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MilePosts: Measuring Performance
Georgia's First Accelerated Bridge Construction
Customer Service at GDOT

Georgia Department of Transportation
MILEPOSTS
FY 2018 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

— FIRST QUARTER —

SETTING GOALS

Goals are crucial to the success of organizations like the Georgia Department of Transportation. At Georgia DOT, we align and measure our performance with our goals and objectives. Each goal relates to and supports the state's strategic priorities.

DATA DRIVES PERFORMANCE

Performance management enables us to accomplish our mission of providing a safe and well-maintained transportation system for the people of Georgia. Harnessing and measuring data enables Georgia DOT to make decisions, adjustments and improvements that lead to fulfilling this mission.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Georgia DOT's many performance measures - known as MilePosts - help us understand how we are doing and where we need to improve. They cover hundreds of key measures from average highway speeds to pavement conditions, the state of our bridges to average Highway Emergency Response Operator (HERO) response time, the number of fatalities on our roads to percentage of projects completed on time and on budget.

MISSION AND GOALS

Georgia DOT's mission is to deliver a transportation system focused on innovation, safety, sustainability and mobility. This mission translates into five strategic goals relating to: safety, system preservation, project delivery, mobility and employees.

FIVE STRATEGIC GOALS

- Invest in safety for Georgians and Georgia DOT employees
- Efficiently take care of what we have
- Deliver projects on time and on budget
- Invest to improve reliability, congestion and connectivity
- Recruit, train and retain a quality workforce

Each quarter, we will share a few of these MilePosts to demonstrate how we’re measuring up.
System preservation: Efficiently take care of current transportation facilities.
Tracks roadway pavement and bridge conditions.

Comprehensive pavement condition: Tracks pavement conditions on routes surveyed and is based on route prioritization. Scores are on a 0-100 scale, with 100 being the best.

Scores: GOOD 85-100, FAIR 70-85, POOR less than 70

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Bridge Condition: Tracks bridge conditions based on strength and deck condition. The Federal Highway Administration requires states to ensure that no more than 10 percent of National Highway System bridges are structurally deficient and will penalize states if in violation for three consecutive years. No bridge that is rated fair or good is structurally deficient.

Invest to improve reliability, congestion and connectivity. Tracks average speeds across the most congested freeways in the metro Atlanta region.

FY 2018 Performance Measures

Toward achieving results

- Georgia Express Lanes (GEL) provide a mobility choice for drivers to pay a toll to bypass congestion and offer a clear path for transit operators. GEL relies on variable-price tolling to maintain free-flowing travel. The result is more reliable and predictable trip times—even during peak travel periods.
- Incident management that facilitates efficient, safe and fast roadway clearance reduces the impact of crashes on motorists. In metro Atlanta, a primary mission of the HERO program is to clear disabled vehicles from the roadway to restore normal traffic flow.
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- The project close-out procedure has been updated to allow for corrective work to be completed within the contract time.
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We at GDOT are assigned the huge responsibility of delivering a transportation system focused on innovation, safety, sustainability and mobility. In short, we are accountable to Georgia. We are entrusted with public resources, making us accountable not only for what we do and the results we achieve, but also for sharing those results.

This issue of Milepost launches a new feature, aptly called MilePosts. These are performance measures that demonstrate how the outcomes of our work measure up to our goals in areas like safety, maintenance, mobility, stewardship, system performance and workforce. We highlight where we’re meeting or exceeding our goals. Where we fall short, we note efforts to change course toward better outcomes. Our focus is always toward success.

Please review our results in the Mileposts insert.

The cover photo for this issue showcases one aspect of the emergency rebuild of the I-85 bridge, which opened just six weeks after it collapsed due to a fire. The Department, its partners and contractors worked around the clock to rebuild and reopen this heavily-traveled corridor near downtown Atlanta. The project is but one example of our employees’ commitment and dedication to get and keep our roadways open.

You will also read about our numerous accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2017, which ended June 30. It is terrific to see all of the achievements over the year. We celebrated the groundbreaking of the initial phases of the I-16/I-75 interchange improvement project in Macon; successfully dealt with several natural disasters; revamped our customer service program; opened a Business Help Center for small and disadvantaged businesses; and marked the fifth anniversary of the TIA program in three Georgia regions. Innovative firsts for us include replacing a bridge in northwest Georgia over live traffic using accelerated bridge construction and opening a displaced left-turn intersection on SR-400 near Dawsonville.

It often seems like we continuously address weather-related issues and this past year was no exception. Safety is always on our minds and the tremendous work by our staff to provide for the safety of the public is amazing. Long before Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irma reached Georgia, its effects on transportation in the state had already been felt, due in great part to evacuators from Florida who fled north. Some areas of the state saw traffic volumes increase by as much as 600 percent. Our crews were ready and mobilized for the event; after the storm they contended with debris removal, dark signals requiring repair and inspections of bridges, as well as excessive traffic volumes due to motorists returning home. It was great to see HEROs on I-75 in Valdosta after they were deployed from metro Atlanta to assist! I am indeed thankful for and gratified by the rapid response of our employees who got Georgia moving again.

Remember to keep safety on your mind and Drive Alert and Arrive Alive. Wear your seatbelt, stay off the phone and drive alert.

