

# STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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## STB MEMBER BEACH TO CHAIR SASHTO COMMITTEE

**ATLANTA** – State Transportation Board (STB) Member Brandon Beach has been elected Chairman of the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) Special Committee on Commissioners and Boards, the body which provides overall leadership and guidance to SASHTO committees and members. Beach previously served as vice chairman and committee secretary and was unanimously elected to the new position during the recent 2010 annual meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas.

“I very much appreciate this opportunity,” Beach, who represents Georgia’s 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District on the STB, commented. “There are enormous challenges facing transportation in the Southeast and states need to collaborate and pool ideas, plans and resources if we’re going to be able to address those needs uniformly. SASHTO can help make that happen.”

Beach, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce, was elected to the STB in 2008; re-elected to a full, five-year term last year; and serves as Chairman of the STB Legislative Committee. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA); the Alpharetta City Council; the Alpharetta Planning and Zoning Commission; as Executive Director of the North Fulton Community Improvement District; as a member of the Board of Trustees of Encore Park; and on the Grady Hospital Board of Visitors. He received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and an MBA from Centenary College.

The departments of transportation of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia are SASHTO’s members. The association was organized to encourage a balanced transportation system across the southeast United States.

The State Transportation Board determines policy and exercises general governance of Georgia’s Department of Transportation. The Board’s 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, serve staggered, five-year terms. Board members are elected by those state senators and representatives whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the relevant congressional district.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Georgia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia’s economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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