

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

March 18, 2015

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE



2015 Session Calendar

January 2015

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<u>Legislative Day #1</u> Inauguration Day	<u>Legislative Day #2</u>	<u>Legislative Day #3</u> State of the State STB Legislative Committee Meeting	<u>Legislative Day #4</u> STB Meeting	Governor released AFY15 and FY16 Budget Reports.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Joint Appropriations Hearing on AFY15 and FY16 Budget				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<u>Legislative Day #5</u>	<u>Legislative Day #6</u> HB106 "GDOT Housekeeping" Bill introduced	<u>Legislative Day #7</u>	<u>Legislative Day #8</u> HB170 "Trans. Funding Bill" introduced		

2015 Session Calendar

February 2015

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<u>Legislative Day #9</u> Senate Transportation Committee Meeting	<u>Legislative Day #10</u>	<u>Legislative Day #11</u> Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee AFY15	House Transportation SubCommittee Meeting HB170		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<u>Legislative Day #12</u> Senate Appropriations Committee AFY15 House Transportation SubCommittee HB170	<u>Legislative Day #13</u>	<u>Legislative Day #14</u> AFY15 budget passed by Senate	<u>Legislative Day #15</u> House Appropriations Subcommittee FY16 House Transportation Committee HB170		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<u>Legislative Day #16</u>	<u>Legislative Day #17</u> Board Elections CD# 7,8,&6 HB170 passed Committee	<u>Legislative Day #18</u> Final AFY15 Budget Passed & Enacted	<u>Legislative Day #19</u>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<u>Legislative Day #20</u> SB125 (SRTA) passed Senate Trans Committee	<u>Legislative Day #21</u>	<u>Legislative Day #22</u>	<u>Legislative Day #23</u> House passed FY16 Budget		

2015 Session Calendar

March/April 2015

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<u>Legislative Day #24</u> House & Senate Transportation Committee Meetings	<u>Legislative Day #25</u>	<u>Legislative Day #26</u> Senate Transportation Committee Meeting	<u>Legislative Day #27</u>		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<u>Legislative Day #28</u> FY16 Senate Bond Presentation		<u>Legislative Day #29</u>	Senate Transportation Committee (HB 170)	<u>Legislative Day #30</u> CROSS-OVER DAY	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Senate Transportation Committee Meeting	<u>Legislative Day #31</u> Senate Appropriations FY16 Budget Senate Transportation Committee Meeting	<u>Legislative Day #32</u> House Transportation Committee Meeting	<u>Legislative Day #33</u>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<u>Legislative Day #34</u>	<u>Legislative Day #35</u>	<u>Legislative Day #36</u>	<u>Legislative Day #37</u>	<u>Legislative Day #38</u>	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		<u>Legislative Day #39</u>		<u>Legislative Day #40</u> SINE DIE		

HB170 Update (Senate Substitute)

- **New Item:** Requires GDOT to submit annually a 10-year project-specific, strategic plan to the House and Senate Transportation Committee for approval.
- **New Item:** Declares the intention of the General Assembly to make available—subject to appropriations—\$250M annually for purposes of offsetting debt service
- **Retains** the \$200 passenger vehicle/\$300 commercial vehicle fee AND elimination of tax credit for low/zero emission vehicles.
- **New Item:** Institutes an annual vehicle registration fee as follows: (1) \$25.00 for vehicles up to 4,500 pounds; (2) \$50 for truck tractors; (3) \$10 for motorcycles; and (4) \$50 for buses.
- **New Item:** Creates a new state tax credit for motor trucker carriers for local diesel taxes paid which are not credited under the International Fuel Tax Agreement.

HB170 Update (Senate Substitute)

- **Retains:** The elimination of the state sales tax exemption for qualified jet fuel. Revenue from this tax shall be used for a state aviation program or airport related purposes.
- **New Item:** Eliminates the state sales tax holiday.
- **Changed Item:** All local taxes on gasoline and diesel are preserved BUT capped at 1% of \$3.39.
- **Changed Item:** Reduces the 29.2¢/gallon for gasoline to 24¢/gallon AND reduces 33¢/gallon for diesel to 24¢/gallon.
- **Changed Item:** The index of the state excise will only be based upon the consumer price index.
- **New Item:** Institutes a \$5 per day rental fee for each calendar day such vehicle is rented.
- **Retains** the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank provisions allowing for preference of Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.

Transportation Related Legislation

Crossed-Over

- HB 170—Transportation Funding Act
 - Potential reduction to excise tax, introduction of fees.
- HB 106—GDOT Housekeeping Bill
 - Non-compliance penalties for electronic reporting removed.
- SB 125—SRTA Tolling/Managed Lane Bill
 - Managed Lane definitions and “acquired” roads removed from bill.
- SB 169—Gooch Companion to HB 106 (billboard relocation)
 - Reporting timeline changes preserved but electronic submission maintained as optional. Non-compliance penalties removed.
 - Billboard height restrictions added, zoning restrictions emphasized.
- SB 4—Beltline Transportation
- SB 76—Motorcycle/Signal Waiting
- HB 477—HOA notification of abandoned road/ROW

Transportation Related Legislation

NOT Crossed-Over

- HB 411—Timber Truck Weight Increase
 - Summer House Study Committee likely.
- HB 60—Setzler Transportation Funding Bill
- HB 83—School Bus Motor Fuel Exemption 3-year Extension
- HB 127—Local maintenance of vegetation
- HB 149—GDOT/DPS Transfer of Weigh Stations & Permits
- SB 90—Private Railroad Crossings