

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CLARIFYING THE PROJECT LIST FOR THE 2014 GENERAL OBLIGATION  
TRANSPORTATION BOND**

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2014, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution establishing a Project List for the 2014 General Obligation Transportation Bond;

**WHEREAS**, that September 4, 2014 Resolution (including the project list) is attached as Exhibit A;

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to approval of that Resolution, it was determined that certain project funding totals and allocations could use additional clarity to ensure consistency with the intention of the Board of Commissioners and other funding sources;

**WHEREAS**, the number and general description of projects remains the same, with modifications only occurring within the various project totals;

**WHEREAS**, a true and correct copy of the *clarified* 2014 General Obligation Bond Transportation Project list is attached as Exhibit B;

**WHEREAS**, to date, no informational brochures, guides, or maps specifying the projects have been distributed by Forsyth County;

**WHEREAS**, in adopting this Resolution, it is the express intention of the Board of Commissioners that the Board does retain that lawful discretion contained in O.C.G.A. 36-82-1(d), which provides:

- The governing body of such county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state may, by a two-thirds' vote, declare any project which has been established pursuant to any such statement of intention to be unnecessary. In that event, the governing body of such county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state shall use such bond funds for the payment of all or any part of the principal and interest on any bonded indebtedness of such county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state then outstanding. Surpluses from the overestimated projects, including interest received on bond funds of such projects, shall be used first to complete underestimated projects and all remaining funds received from interest and overestimated projects shall be used for other projects or improvements which the governing body of such county...

**WHEREAS**, in adopting this Resolution, it is the express intention of the Board of Commissioners that the Board does retain that lawful discretion contained in O.C.G.A. 36-82-4.2, which provides:

- [T]he governing authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision adopts by a two-thirds' majority vote a resolution declaring that: (1) A portion of the bond

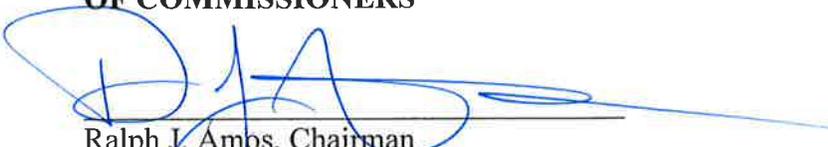
funds remains after the purpose stated in the notice required by subsection (b) of Code Section 36-82-1 has been achieved or accomplished; (2) The purpose stated in such notice is no longer necessary; or (3) Circumstances have changed such that the expenditure of all or part of such bond funds is no longer practicable or feasible, the governing authority shall be authorized to expend such bond funds, including interest, for purposes of a nature substantially similar to the purpose stated in such notice or to reduce the bonded indebtedness of the county, municipality, or political subdivision.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED** as follows:

1. That the Project List identified in Exhibit A is hereby replaced with the *clarified* Project List of Exhibit B;
2. That the Project List in Exhibit B shall be the 2014 General Obligation Transportation Bond Project List;
3. That the Board of Commissioners, in so approving the *clarified* Project List in Exhibit B, further expresses its intention that it retain the full discretion afforded under O.C.G.A. 36-82-1 and 36-82-4.2 with respect to projects and project funding, and such other discretion as is authorized by law.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 23rd day of September, 2014.

**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS**



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Ralph J. Amos, Chairman



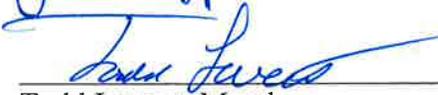
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Cindy J. Mills, Vice Chairman



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Brian R. Tam, Secretary



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Jim Boff, Member



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Todd Levent, Member

Attest:

  
Clerk to the Board

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**A RESOLUTION BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
IDENTIFYING THE PROJECT LIST FOR THE 2014 GENERAL OBLIGATION  
TRANSPORTATION BOND**

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 12, 2014, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution calling for an up to \$200 million General Obligation Transportation Bond to be placed on the November 4, 2014 Forsyth County general election ballot;

**WHEREAS**, although the call of the election identified the Bond as being for transportation projects, to date, there has been no project list identified;

**WHEREAS**, the Forsyth County Transportation Committee has now made a recommendation with respect to the proposed projects to be funded by the General Obligation Bond; and

**WHEREAS**, the list of recommended projects is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the list of projects to be funded by the Forsyth County 2014 General Obligation Transportation Bond, if approved by the voters, is the project list attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Be it resolved this 4th day of September, 2014.

