2021 schedule – tentatively April in Americus (or online), August in Columbus and December in Cordele. Mr. Schuster said that he and Jim would get together to finalize a set of dates and get them distributed in the next few weeks.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.