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DON GRANTHAM ELECTED TO TRANSPORTATION BOARD *Augusta Businessman replaces Bill Kuhlke in 10th Congressional District*

ATLANTA – Former Augusta/Richmond County Commissioner Don Grantham was elected to the State Transportation Board on Wednesday by a caucus of state representatives and senators from the 10th Congressional District. Grantham will fill the spot vacated by former Board chairman Bill Kuhlke who resigned his post last December.

Grantham thanked Mr. Kuhlke and acknowledged their lifetime friendship. “All my life has been about commitment. And I pledge to continue that promise of commitment to the citizens of this state and the people of our district,” said Grantham to his caucus members.

Grantham, an Augusta native, is the President and CEO of Forest Sales Corporation, a company he founded in 1968. He served on the Augusta/Richmond County Commission for seven years from 2003 until 2010. He also served on Georgia Port Authority from 1972 until 1984, serving as chairman in 1974 and 1980. His extensive community and civic activities include the Augusta State University Board of Trustees from 1982 – 1986, Augusta Museum Board of Directors from 1993 – 1996 and the Boy Scouts of America Advisory Board of Augusta for over 35 years.



Don Grantham has been elected to represent the 10th Congressional District on the State Transportation Board

A graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration , Grantham will serve the remaining three years of Mr. Kuhlke's term which expires in April 2014. He will begin serving immediately.

Grantham is a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. He and his wife Carol have two children and four grandchildren.

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 (www.dot.ga.gov).

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