**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

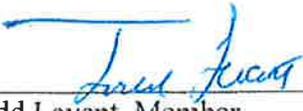
  
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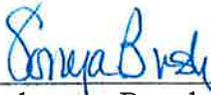
  
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**TRANSPORTATION BOND PROJECT LISTING**

*(Revisions made at the direction of the Transportation Committee on 8/25/2014)*

**PROPOSED GDOT PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS**

SR 400	McFarland Parkway to at least Bald Ridge Marina Road
SR 371	SR 9 to Kelly Mill Road
Innovative Flow Intersections	SR 369 / GA 400
SR 369	SR 9 to SR 306
McGinnis Ferry Road at GA 400 Interchange	Bethany Bend to Union Hill Road

**TOTAL GDOT PROJECTS**

County Commitment	State Funds	Federal Funds	Project Estimate
\$ 53,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 39,000,000	\$ 39,260,519
\$ 3,000,000		\$ 10,000,000	
\$ 15,000,000			
\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 34,000,000	\$ 39,260,519
<b>\$ 81,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 83,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 39,260,519</b>

**PROPOSED COUNTY PROJECTS**

<b>NEW ROADS</b>	
Ronald Reagan Boulevard Extension	Major Road to Shiloh Road
Ronald Reagan Boulevard Extension	Shiloh Road to McFarland Parkway

**TOTAL NEW ROADS**

\$ 24,680,000
\$ 18,750,000
<b>\$ 43,430,000</b>

**MAJOR ROAD WIDENING**

Brookwood Road	SR 141 to McGinnis Ferry Road (SPLOST V, VI & VII project)
McGinnis Ferry Road	Sargent Road to Union Hill Road (SPLOST V, VI & VII project)
Pilgrim Mill Road	City Limits to Freedom Parkway (SPLOST VI & VII project)
Union Hill Road & Bridge	GA 400 to McFarland Parkway (SPLOST V, VI & VII project)
Old Atlanta Road, Phase IV	St. Marito to Old Atlanta Club (SPLOST V, VI & VII/Category B project)
Old Atlanta Road, Phase V	Old Atlanta Club to James Burgess Road (SPLOST V, VI & VII project)

**TOTAL WIDENING**

\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,600,000
\$ 18,000,000	\$ 36,000,000
\$ 9,550,000	
\$ 12,200,000	
\$ 3,500,000	\$ 9,500,000
\$ 14,000,000	
<b>\$ 63,250,000</b>	<b>\$ 52,100,000</b>

**TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

Intersections, signals, culverts, striping, signs, guardrails, sidewalks, road reclamation, unpaved road projects, resurfacing, road widening-contingency, etc.

**POTENTIAL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

SR 369 at Mount Tabor Road
SR 369 at Old Federal Road
SR 369 at Pooles Mill Road
SR 369 at Bus Field Entrance
SR 369 at Little Mill Road
SR 306 at Little Mill Road
SR 400 at Jot-ten-down Road
SR 400 at Martin Road
SR 9 at Campground Road
SR 9 at Smith Lane
SR 9 at Martin Road
SR 53 at Dogwood Path
Ronald Reagan Boulevard at SR 141
Old Alpharetta Road at SR 141

**TOTAL TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

\$ 10,000,000
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**CONTINGENCY**

**TOTAL CONTINGENCY**

\$ 2,320,000
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**TOTAL PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS**

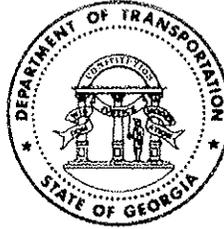
\$ 200,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 83,000,000	\$ 91,360,519
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**TRANSPORTATION BOND PROJECT LISTING**

	Proposed Transportation Bond Funding	Proposed State Funds	Proposed Federal Funds
<b>PROPOSED GDOT PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS</b>			
SR 400	63,000,000	10,000,000	0
SR 371	3,000,000	8,000,000	31,000,000
Innovative Flow Intersections	0	2,000,000	8,000,000
SR 369	15,000,000	0	0
McGinnis Ferry Road at GA 400 Interchange	10,000,000	0	34,000,000
	<b>81,000,000</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>73,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL GDOT PROJECTS</b>			
<b>PROPOSED COUNTY PROJECTS</b>			
<b>NEW ROADS</b>			
Ronald Reagan Boulevard Extension	\$ 24,680,000		
Ronald Reagan Boulevard Extension	18,750,000		
	<b>43,430,000</b>		
<b>TOTAL NEW ROADS</b>			
<b>MAJOR ROAD WIDENING</b>			
Brookwood Road	6,000,000		
McGinnis Ferry Road	18,000,000		
Pilgrim Mill Road	9,550,000		
Union Hill Road & Bridge	12,200,000		
Old Atlanta Road, Phase IV	3,500,000		
Old Atlanta Road, Phase V	14,000,000		
	<b>63,250,000</b>		
<b>TOTAL WIDENING</b>			
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<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS</b>			
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>			
	<b>2,320,000</b>		
<b>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</b>			
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BOND FUNDING</b>			
	<b>\$ 200,000,000</b>		

*Estimated \$18m from other sources*





August 7, 2014

Chairman R.J. (Pete) Amos  
Forsyth County Board of Commissioners  
110 East Main Street, Suite 210  
Cumming, GA 30040

Dear Chairman Amos:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) would like to acknowledge your Commission for proposing to advance critical transportation projects in Forsyth County via a bond referendum. GDOT fully recognizes the transportation needs of Forsyth County outpace the State's current funding availability.

