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TRANSPORTATION BOARD APPROVES FOUR-YEAR STATEWIDE WORK PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The State Transportation Board today approved its Fiscal 2011-2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is the program listing of all highway, transit and multimodal projects the Georgia Department of Transportation intends to undertake in those four years.

“The STIP process is a critical component of the Department’s program delivery,” STB Chairman Rudy Bowen noted. “It gives us an annually updated, financially constrained work program for the next four years. And having as accurate a STIP as possible will be vital in our efforts to continue reducing the amount of time it takes us to deliver projects.”

The STIP approved today reflects nearly \$7 billion in Georgia DOT spending forecast for the FY 2011-14 period: nearly \$2.3 billion for roadway capacity improvements; \$937 million on transit and intermodal programs; \$825 million for maintenance; \$660 million in bridge work; and \$551 million for safety improvements. Projects included in the STIP were guided by the principles of the Department’s Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan and developed from direct input of local governments. There was a series of public hearings designed to gather public input as well. The STIP reflects the Department’s priority projects for the next four years; they are projects already funded or most likely to be. The federally mandated STIP evolves annually; preliminary work will begin later this year for FY 2012-15.

There are 15 designated metropolitan areas in Georgia for which separate but similar, four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) lists are developed by their jurisdictional metropolitan planning organizations, such as the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). These programs are included by reference in the STIP (although the 18-county ARC TIP currently is being revised and will be finalized next year).

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 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th 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 STIP details as well as general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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