

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ADDRESSES P3 PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The State Transportation Board today endorsed the Georgia Department of Transportation’s first Public Private Partnership (P3) Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an interstate project during its February Board meeting. The RFQ for the Northwest Corridor project is scheduled to be issued on February 26 for the project which will add reversible managed lanes to portions of Interstates 75 and 575.

“This is an important milestone for the Department and the State of Georgia,” said Board Chairman Bill Kuhlke, Jr. “P3 will enable Georgia DOT to better leverage the limited resources we have for major transportation projects by leveraging private sector innovation and capital.”

More information on the Northwest Corridor project and the RFQ process is available at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/informationcenter/p3/projects/WbyNW/Pages/default.aspx>

In other action, the board addressed concerns about the P3 rules raised by the House and Senate Transportation Committees. The Board agreed that the Department “should promote and encourage the use of local labor and resources, as well as disadvantaged, minority and small business enterprises, consistent with applicable law, including requiring a private partner who has been awarded a contract for a Public-Private Partnership to establish a local office within the State of Georgia.” The rules, which were adopted by the Board on January 21, are now reopened for comment until March 22.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is governed by the State Transportation Board. Its 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, exercise general control and supervision of the Department. Each member serves a five-year term and the terms are staggered. Board members are elected by the state representatives and senators whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the 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. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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