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**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**June 16, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Dr. Charles Gillespie, Chairman  
Dr. Surendra Pandey  
Thomas Fratino

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gloria Gaines  
Billy Merritt  
Dr. Peter Ngwafu

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Hamilton, Transit Deputy Director  
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner  
Bill Bradley, County Public Works  
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, Sr.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gillespie called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (April 14, 2011)

The April 14, 2011 minutes were unofficially approved because there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

**TOPIC I (TIP FY 2012-2015)**

Ms. Newton reviewed the projects listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2012-2015), and noted that the Draft TIP was made available for public review and comments from May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup>. There was no participation from the public, and most of the comments came from the TCC and GDOT committees.

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. Gillespie led a discussion on the interstate study. Mr. Fratino inquired about improvements to I-185, and noted that he is consistently approached about improvements that need to be made to the interstate. Dr. Gillespie replied that a lot of work has been put into that particular study. He added that the transportation study, which is inclusive of 35 counties from Southwest Georgia, concluded that it would not be feasible to make the changes. Dr. Gillespie also commented that the major focus on highway improvements in this area right now is getting SR133 four-laned.

Dr. Gillespie expressed concern about the North Leesburg Bypass. He feels that it is a safety hazard, and therefore needs to be reconsidered. A brief discussion was held, and Mr. Gillespie inquired about ways to express his opinion. It was determined that his opinion should be brought before the TCC committee.

Dr. Pandey inquired about the intersection at Westover Road and Gillionville Road. He commented that the right turn lane has caused traffic congestion at that section for many years. Mr. Hamilton replied that the project has not been dropped, but it has been moved further down on the list.

Dr. Pandey requested that the Citizens Transportation Committee meetings be extended to one hour. He stated that thirty minutes is simply not enough time to fully discuss the topics on the agenda. He suggested that the meeting be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.