Please enjoy this edition of Milepost!
New Leadership for FY 2018

The State Transportation Board elected its new executive leadership team at the August meeting. Jamie Boswell was named chairman; Ann R. Purcell was named vice chairman; and Tim Golden was named secretary. The new positions were effective immediately. Board leadership elections are held annually to ensure that all regions of the state are represented at the executive level.

Chairman Jamie Boswell of Athens represents the 10th Congressional District and has served on the board since 2013. Most recently as vice chairman. The business and civic leader is a graduate of the University of Georgia and president and owner of a group of insurance, real estate and appraisal companies. As chair, Boswell serves as ex officio member of all committees.

Boswell replaced Robert L. Brown, Jr. of Decatur, a 12-year board member who represents Georgia’s 4th Congressional District. Brown is credited with leading the board and the agency through a challenging year that included multiple extreme weather events and the rebuilding and repositioning of the I-85 bridges. Brown is president and CEO of an architectural and engineering firm.

Boswell began his career in real estate in the 1970s and hasn’t looked back. I actually got my real estate license the same exact day GDOT turned 50 years old – August 16, 1966. I found myself, but I have seen both Elvis Presley and Liberace in person and they are my favorite performers. In college I listened to rock and roll, but now I enjoy Adele, Garth Brooks and a lot of country music. My favorite movies are old, especially Gone With the Wind, The Godfather, Shawshank Redemption and westerns. My favorite book is The Old Man and the Sea, and lately I’m enjoying Bill O’Reilly’s killing series – Killing Lincoln and Killing Patton.

The board approved a joint resolution with the State Transportation Board Secretary Tim Golden of Valdosta, who represents the 11th Congressional District in Northwest Georgia.

GDOT/SRTA joint resolution moves MMIP project ahead

The board approved a joint resolution with the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) in June to contract for the I-85 Widening Design-Build (DB) Project from I-985 to SR 211 and from SR 211 to US 129 in Gwinnett, Barrow and Jackson counties. The widening creates a total of 33 additional lane miles with an expected reduction in delays upwards of 56 percent. The innovative DB process offers accelerated construction, earlier open to traffic and more price certainty than traditional contracts. The project is one of 11 Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) projects planned to be in construction or open within 10 years.

Subsequently Georgia DOT selected the team of C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. and Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering, PLLC as the apparent best proposer contractor. Official confirmation of the award was pending at press time. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2018 with a projected completion by fall 2020.

State Transportation Board Chairman

Beyond the Boardroom with Jamie Boswell

By Brittany Wagner

It was tough at times. We lived off a dirt road that went by my grandfather’s farm – we moved there right after WWII. Growing up on the farm was great – although the work was hard and never ending. Since bicycles didn’t work well on a dirt road, we rode horses instead and went hunting and fishing when we could. That’s where many of my favorite memories are growing up. I also enjoyed playing sports in high school.

Property’s his game. Boswell began his career in real estate in the 60s and hasn’t looked back. I actually got my real estate license on the same exact day GDOT turned 50 years old – August 16, 1966. I found my passion in commercial real estate. Residential didn’t fit well with me. I’m a numbers person, not an emotional person. So when we talk about whether a property works financially – I’m much better at that. When I opened my business in 1995, the timing was perfect. There was very little commercial development in Oconee County, but it was growing and I was fortunate to sell sites to Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart within a three-year span.

Innovation. I’m not sure I can put into words what the future of transportation is. As fast as technology is progressing, what we are thinking today will be something different tomorrow. I think you’re going to see some innovative engineering and planning to move traffic around the country. Whether it’s tunnels or double-deck roads – I’m not good enough, wise enough to envision what’s going to happen in the future. But I can’t wait to see it.

The King and The Godfather. And everything in between. Whether he’s listening to music, watching a cinematic masterpiece or delving into a novel, Boswell is a man of many tastes. I’m dating myself, but I have seen both Elvis Presley and Liberace in person and they are my favorite performers. In college I listened to rock and roll, but now I enjoy Adele, Garth Brooks and a lot of country music. My favorite movies are old, especially Gone With the Wind, The Godfather, Shawshank Redemption and westerns. My favorite book is The Old Man and the Sea, and lately I’m enjoying Bill O’Reilly’s killing series – Killing Lincoln and Killing Patton.

Outside the box, Boswell ran for an open seat on the State Transportation Board after working with GDOT to receive approval for a real estate project. I am interested in trying to help solve problems and by thinking outside the box we can get things accomplished. My experience with the Department made me think that serving the people of CD 10 would be something I would enjoy and I could also be helpful to the state of Georgia. I’m glad I did it; it’s something that’s very rewarding.

Wise words. The Board represents the interests of the people of Georgia. Our goal is to make travel throughout the state as safe and efficient as possible. From Commissioner Russell McMurry on down, the individuals in the Department are focused on being the best in the country at their jobs and I believe they are.

Family ties. Boswell knows he’s a fortunate man. Tater—my wife of 32 years—has supported me through the good years and the bad – and believe me there have been tough times. We have a son, Jay, and a daughter, Beth, a daughter-in-law, Doree, and two beautiful grandchildren, Taylor and Liza. I thank God every day for his blessing and this family.
Recognitions & Distinctions
Two Georgia DOT projects received honors in the 2017 American Public Works Association/Georgia (APWA-GA) Chapter competition. Fall Line Freeway won in the $50 million to $100 million category and SR 47 at Little River Bridge Replacement won in the $5 million to $25 million category.

