THE CONSULTANT AS AN EXTENSION OF GDOT STAFF

❖ Conceptual change in relationship of consultant to GDOT staff
  ➢ Inevitable change with increasing GDOT work program and declining staff
  ➢ Much closer working relationship to more GDOT personnel than before
  ➢ Closer to a true “partnering” relationship
  ➢ Role of consultant has to evolve into a more proactive position
  ➢ GQI joint committees and joint training are evidence that this evolution has already begun

❖ Consultant shares ownership of project with GDOT
  ➢ Consultant must know PDP as well as GDOT staff and proactively take action
  ➢ Consultant must know project background and issues as well as GDOT staff
  ➢ Consultant shares credit for successes, blame for failure

❖ Procedural changes
  ➢ Consultant works directly with GDOT personnel outside of GDOT PM
  ➢ Consultant works directly with other agencies, local governments, etc.
  ➢ Consultant works directly with general public, property owners, other stakeholders
  ➢ Consultant to perform many tasks now down by GDOT – from mundane to high-level

❖ Develop workable policies/guidelines
  ➢ Key decisions will still be made or reviewed by GDOT
  ➢ What authority will consultant have in representing GDOT?
  ➢ Who will write/sign correspondence?
  ➢ GDOT must maintain some level of control

❖ What form will a deliverable policy/guideline take?
  ➢ General expectations?
  ➢ Contract exhibit?
  ➢ Referenced in contract?
  ➢ Refer to manual of Quality Standards dated November 1, 2001 for further information