



STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

State and Federal Legislative Update



February 15, 2017



Session Calendar

January 2017						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			House Approps Sub-Committee Meeting			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<u>Legislative Day #1</u>	<u>Legislative Day #2</u> Eggs & Issues	<u>Legislative Day #3</u> State of the State AFY17/FY18 Budgets Sec. Chao Hearing	<u>Legislative Day #4</u>		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	House Approps Sub-Committee Meeting	Joint Approps Committee Meeting		45th Presidential Inauguration	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<u>Legislative Day #5</u>	<u>Legislative Day #6</u>	<u>Legislative Day #7</u> 1 st & 3 rd GDOT Board District Elections	<u>Legislative Day #8</u> House passed AFY17 Budget		
29	30	31				
	<u>Legislative Day #9</u>	<u>Legislative Day #10</u> Senate Transportation				



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February 2017

			1	2	3	4
			<u>Legislative Day #11</u>	<u>Legislative Day #12</u> House Transportation		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		<u>Legislative Day #13</u>	<u>Legislative Day #14</u>	<u>Legislative Day #15</u> Senate passed AFY17 Budget by Sub	<u>Legislative Day #16</u> HB 328 introduced	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<u>Legislative Day #17</u> House/Senate Amend/Agree AFY17 Budget	<u>Legislative Day #18</u>	<u>Legislative Day #19</u>	<u>Legislative Day #20</u>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<u>Legislative Day #21</u>	<u>Legislative Day #22</u>	<u>Legislative Day #23</u>	<u>Legislative Day #24</u>	
26	27	28				
	<u>Legislative Day #25</u>	<u>Legislative Day #26</u>				



Session Calendar

March 2017						
			1	2	3	4
			<u>Legislative Day #27</u>		<u>Legislative Day #28</u> <u>CROSS-OVER DAY</u>	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<u>Legislative Day #29</u>			<u>Legislative Day #30</u>	<u>Legislative Day #31</u>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<u>Legislative Day #32</u>	<u>Legislative Day #33</u>	<u>Legislative Day #34</u>	<u>Legislative Day #35</u>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<u>Legislative Day #36</u>		<u>Legislative Day #37</u>		<u>Legislative Day #38</u>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		<u>Legislative Day #39</u>		<u>Legislative Day #40</u> <u>SINE DIE</u>		



H.B. 328

Transportation Operations Reconciliation Bill

- **Section 1—FAST Act Authorization for Vehicle Hauler Overhang Allowance**
 - Increase from 4 feet to 6 feet

- **Section 2—FAST Act Restrictions on Weight Tolerance for Anti-Idling Technology**
 - Increase from 400 pounds to 550 pounds

- **Section 3—Autoflex Lanes Hour of Use and Deployment**
 - Eliminate 8-hour daily use restriction
 - Remove location cap of 80 sites

- **Section 4—Update to Traffic Definitions for Flashing Circular vs. Arrow Signals**

- **Section 5—Update to Traffic Behavior Code**
 - Replace “inoperative” with “unactivated dark mode”



Transit Legislation

	House Proposal—H.B. 160	Senate Proposal—S.B. 6
Status	Passed House Transportation Committee	Passed Senate Transportation Committee
Name	Georgia Commission on Transit Governance and Funding	Georgia Regional Transit Council
Membership	<p>3 4 Appointees by the Governor</p> <p>4 5 Senate Appointees (Including Transpo. Chair)</p> <p>4 5 House Appointees (Including Transpo. Chair)</p> <p>GDOT Commissioner (ex officio)</p> <p>GRTA Exec. Director (ex officio)</p> <p>MARTA CEO (ex officio)</p> <p>MPO Directors (ex officio/non-voting)</p>	<p>3 Senate Appointees</p> <p>3 House Appointees</p> <p>GDOT Commissioner</p> <p>SRTA Exec. Director</p> <p>MARTA CEO</p> <p>County Board Chairs for Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, & Paulding</p> <p>MPO Representatives from Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Savannah</p> <p><u>GA Transit Association</u></p>
Chairs	House & Senate Transportation Committee Chairmen	Co-Chairs designated by Lt. Governor and Speaker



Transit Legislation

	House Proposal—H.B. 160	Senate Proposal—S.B. 6
Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Investigative and advisory only. (b) Study and assess needs for system of mass transportation (c) Study federal programs (d) Provide report on a system of regional, integrated, and comprehensive mass transportation including regional governance and funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Vision & Mission Document (2) Long-term capital investment plan (3) Assessment of current transit planning process (4) Develop a Strategic Plan (5) Performance Target Report of transit operators (6) United Branding and Marketing Strategy for transit operators
Report Due Date	December 31, 2017	Vision & Mission Document—Dec. 31, 2018 Strategic and Performance Plans—December 31, 2018 (with extension possible to December 31, 2019)
First Meeting	n/a	30 days after effective date
Organization	Assigned administratively to GDOT	Assigned administratively to GDOT
Other		Implies the procurement of professional services to assist the Council. Establishes credential criteria for consultants.



Transportation Legislation

- **H.B. 134**—allows County TSPLOST to fund state route projects; allows multiple TSPLOSTs in single county if totaling 1% or less; clarifies ballot process.
- **Tax Exemption Legislation**
 - **H.B. 145**—exempts jet fuel from the excise tax for that portion of jet fuel which is presumed to be consumed outside of the State of Georgia(55%).
 - **H.B. 201**—exempt transit buses, university transportation, and school buses from the motor fuel excise tax.
 - **S.B. 58**—eliminates \$5 per night hotel/motel fee for transportation.
- **H.B. 68**—requires pull-off shoulders the entire length of any roadway widening project; on both sides of a widening project with 3 or more lanes of travel.
- **S.B. 89**—creates a Georgia Freight Railroad Program within GDOT subject to appropriations with focus on enhancement, preservation, and industrial access.
- **H.B. 248**—Autonomous Vehicle Framework Legislation (Early Michigan Model)

Secretary Elaine Chao



Confirmed on January 31st by a vote of 93 to 6.



Questions