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Russell McMurry, P.E.
Commissioner
Georgia Department of Transportation
One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Dear Commissioner McMurry:

Arizona had been a state for just four years when the Georgia Highway Department was created in 1916. Our region was part of New Spain when Georgia was shaping what would become the United States of America as a member of the Thirteen Colonies. It is with that respectful nod to history that the Arizona Department of Transportation sends congratulations to the Georgia Department of Transportation on your 100th anniversary.

There is a sense of pride that comes from looking back on past accomplishments. Georgia has forged ahead as the transportation hub of the Southeast, developing the nation's 10th largest transportation system and fastest-growing port, and the world's busiest airport by passenger volume.

That same spirit is leading your state into the future. ADOT supports GDOT's efforts to advance transportation in the 21st century with innovations such as public-private partnerships, Intelligent Transportation Systems, infrastructure asset sponsorship, and traffic engineering safety improvements such as diverging diamond interchanges and roundabouts.

These innovations define today's exciting times in the transportation industry. More than ever before, transportation users are relying on state DOTs to drive the improvements necessary for safe and efficient mobility. Working together, states can craft a world-class transportation system in the U.S. To that end, ADOT wishes your organization continued success over the next 100 years.

Sincerely,

John S. Halikowski ADOT Director