

## Transforming Transportation Investment Act

### Bill Summary

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The Transforming Transportation Investment Act seeks to accomplish four main structural changes regarding transportation:

#### **1. Provide for appropriation of State Motor Fuel Funds by the General Assembly**

- State motor fuel funds remain dedicated to roads and bridges but expenditures of these tax dollars will no longer be directed by GDOT
- Motor fuel funds, federal funds, and other transportation appropriations are deposited in the State Public Transportation Fund and appropriated by the General Assembly
- State Transportation Authority will expend funds pursuant to program formula and appropriation levels set by the General Assembly.

#### **2. Merge SRTA and GRTA to form the State Transportation Authority**

- The State Transportation Authority retains many powers of SRTA and GRTA as well as assumes certain planning and approval powers of GDOT
- Appointments to the State Transportation Authority are statewide: 5 appointees from the Governor; 3 from the Lieutenant Governor (ratified by the Senate); and 3 from the Speaker of the House (ratified by the House of Representatives).
- The chief executive officer of the State Transportation Authority will be the Secretary of Transportation and will be appointed by the Governor

#### **3. Establish the State Transportation Authority as the single state entity charged with transportation oversight**

- The State Transportation Authority performs Georgia's transportation planning and submits budget requests to the Governor for appropriations by the General Assembly
- Plans are executed by GDOT or other entities if necessary to ensure project completion on-time and within budget
- GDOT actions require State Transportation Authority approval to ensure compliance with plans

#### **4. Reorganize GDOT**

- GDOT retains significant operational role in transportation, subject to new and different oversight and direction
- Bolster Commissioner's authority to execute GDOT's core operational mission to operate and maintain the state highway system
- State Transportation Board remains intact and continues to select the Commissioner

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Part I – focuses on GDOT and State Transportation Board (STB) changes in Title 32

Part II – repeals SRTA

Part III – establishes the State Transportation Agency and Authority

Part IV – includes miscellaneous clean-up provisions regarding the STB and the State Transportation Authority in areas other than Title 32

Part V – repeals GRTA

Part VI – establishes an effective date of July 1, 2009