GDOT currently has committed approximately \$58 million of state funds to match \$183 million of federal funds for Forsyth County projects in the current Transportation Improvement Program (4 years). The projects include the State Route 9 corridor, replacing bridges over Lake Lanier, Bethelview Road, and State Route 20. GDOT also annually provides approximately \$ 1.5 million of Local Maintenance Improvement Grant funding for your local projects.

Below are our responses to the project proposals included in your July 31, 2014 correspondence should the Bond Referendum pass;

- 1. SR 400 from McFarland Parkway to SR 20 and advancing to at least Bald Ridge Marina Exit 15:** GDOT proposes a different approach to accomplish achieving six (6) lanes north to Bald Ridge Marina Road, Exit 15. GDOT would procure a design build best value procurement with variable scope. The selected contractor would be selected based on meeting the project design criteria and the ability to construct the longest section of the six lane typical section including bridges for the available budget. The Department has evaluated a variation of widening from what previously was discussed. This variation is one lane in each direction (widened to the median) and maintains a grassed median instead of a concrete median wall. GDOT is proposing to increase the State's commitment from \$5 M to \$10 M in state funds. Combining these with Forsyth County's \$51 M plus the \$2 M (previously committed for item 2) for a total of \$63 M. This level of funding will provide six lanes north from McFarland Road to Bald Ridge Marina Road, Exit 15, with a potential to extend further north.
- 2. Initial Contractual Project Termini to SR 369:**  
If the initial SR 400 project does not reach SR 369, GDOT will work with Forsyth County to add the remainder of the corridor to the constrained portion of the Atlanta Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and to GDOT's Construction Work Program. Forsyth agrees to initially show the project with all local fund phases until federal funds are identified and available.

3. **SR 371 from SR 9 to Kelly Mill Road (PI 0006915):** GDOT will work with Forsyth County to add this project to the Atlanta RTP and to GDOT's Construction Work Program. Forsyth agrees to initially show the project with all local fund phases until federal funds are identified and available. Forsyth will provide PE activities necessary for an environment document that includes the entire corridor to SR 20.
4. **Innovative Intersection SR 400 at SR 369:** GDOT will advance an innovative intersection design to improve operations at this location utilizing federal and state funds. A Continuous flow intersection as well as others will be evaluated through concept development working with the Forsyth County staff. The project is estimated at \$8M federal and \$2M state motor fuel and will be funded through GDOT's Operational Lump Sum federal funds.
5. **SR 369 from SR 9 to SR 306:** GDOT will coordinate with the County on the design in conjunction with item four (4) and issue an encroachment permit for the work through the District Office.
6. **SR 400/McGinnis Ferry Road Interchange:** GDOT understands the County's \$ 10 million bond commitment to the project for all PE and a portion of ROW costs. The current project estimate is approximately \$40 million. Forsyth agrees to continue to show the project with all local fund phases until federal funds are identified and available.

Proposed Funding Summary				
Project		County Commitment	State Funds	Federal funds
1	SR 400 from McFarland Parkway to North of Bald Ridge Marina Road, Exit 15	\$53M	\$10M	\$ 0
2	SR 400 from Initial Contract Termini to SR 369	TBD	TBD	TBD
3	SR 371 from SR 9 to Kelly Mill	\$3M	\$8*	\$31*
4	SR 369 at SR 400 innovative intersection	\$0	\$2	\$8
5	SR 369 from SR 9 to SR 306	\$15M	\$0	\$0
6	SR 400/McGinnis Ferry Interchange	\$10M	\$0	\$34*
	Total	\$81M	\$20M	\$73M

**Notes:** \*funds to be identified as reference above  
State or Local match TBD on project 2,3,6 based on fund source

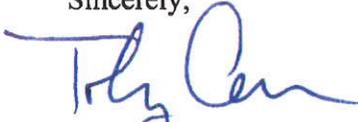
Please understand that adding funds for these projects requires fiscal constraint based on today's federal and state funding levels, Forsyth County's being in the Atlanta Metropolitan Planning Organization, and other budgetary constraints such as Congressional Balancing. Federal transportation funding is currently planned

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to extend only through May of 2015. GDOT remains committed to continuing work on the State Route 9 corridor, replacing bridges over Lake Lanier and Bethelview Road and making improvements to SR 20 in addition to the bond referendum projects listed above.

GDOT fully supports Forsyth County's vision of advancing critical transportation projects. It will be critical to follow the federal project development process to strategically position the County for all future funding opportunities that may be forth coming. We look forward to a successful referendum and the partnership in advancing these critical projects.

Sincerely,



Toby Carr  
Director of Planning

Sincerely,



Keith Golden, P.E.  
Commissioner

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cc: Honorable Jay Shaw, State Transportation Board Chairman, Congressional District 8  
Honorable Rudy Bowen, State Transportation Board Member, Congressional District 7  
Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Chief Engineer  
Bayne Smith, P.E., District 1 Engineer