I-75 South Metro Reversible Express Lanes was a Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) winner in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) 2017 America's Transportation Awards. Georgia's first reversible dynamically-tolled lanes project won in the Best Use of Technology & Innovation/ large project category.

Turning research into development was key in the Office of Research receiving their fifth Sweet Sixteen AASHO award in seven years. The award, in the Strategic Planning and Advanced Operations category, is for developing automated data collection methods to inventory over 22,000 signs, including condition and classification, and to evaluate 1,500 miles of pavement condition. The methods are consistent, reliable, and cost-effective, and enhance worker safety by eliminating exposure to roadway hazards.

The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) Project Delivery Team was named 2017 Project Delivery Team of the Year by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in recognition of their commitment to deliver navigational and environmental mitigation while preserving the sensitive Savannah Harbor ecosystem. Georgia DOT’s Trey Daniel and C.R. Jackson represent GDOT on the team.

The Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force recognized GDOT divisions for excellent traffic incident management and commitment to safety by first responders during and after the collapse of I-85, and for other incidents during that time frame. Accepting on behalf of their divisions were: Requell Williams, Transportation Management Center (TMC); Andre Todd, Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO); and Andrew Heath, Traffic Operations.

The men and women of Georgia DOT shared the Georgia Association of Broadcasters (GAB) 2017 Georgian of the Year honors with Commissioner Russell McMurry. The Gabby Award pays tribute for projects underway to make Georgia roads better and safer, for the rebuid of the I-85 bridges in record time, and for GDOT’s efforts to work with the broadcast media to keep the public informed.

The Office of Human Resources received the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) 2017 Commissioner’s Award in recognition of outstanding performance in policy, performance management, classification management, and overall model performance in HR practices.

Transit Program Manager Jamie Cochran was elected to a three-year term on AASHTO’s Multi-State Technical Assistance Program Steering Committee.

State Facilities Manager Jim Clute began his one-year term as president of the Georgia Association of State Facilities Administrators, where he serves as chairman of the board of directors. The GASA provides state facilities managers and members of the construction and engineering industries a voice about laws and regulations that impact them.

Georgia DOT’s WebEOC application, coupled with the SouthernLINC Wireless iDEN radio system, won second place in the Information Communications Technology category in the 2017 State IT Recognition Awards sponsored by the National Association of State CIOs (NASCIO). The application provides real-time traffic information for fast response to emergencies, accidents and extreme weather, and enhances communications by enabling districts and state agencies to communicate during emergency response.

The Office of Strategic Communications received first place honors in AASHTO’s 2017 TransComm communications skills competition. The centennial issue of Milepost (Summer/Fall 2016) won in newsletters and “Opening the I-75 South Metro Express Lanes” won in transportation events. To see all winners visit https://communications.transportation.org/2017-transcomm-skills-contest-winners/.

For more information about these and other honors visit www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/Awards.

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)
Georgia cream of crop in CNBC's 2017 America's Top States.

- #4 best state for infrastructure. CNBC said: “Atlanta gets a lot of grief for the number of streets with ‘Peachtree’ in the name (the most often-cited count is 71), but that’s just a minor quirk in a state with an otherwise superb infrastructure. Georgia’s roads are among the best in the nation, though the state loses some points for the traffic. Bridges are in excellent shape. And the infrastructure for vehicles is just the start. Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is the nation’s busiest. And Georgia’s ports account for 369,000 jobs and more than $58 billion in annual revenue.”


- #2 best state for business. CNBC said “The Peach State is the cream of the crop almost any way you slice it…”


Have you seen GDOT's sleek new website? GDOT’s updated website has easier navigation, increased visibility and more obvious access to the Department’s core business. Among the changes, the Travel Smart navigation menu has been replaced:

- TRAVELERS replaces DRIVE SMART
- BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT replace PARTNER SMART
- PROGRAMS replace INVEST SMART
- ABOUT GDOT remains the same

Experience the difference at www.dot.ga.gov.
Highly anticipated project breaks ground in Macon

By Kimberly Larson

On June 16 state legislators and local officials joined Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell McMurry at the official groundbreaking ceremony for the highly anticipated I-16/I-75 Interchange improvement project, which will make significant improvements to approximately 2.5 miles of I-75 from Hardeman Avenue to Pierce Avenue and almost 3 miles of I-16 from I-75 to Walnut Creek.

This area is a major freight corridor from the Port of Savannah to metro Atlanta, serves as Macon’s gateway and is part of the daily commute of many local residents. GDOT spent many years building relationships with local leaders and community groups. As a result, a mitigation plan was developed to ensure that the history and cultural integrity of the community were maintained.

As a result, the project will provide operational improvements, reduce congestion, improve safety, provide better access to and from the downtown Macon area, and improve sight distances. The project—designed with a collector-distributor road system to separate through traffic from local traffic—is also expected to substantially reduce the crash rate in the area.

Due to the scope of the work and to minimize the construction impacts to the traveling public, the project will be built in seven phases. The Department has already awarded the contracts for the first four phases (1, 1B, 2 & 3) with a total investment of $268.8 million. The first phase completion is anticipated in summer 2018, with the other three to follow in 2021.

