

# State Transportation Board Press Conference

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# GDOT Accomplishments

- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation in the condition of its urban and rural interstate highways;
- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation in the condition of its rural arterial roads;
- Ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation for cost effective transportation delivery.

# Board Accomplishments

- Development of a true, realistic statewide transportation plan; **completed.**
- Establish a structure to thoroughly examine all possible funding sources for department activities; **established and ongoing.**
- Develop board and department process to prioritize transportation projects; **process in place, prioritization near completion.**

# Board Accomplishments Since November 2007

- Approved reorganization
- Approved proceeding with investigation of HOV to HOT
- Approved proceeding with planning the commuter rail Lovejoy line and the MMPT
- Participation in freight and logistics study
- Approved new state aid program
- Reviewing options for PPIs
- Examining financial and debt management strategies
- Approved GARVEE bond issuance
- Approved GO bond sale
- Established Board and Executive-level relationships with ARC and other transportation partners

# GDOT Accomplishments

- Has made available more than \$1.1 billion to local governments for city streets and county roads projects in the past 10 years
- Is ranked 12th in the nation for lowest maintenance cost per state-system mile in 2006
- Is ranked 1st in the nation on the condition of Metropolitan Atlanta interstates system in 2008
- Started new construction on nearly 1,500 state system and some 1,800 local system from Fiscal Year 2005 through Fiscal Year 2007

# **GDOT Accomplishments** *cont'd*

- Spent an average of \$1.8 billion each year and a record \$2.6 billion in Fiscal Year 2007
- Received \$110 million to convert 13.6 miles of HOV lanes to HOT lanes on the I-85 North Corridor
- Developed the Statewide Strategic Plan
- Completed financial audit to ensure end of year balanced budget
- Reorganized Department staff to become more focused on program delivery

# GDOT Accomplishments *cont'd*

- Transformed State Aid Program in partnership with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)
- and Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)
- Strategically addressing financial and debt management
- Improved cooperation with transportation partners
- Proceeded with planning the Atlanta –Griffin commuter rail line and the Multi-Modal Passenger Terminal
- Highways rated best maintained highways in the nation three consecutive years

# GDOT Accomplishments *cont'd*

- Received the American Council of Civil Engineering Companies (ACEC) National Grand Quality Based Selection (QBS) award for quality based consultant selection process in 2007
- Received Outstanding Achievement Award, Year 2000 National Hurricane Conference, for successful one-way evacuation of I-16 from Savannah
- Received Merit Award for Superior Leadership, American Society of Landscape Architects, for wildflower program
- Received Six National Asphalt Paving Awards for Georgia DOT Projects

# GDOT Accomplishments

- Was awarded a National ACPA award for the I-20 Concrete Pavement reconstruction and rehab in Columbia/McDuffie Counties
- Implemented Thermal Imaging Safety Screening System (TISS) for Commercial Vehicle Brakes selected for early deployment by the AASHTO Technology Implementation Group (TIG)

Reason Foundation/University of North Carolina-Charlotte

The Road Information Project

# Questions?

