

Georgia Department of Transportation



Research Program

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Who We Are

Georgia DOT (GDOT)'s Research and Development (R&D) Branch is within the Office of Materials and Research (OMR). At GDOT, OMR is one of three offices that constitute the Division of Construction.

How We Are Funded

The program is primarily funded with SP&R, Part II (Research) funding. Research projects are typically funded by an 80/20 match of federal/state funds. Additional funding sources include construction project preliminary engineering (PE) funds and safety funds.

What We Do

R&D administers GDOT's research and development program and library functions. R&D manages contract research in cooperation with its primary partner, the Georgia Transportation Institute-University Transportation Center and, as needed, with other government, academic and private partners. The R&D staff also conducts in-house research and special studies. A typical state fiscal year includes the initiation of over 25 projects, in addition to 25 ongoing projects. Finally, R&D manages GDOT's national research activities such as the Transportation Research Board (TRB), National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP), and Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) Program.

Staff

Our six-person staff consists of a Senior Research Engineer/Library Supervisor (Acting Branch Chief), three Research Engineers, a Librarian, and Administrative Support.

Facilities

Our offices and the Roy A. Flynt Memorial Library are located at the OMR Central Laboratory in Forest Park, Georgia, just south of downtown Atlanta.

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