Improvements to the I-16/I-75 interchange will reduce congestion, improve travel time and enhance safety for all, and provide better access and efficiency for commercial vehicles traveling from the Port of Savannah and for local and regional deliveries.

Over live traffic.

“The key to the bridge replacement was keeping Interstate 24 open, as that part of the interstate handles 65,000 vehicles per day, and one fourth of those are big rigs full of freight headed across the southeast,” said Andrew Hoenig, GDOT project manager. “We closed SR 299 and moved the eastbound side first, and then we moved the westbound side. I believe this is the first time in the country where two moves over live traffic were done in one weekend.”

“Minimizing traffic disruptions is a priority when planning bridge-related construction projects. Georgia DOT’s first full ABC project was a huge success. We learned a lot and look forward to applying ABC best practices to future projects,” said GDOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E. “Innovations like accelerated bridge construction set the tone for future read and road bridge construction in Georgia. This technology is changing the way we do business.”

Why ABC?

■ Shortened timetable significantly reduces traffic delays and road closures, and limits public inconvenience and environmental impacts.
■ Can eliminate or reduce long detours and their direct and indirect costs.
■ Can reduce planning and bridge construction efforts by years.
■ Can help improve motorist and worker safety by performing construction away from traffic, and shortening travel lane restrictions and road closure durations.
■ Potentially reduces project costs. For example, right-of-way costs were substantially reduced on the SR 299 bridge replacement.
■ ABC methods, designs and materials produce safer, more durable bridges with longer service lives than conventional bridges.

Some aspects of accelerated bridge construction techniques will help expedite construction of the Courtland Street Bridge replacement in downtown Atlanta, expected to open by January 2019, with only a six-month detour versus what would be a two-year detour using traditional construction methods. Georgia DOT’s Bridge and Innovative Delivery offices continue to look for suitable candidates for accelerated bridge construction.

See the 90-second time lapse video of the SR 299 ABC bridge replacement at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br526B-14JA.
Whether you want to share what’s on your mind, give us a piece of your mind or you just have a question, Georgia DOT takes what you have to say very seriously.

With about 3,800 employees covering divisions, offices and districts across the state, GDOT receives thousands of weekly comments and inquiries. That’s why the department has enhanced our customer service inquiry response system to reply to public questions and comments quickly and accurately – whether the contact is through phone, our website or by snail mail.

Georgia DOT's Customer Service and Relations Center (CSRC) is one branch of the customer service communications effort. The center, located off the lobby at the One Georgia Center main office in Midtown Atlanta, responds to and transfers calls, and provides a professional and welcoming setting to greet and register visitors, accept and route packages, and host recruitment, applicant services, and training and development.

A customer service team answers phone calls during normal business hours. After hours callers may leave a message, normally answered the next business day. “For the most part, people want to speak with someone now. They don’t want to wait long,” CSRC Manager Sheila Smith explains. “In August we handled 4,500 calls. For those related to GDOT, we either answer the question or route them to the appropriate individual. Some callers ask about drivers’ licenses, car tags and titles, commercial trucking, and tolls, which are not GDOT services; so we route them to the appropriate agency.”

Georgia DOT’s customer service phone number is 404.631.1990.

For inquiries that come through the CONTACT US link on the website home page, GDOT’s inquiry management system is the tool for constituents to use to find out or provide feedback about services and projects, to report maintenance issues, to suggest operational or safety improvements, or to thank us for a job well done.

While constituents also use GDOT’s social media platforms to ask questions or provide opinions, the CONTACT US online page is GDOT’s official inquiry program. It logs the item into the system and a reference number is generated. A “Helpful Resources” list also answers common questions without the need for a formal request. “Our team for online inquiries includes contacts in each district who are responsible for responding to district-specific items,” said Digital Media and Communications Manager Katina Lear, who is also the CONTACT US manager. “The team approach allows us to answer questions and resolve inquiries efficiently - with the goal of resolving each within 72 hours.”

Visit the CONTACT US page at www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Pages/ContactUs.aspx.

Reminders:
For life-threatening emergency: dial 911
For urgent safety issue needing immediate attention: dial 511
For traffic question or HERO or CHAMP roadside assistance on an interstate or state route: dial 511
Partnering to save lives on Georgia’s roads

By Liz Rothman

There were 1,387 traffic fatalities in Georgia as of the end of November. By the time you read this that number will—no doubt—substantially increase. And while a four percent decrease from the same time last year is trending in the right direction, no one would argue that four people dying on Georgia roads every day is a tragic loss of life. Georgia DOT’s Drive Alert Arrive Alive campaign, introduced in 2015, calls attention to these alarming deaths—many of which are preventable.

WSB-TV endorses Drive Alert Arrive Alive. This past summer the department took a giant step in expanding the Drive Alert Arrive Alive safety message through a partnership with Atlanta’s top-rated WSB-TV, whose broadcast area touches several of GDOT’s seven districts. While WSB previously had its own driver safety campaign, the partnership converted their campaign to Drive Alert Arrive Alive. Not only does this increase the exposure of the message to a broad and diverse television audience, it also demonstrates high-profile support from popular on-air news anchor Fred Blankenship, who recorded a series of messages encouraging drivers to take responsibility, eliminate distractions, buckle up and wait for pedestrians. WSB-TV and Georgia DOT believe the Drive Alert Arrive Alive messages, which air through the end of the year, can help save lives. That’s why WSB has committed time and resources to educating the public on the importance of safe driving habits.

