



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### **State Transportation Board Visits Cordele for May Meeting** *Inland Port Progress Highlighted and Bond Sale Approved*

Cordele, GA – The State Transportation Board had its first out-of-town meeting this year in Cordele on May 17-18. Board members had an opportunity to tour the area and meet with numerous community leaders and local government officials. A number of presentations were given and items reviewed during the meeting, including a comprehensive report on the status of the Cordele Intermodal Center, Georgia's first inland port.

Congressional District 2 Board member Johnny Floyd said, "We see this inland port creating a new logistics hub for the entire state. It will contribute to the growth and efficiency of the Georgia Ports Authority and it will create a new economic engine for this region."

Additional reports focused on Motor Fuel collections which are up over last year's figures, the signing of all legislative bills related to GDOT by Governor Deal, the awarding of more than 580 projects valued at \$510 million this fiscal year and the approval of a bond sale worth \$4.5 million for rail projects. The Board was also given information on the Department's support of the Department of Economic Development's work to expand the Georgia presence of Porsche North America at the former Ford factory in Hapeville.

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 6<sup>th</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 website ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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