



Georgia Department of Transportation

Biographical Sketch

Keith Golden, P.E.

Commissioner

Keith Golden was appointed Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation by the State Transportation Board on March 1, 2012. He had served as Interim Commissioner since September 2011.

Golden is a 25-year, Georgia DOT veteran and a licensed professional engineer in Georgia. He began his career with the Department in the Planning Division and has held numerous positions in the Department overseeing planning, design and program delivery. Prior to his appointment as Interim Commissioner, Golden was the Director of the Permits and Operations Division, with responsibilities for Statewide Maintenance, Traffic Operations, Utilities and Transportation Data. In 2004, as the State Traffic Engineer, he developed the Safety Action Plan which evolved into the Governor's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Working with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Golden implemented a data-driven approach to reduce fatalities and serious injuries across the state which led to more than a 20 percent reduction in fatalities statewide.



He was also instrumental in the development of the Regional Traffic Operations Program (RTOP) aimed at increasing mobility on Atlanta's most critical arterial corridors. The RTOP seeks to actively monitor, manage and maintain traffic signals on arterials in the metro region—a region that has more than one-half of the State's traffic signals, 50 percent of the lane miles traveled in Georgia and 75 percent of the congestion in the state. To date, the program has resulted in a 16-to-1 benefits/cost ratio with estimated cost savings of over \$48 million.

Golden holds both Bachelor's (1986) and Master's (1989) degrees in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He represents the Department on the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Subcommittee for Traffic Engineering, the AASHTO Committee for Safety Management, and the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) and Board member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA).

Golden and his wife Renee have two sons, Chris and Kevin. They attend North Point Community Church in Alpharetta, Georgia.

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