Learn more about Drive Alert Arrive Alive and see the WSB-TV spots at www.dot.ga.gov/DAAA.

Other partners. The department renewed and expanded a partnership with the Georgia Association of Broadcasters to spread the safe driving message through media outlets in all GDOT districts statewide. The department also continues to work closely with the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety to capitalize on its media investments.

Georgia DOT appreciates the efforts of our partners to continue to spread the Drive Alert Arrive Alive message to a statewide audience with the ultimate goal of eliminating preventable fatalities on Georgia’s roads.

Drive responsibly.

It’s as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Buckle up. Always wear a seat belt.
2. Stay off the phone. And no texting.
3. Drive Alert. Do not drive distracted, drowsy or impaired.

Georgia DOT’s 100th birthday on August 16, 2016 was just one of many milestones reached in FY 17 (6/1/16-6/30/17).

337 projects completed or open to traffic at contract value of $1.67 billion.

455 projects awarded for $1.38 billion.

532 active contracts valued at $4.86 billion.

Projects advanced for Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP), 11 projects designed to yield a significant reduction in congestion along key freight and passenger corridors statewide.

Worked on more than 70 projects valued in excess of $13 billion using innovative design-build (DB) and design-build-finance (DBF) agreements including:

□ Express Lanes projects: I-75 South Metro (open), I-75 Northeast Corridor (expected to open summer 2018) and I-85 Express Lanes Extension (expected to open fall 2018).


□ SR 400 Widening Project (completion anticipated fall 2018).

□ 53 bridge replacement and modernization projects.

Bridge replaced in a weekend using innovative accelerated bridge construction (ABC) methods—a first in Georgia.

□ I-16/75 Interchange improvement project broke ground in Macon.

Georgian’s first displaced left-turn intersection (DLT)—formerly known as a continuous flow intersection (CFI)—opened at SR 400 and SR 53 in Dawson County.

Other legislation. The 2017 Georgia General Assembly Legislative Session adjourned on March 30 with impactful transportation-related legislation passed and since signed by the Governor. These include:

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■ SB 219 allows fully autonomous vehicles to operate on public roadways and provides legal definitions and requirements.

■ HB 472 allows platoons of automated vehicles to travel in close proximity.

■ HB 481 provides state preemption of local drone regulations.

■ HB 134 gives local governments increased latitude to administer TSPLOST.

■ SB 183 allows SRTA increased contracting/revenue flexibility.

■ SB 201 allows government employees to use sick leave for immediate family care.

■ Resolution HB 282 created a House Study Committee on distracted driving.

■ Resolution SB 152 created a Joint Study Committee on stream buffers.

■ Resolutions HB 25 and SR 204 dedicate 40 total roads, bridges, and intersections.

Failed legislation includes HB 150, which would have allowed SRTA to set off debt; and SB 2, which would have instituted deadlines for Department permit/license issuance. HB 160 and SB 6, which intended to create a council for a regional transit system, failed, although the House created a commission (HR 848) to further investigate.

By Kristen Cunnath

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From eye candy to ecological accountability

Georgia DOT’s Wildflower Program comes of age

By Sade Wilkins

The Wildflower Program began 43 years ago as a way to “color our roads” — to visually break up the sea of asphalt and create a calming effect on motorists as they drive on Georgia’s interstate highways and state routes. As society has progressed in interactions with the environment, GDOT has advanced too. The Wildflower Program has evolved from just planting beautiful flowers to ensuring environmental accountability. But highway beautification is only the beginning. Last year, the State Transportation Board passed a resolution endorsing the Ray C. Anderson Foundation to “re-imagine our highway system into one that is safer and more sustainable.” With two-thirds of crops dependent on pollinators like bees, butterflies and birds—all in significant decline around the world—fostering cross-pollination will help revive the population of these species. That is why GDOT is partnering with the Chattahoochee Nature Center to help plant a pollinator garden at the West Point Nature Center to help plant a pollinator garden at the West Point Welcome Center on Interstate 85 in West Point. At the nearby KiA Interchange, the program is working with the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Science to utilize wildflowers for the bioswales that serve as a natural filter for storm water runoff.

In October, Georgia DOT participated in the fifth annual RayDay event at Serenbe to spread the word about sustainability. “In the past our wildflower program was focused primarily on aesthetics. Now it is evolving into a program that also serves a role in our ecosystem with pollinator meadows comprised of carefully selected native flowers that attract certain kinds of butterflies, as well as honeybees and hummingbirds. These plantings might appear messy to some people, but we feel that as word gets out about our intentions, the public will come to appreciate this new aesthetic,” Landscape Architect Chris DeGrace, manager of the Wildflower Program.

Every fall the Georgia Department of Transportation produces a special fund dedicated to supporting projects like the planting of wildflowers, trees, shrubs and ground covers. The annual fee for the wildflower tag is $35. Proceeds go into a special fund dedicated to supporting projects like the planting of wildflowers, trees, shrubs and ground covers. For information about purchasing a wildflower tag visit www.dot.ga.gov/Wildflower. For information about the Ray C. Anderson Foundation visit http://www.raycastondersonfoundation.org.

