



STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Legislative Update



April 19, 2017



As Passed Legislation



HB 134—Local/Regional TSPLOST Update

- Gives local governments greater flexibility in administering single county TSPLOST
 - ✓ Counties can levy more than one single TSPLOST as long as the combined rate does not exceed 1 percent
- Clarifies Regional TSPLOST and Single County TSPLOST cannot be on the same ballot
- Includes language authorizing municipalities to bond TSPLOST projects through issuance of general obligation bonds in combination with the TSPLOST

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HB 328—GDOT Operational Update

- Updates restrictions on car-hauler overhang and weight exemptions for anti-idling technology per the Federal FAST Act.
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HB 413 Petroleum Pipeline Permitting & Eminent Domain

- Maintains two step process with GDOT and EPD
- Maintains GDOT approved certificate of public convenience for use of eminent domain
- Applicants must submit to Commissioner the following:
 - Description of project
 - Description of public need
 - Width of pipeline corridor
 - Demonstration that eminent domain would be used
 - Demonstration that need justifies use of eminent domain
 - Any other information that GDOT may require by rules and regulations



As Passed Legislation

HB 413 Petroleum Pipeline Permitting & Eminent Domain (continued)

- Baseline considerations of GDOT Commissioner
 - Adequacy of current pipeline infrastructure to meet “reasonable public needs”
 - Current infrastructure’s ability to meet future needs
 - Ability of pipeline applicant to maintain service
 - Adequacy of supply of petroleum to serve public
 - Economic feasibility of proposal
 - Effect of proposal on existing public service
 - List is not exhaustive and does not preclude additional considerations.



As Passed Legislation

HB 413 Petroleum Pipeline Permitting & Eminent Domain (continued)

- No later than July 1, 2018, GDOT shall promulgate rules and regulations related to
 - Application submission and review process, not to exceed 120 days.
 - Nonrefundable application fee sufficient to defray costs
 - Reasonable public notice requirements
 - Public meeting requirements prior to any approval or denial

As Passed Legislation

HB 472—Semi-autonomous Truck Platooning

- Exempts coordinated platoons of semi-automated vehicles from current following distance restrictions.



As Passed Legislation

SB 219—Autonomous Vehicle Authorization

- Provides critical definitions for autonomous vehicles, operators, and related aspects of autonomous operation.
- Exempts autonomous vehicle operators from licensing requirements
- Allows fully autonomous vehicles to operate on public roadways without a human driver





House Road Dedication Omnibus

HR 25

Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio Memorial Intersection; Camden County; dedicate

By Representatives Spencer (180th), Jones (167th), Corbett (174th)

- Consolidates the following 20 road dedications:

HR 148: Emmett R. "Whitey" Lollis Memorial Bridge

HR 171: Officer Henry Tilman Davis Memorial Intersection

HR 228: Deputy Kyle W, Dinkheller Memorial Interchange

HR 255: Henry Grady Layson, Sr., Memorial Highway

HR 286: Otis Redding Memorial Bridge

HR 287: Veterans Memorial Parkway

HR 337: Corporal Rick Hall Memorial Bridge

HR 387: Sergeant Luke J. Mercardante Memorial Bridge

HR 659: Bernard F. Miles Memorial Highway

SR 134: Officer Kevin Jordan Memorial Highway

SR 274: Ben Barron Ross Memorial Highway

SR 276: Brown-Mauldin Bridge

SR 313: PFC Roland E. Rush Memorial Intersection

SR 314: Cooley-Conlon Highway

SR 331: CPL Dennis "Denny" R. Wallin, USMC Memorial Highway

SR 355: Claude Edgar and Bertha Catlin Johnson Drive

SR 383: John Smoltz Highway

SR 390: Charles Kastner Memorial Highway

SR 426: Jeff Foxworthy Highway

SR 450: Deputy John Hall Rowe, Jr., Memorial Highway



Senate Road Dedication Omnibus

SR 204

Kyle Gilbert Memorial Highway; Gwinnett County; dedicate

By Senators Miller (49th), Unterman (45th), Martin (9th), Wilkinson (50th), Jones (25th), Gooch (51st)

- Consolidates the following 18 road dedications:

SR 240: Berrong Bridge

SR 243: Tyler Perry Highway

SR 298: Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson Highway

SR 299: Julian Bond Memorial Highway

HR 236: Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb Parkway

HR 237: Deputy Cruz Thomas Memorial Highway

HR 463: Annie Mae Maddox Memorial Intersection

HR 465: Lynn Taylor Crossing

HR 466: Annie Lou Glover Boulevard

HR 467: E. A. Welch, Jr., Memorial Bridge

HR 485: Frank "Poppa D." Delaney, Jr., Parkway

HR 512: Traditions Highway

HR 526: Gordy Memorial Highway

HR 609: William A. Kelly Memorial Bridge

HR 628: Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., Major, U.S. Army Memorial Intersection

HR 635: Georgia Grown Trail

HR 659: Bernard F. Miles Memorial Highway

HR 685: James "Jim" V. Ham Memorial Highway



Transit Governance & Funding

Neither proposal for a joint study committee (SR 6 nor HB 150) was sent to the Governor. HR 848 passed.

HR 848

House Commission on Transit Governance and Funding; create

- Creates a House Commission on Transit with the goal of studying and assessing the needs for and means of providing a system of mass transportation
- Composed of 14 House members appointed by the Speaker, GDOT Commissioner (ex officio), GRTA Executive Director (ex officio), MARTA CEO (ex officio), and all MPO directors.
- Report of findings if applicable
- Abolishes December 31, 2018 but may continue until 2019 with permission of the Speaker



Study Committees

- HR282—House Study Committee on Distracted Driving
 - 10 House Members appointed by the Speaker
 - Powers and duties: undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to distracted driving.
- SR152—Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia
 - 5 Senate Members appointed by the President of the Senate
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 - EPD Director
 - 3 resource professionals appointed by the President of the Senate
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 - Powers and duties: undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to the proper balance between water protection and private property rights in stream buffer requirements.