Beyond Transportation

By Liz Rothman

Who needs high-speed internet and reliable cell phone service? Everyone. But many throughout Georgia rely on spotty or inconsistent cellular and slow internet.

Better days may be ahead as Georgia DOT explores two initiatives—broadband and wireless—that use the state-owned right-of-way (ROW) to expand the 511 Navigator system statewide, as well as enhance telecommunications for all Georgians.

The department is reviewing responses from the broadband and cellular industries to Georgia DOT’s requests for information (RFI) about two potential programs.

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News from the Districts

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Eclipse 2017: in the center of totality

The total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21 lived up to the hype, and did not disappoint those in the Northeast Georgia region. District One's Rabun County was in the center of "totality," receiving more than two minutes of complete darkness.

"We simply couldn't predict exactly how many people would head this way, as the weather would affect the viewing of the eclipse," said District Engineer Brent Cook, P.E. "But we needed to be prepared."

The northeast district formed an Eclipse Team to help citizens travel to and from the mountains. Area Four Manager Matt Needham and Assistant Maintenance Manager Dwayne Sexton worked with Rabun County officials and coordinated the use of GDOT changeable message boards and traffic cones. District One's CHAMP operators, along with HEROs, were on scene in case assistance was needed, and it was. Traffic control measures, such as setting up contra-flow, were required in the afternoon due to the volume of vehicles headed back out of town.

An event at Rabun Gap Nachoochee School sold over 10,000 tickets and a Drive Alert Arrive Alive commercial was broadcast. As district communications officer, I took part in the event by engaging drivers with the Drive Alert Arrive Alive call to action. A team of designers, engineers and area managers manned a table to encourage folks to not drive distracted. By pledging to do so, they were rewarded with ECLIPSE gum.

Displaced left-turn – a first for Georgia!

Georgia’s first displaced left-turn intersection (DLT)—formerly known as a continuous flow intersection (CFI)—opened in May at SR 400 and SR 53 in Dawson County. A DLT is an operational improvement that allows left turning and through traffic to move at the same time.

"We shifted at a non-peak time for safety," District Engineer Brent Cook, P.E. said. "This allowed Georgia DOT staff and contractors to be in the lanes removing barrels, and checking on the aspects of the intersection with minimal traffic impacts."

The DLT reduces conflict points and allows more “green time” at the intersection by removing the SR 400 northbound/southbound left turn phase from the main SR 400/SR 53 intersection. Now “cross-over lanes” guide drivers intending to make a left turn, across SR 400 and then to separated left turn lanes where a traffic signal allows left turns onto SR 53 east or westbound. SR 400 NB and SB get a green light at the same time as the left turn lanes onto SR 53 EB and WB get a green light. SR 53 left turners still have a left turn lane and left turn arrow at the main intersection.

The DLT innovative design is a great cost saver as there are no ramps or overpasses constructed. The capacity of this type of intersection rivals a full interstate style interchange, while leaving a smaller impact to the area.
Tropical Storm Irma keeps district busy in September

From bridge inspections to traffic signals to clearing interstates and highways of downed trees and other debris, Georgia DOT and District 2 worked to open roads quickly and safely after the storm passed.

Fallen deputy honored

This summer the city of Dudley held a dedication event to honor Deputy Kyle W. Dinkheller, a member of the Laurens County Sheriff’s Office whose life was tragically cut short in 1998 when he was murdered during a traffic stop. The interchange at I-16 and Exit 42 was named in his honor.

Study on reducing collisions underway

Traffic and engineering officials with Columbia County and Georgia DOT came together in late June to begin a Roadway Safety Audit of the Bobby Jones Expressway in Martinez. Safety and operational improvements to this highly traveled corridor will be selected in the coming months.

Partnership with The Ray continues to flourish

The Ray is an 18-mile stretch of I-85 in West Georgia that is a model for the highway of the future. It is a namesake project that embodies the vision of the late Ray C. Anderson (1934-2011), a globally recognized leader in green business, and founder and chairman of Interface, Inc., the world’s largest carpet tile manufacturer.

At the Wattway Solar Road Test Site in the West Point Visitor Information Center, solar panels were placed in the parking lot. The thin, heavy-duty, skid resistant PV pavers were applied directly over existing paving and provide clean, renewable energy while allowing for all types of traffic. Also, newly installed is WheelRight Tire Pressure and Tread Depth Monitoring - a state-of-the-art, drive-over tire safety system, that measures tire pressure and—for the first time anywhere in the world—tread depth, which will help keep highways safer.

Wattway solar panels and WheelRight tire safety. Photos: The Ray

Bioswales. The Ray and the Georgia Department of Transportation installed five acres of native grasses and pollinator plant seeds in the median and northbound lane gore area of I-85 near LaGrange. These areas, known as bioswales, are shallow drainage ditches filled with vegetation to slow water movements and capture particulate pollutants, heavy metals, rubber and oil during rainstorms. Photo: The Ray

Good Golly, Miss Molly

Little Richard’s childhood home in Macon has been relocated. As part of the I-16/1-75 Interchange Improvement project, the home was moved from its original location and across the interstate to begin rehabilitation into a cultural and historical resource center for the community.

Moving Experience. Relocating the home of Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Little Richard is one of many ways Georgia DOT worked with the Pleasant Hill community to maintain its rich history and culture in light of massive interchange improvements on I-16 and I-75. Photo: Kimberly Larson, GDOT
Busy Weather Year Continues for District Four with Tropical Storm Irma

Tropical Storm Irma brought sustained winds and gusts that knocked out traffic signals, toppled trees and left behind an estimated 15,513 cubic yards of debris in District Four in September.

The storm arrived late the night of Sunday, Sept. 10. There were 262 incidents across the district at the height of the storm. Once the wind weakened the following afternoon our 250 maintenance employees made quick work of clearing roads. That night construction employees visually checked routes to verify reports of debris and to ensure lanes were clear. No major signs were damaged, but traffic signals took a beating. Nine technicians worked until 11 p.m. to replace 50 damaged signal heads.

“I think we did a good job and I’m very proud of our employees,” District Engineer Ritchie Swindell said. “It is in times like these that the DOT family has an opportunity to shine for our citizens in Georgia and this past storm was just another time that District 4 shined!”

This was the third major weather event to strike the district this year. Tornadoes heavily damaged a portion of the district on two occasions in January.

Irma!

District Five covers 26 southeast Georgia counties including the entire coastal region. When Hurricane Irma was forecast as a potential threat to Georgia, implementation of the emergency plan began under the leadership of District Engineer Bradford W. Saxon, P.E. and District Maintenance Engineer Robert McCall.

Weeks before Irma reached Georgia district crews had mobilized equipment and supplies to staging areas and secured facilities. I-16 contra-flow crossover locations were cleared of debris and equipped with barrels in the event contra-flow was activated to expedite evacuation to safeguard the citizens of Georgia.

At 5 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 Georgia DOT and Georgia State Patrol coordinated the process to reverse I-16. Just over two hours later contra-flow began from Savannah to Dublin. At 4 p.m. contra-flow ended and eastbound travel lanes were opened to motorists traveling east.

At noon on Sunday, Sept. 10 the Sidney Lanier Bridge in Brunswick and the Talmadge Memorial Bridge in Savannah—the only cable-stayed bridges in Georgia—were closed for safety due to their high elevations and Irma’s anticipated gale force winds.

In Monday’s early morning hours the district began to experience Irma’s effects. As it moved through the region, it left downed trees, flooding and extensive power outages in its wake. District maintenance crews had all state routes operational within 48 hours barring a utility conflict. Signal crews repaired or replaced a hundred traffic signals.

In addition to the 255 deployed district staff, 10 bridge inspection teams inspected 121 bridges in the six coastal counties. After inspection, the Sidney Lanier and the Talmadge Memorial bridges were reopened to traffic Tuesday afternoon. Two US 301 bridges in Camden County were closed due to flooding; water receded 24 hours later and the bridges were reopened to traffic after inspections.

For weeks, crews worked tirelessly—sun up to sun down—removing debris, repairing roadway shoulders and drainage structures and repairing or replacing signage. They also assisted local coastal areas that sustained the most damage. Safety is Georgia DOT’s top priority—for the public and for our employees.

We are thankful our crews sustained no serious injuries while working during this weather event.
Efficient project management & solid teamwork…

This roundabout was completed two years ahead of schedule.

Traffic at the intersection of SR 225 and Mount Carmel Church/ Mitchell Bridge Road in Murray County was previously controlled by a four-way stop. But analyses showed that the intersection had seen an unacceptable increase in crashes over a seven-year period.

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Traffic Operations concluded that roundabouts typically achieve a:

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In October 2016, Georgia DOT awarded a contract valued at nearly $2 million to Talley Construction Company, Inc. of Rossville, Ga. for construction of a four-legged roundabout.

The timely innovation comes when approximately 20 percent of our state’s aging bridges need repair or replacement and our highways are already congested without the added strain of road closures. This represents the state’s first bridge replacement project undertaken with full ABC methods. For GDOT, this is just the beginning.

For additional information about accelerated bridge construction, see page 7.

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Bridge to the future…replaced over a single weekend

Believe it! The bridge on SR 299 over I-24 north of Trenton in Dade County was replaced in 81 hours in May! How was that possible?

For the first time in the Peach State, GDOT used the accelerated bridge construction (ABC) method and technologies to replace this bridge. Using ABC technologies allowed the removal of the old bridge and installation of the new bridge in an unbelievably short time, reducing planning and bridge construction efforts by years and changing along with it the way GDOT does business. ABC accelerated project times significantly reduce traffic delays and road closures and potentially reduce project costs.

Something had to be done to enhance the safety of the traveling public. Traffic Operations concluded that the best option to reduce crash frequency and severity, and improve the operation of this intersection, would be construction of a four-legged roundabout.

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Prepare. Respond. Strengthen.

While the collapse of the I-85 overpass at the end of March was at the forefront of the district’s focus, another challenge two weeks later also required immediate attention - the buckling of the road surface on the heavily traveled I-20 westbound.

From notification at 11:45 am on Monday, April 17 to open to traffic at 6:30 a.m. the next day— in time for the morning commute—the D7 team worked diligently, in collaboration with DeKalb County, to locate, assess the problem and to make the repairs in 19 hours - a record time. The cause was determined to be a damaged drainage pipe under the roadway.

“I cannot overemphasize how proud we are of our employees and their commitment to the motorists of Atlanta,” Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E. said. “This was something that could not be planned for and, once again, our team rose to the challenge and did what needed to be done.”

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Feedback about the new CHAMP roadside assistance and maintenance program is phenomenal.

I am writing to thank you for the tremendous help provided to me ... your CHAMP program and to commend the employee who helped me.

We lived for much of our lives in Georgia, but (we’re) now in Alabama. While returning home from a trip on I-85, a tire went flat. ... Fortunately, about the time I got my spare out of the trunk, a CHAMP truck pulled up. He had seen us while headed in the opposite direction ... He was professional and courteous, quickly getting us back on the road, and talking me through the options for repair/ replacement of my flat. What could have been a dangerous, lengthy delay turned into a minor inconvenience.

Obviously, I’m now a big fan of the program. But beyond that, I think the employee represented GDOT so well that I want you to know about him. Unfortunately, I do not know his name. I hope this e-mail will eventually get to him, and the program supervisor, so that he can receive the recognition he deserves ... J. Wooten

Editor’s note: Cliff Hardesty is the CHAMP operator referenced.

I’d like to inform you of our recent experience with one of your employees: Mike Masters. Today we ran out of gas on I-16 East. Mr. Masters stopped and offered his assistance. He explained who he was and who he worked for. He put gas in our car and followed us to the gas station. It was very hot outside and he gave us some cold water. I’d just like to say that he was very professional, kind and thoughtful. So accolades from us to MIKE MASTERS.

I was traveling back from Florida and got a flat on 95 North in Georgia after passing by Savannah. I have AAA ... While waiting for their assistance, Mr. Travis Anderson from CHAMP pulled up and offered his assistance. He was heaven sent! He was professional, sincere, knowledgeable and just made me feel at ease. Not only did he change my tire within 5 minutes, but he helped me unpack and repack my trunk. I was traveling with my 3 children and my dog and so our trunk was fully packed ... thank you to your program as well as Mr. Anderson for his help that day.

God Bless you all, angels on the highway!...

We got to Georgia and were on I-95 South at the 100 mile marker when a huge piece of plastic ... hit our car. Luckily, it didn’t hit the windshield but it did hit the radiator, a/c condenser and cut the line to our power steering. We called AAA which took 3 hours to come when all was said and done. However, we were blessed to have Scott Hayes CHAMP 80 come to our rescue. He could not have been any nicer and helpful. First thing Scott did was put the electronic sign up to Slow Down and Move Over which was helpful with all the traffic going by. He made sure we were safe and no one was hurt, asked if we needed anything and he was able to help us find the nearest Honda (dealership).

I don’t know if Maryland has this type of service but I have boasted to EVERYONE how wonderful this service was to have in Georgia. Thanks for the CHAMP program and a huge special thanks to Scott Hayes... Chapman 80, our hero. J. Rush

Editor’s note: Hunter Pilkington is the referenced CHAMP operator.

My family had a flat around 9:30 pm on I-95 near Richmond Hill, and while we were in the process of digging all of the tire changing equipment out of the loaded car, a DOT employee named Ed Mosley pulled up. He used his compressor to make quick work of lug nuts, used his hydraulic jack to lift the car, and used his compressor to top off the air in the spare. He was a delightful guy, too. Nice to run into a very pleasant, extremely competent person who seemed to really enjoy helping people. Made a major hassle seem to be a very small bump in the road. Liked getting out of the danger zone of an Interstate shoulder in a hurry, too. Love the CHAMP program...

[...]

Editor’s note: CHAMP operators service highways outside of HERO territory in metro Atlanta. CHAMP is made possible through funding created by Georgia’s Transportation Funding Act of 2015.

On I-85 bridge construction

Dear Commissioner McMurty:

Congratulations and many thanks for the outstanding accomplishment by you and the staff at GDOT for the professional handling of the emergency repairs and replacement of the damaged sections of I-85. Sincerely,

G. Barnes, P.E.

We received many positive posts on social media about the fast rebuild. Outstanding! Kudos! Amazing. Way to go. And our favorite ... You all rock!

Some had other thoughts...

Now y'all get to work paving potholes all over the Metro. You can begin with Cobb Pkwy.

Editor’s note: Earlier this year Cobb Parkway in Cobb County was resurfaced from Barrett Parkway South to the Fulton County line. Three years ago it was resurfaced from Barrett Parkway North to Bartow County line.

Kudos on the progress so quickly. That said ... you guys really need to figure out a better traffic plan for the metro area ... Because the current situation is impossible and getting worse by the day. We need a better long-term plan ...

Editor’s note: In 2018 the I-85 widening project in Gwinnett, Barrow and Jackson counties will be the first of 11 projects to enter construction under the Major Mobility Investment Program – statewide projects designed to yield a significant reduction in congestion along key freight and passenger corridors. Visit www.GAroads.org.
Welcome New Employees

We are pleased that you have joined the ranks of our dedicated employees who are committed to keeping Georgia DOT simply the best.

On Irma

Shout-out to the @GADepot21 Trans HEROs who helped me on the downtown connector. It was the first time I plowed into a huge tree limb. Angels!

On Wildflowers

Flowers brighten lives. So when District 4 Communications Officer Nita Birmingham posted photos of social media of wildflowers plantings, she received lots of positive feedback. (These plantings are made possible through Georgia DOT’s Wildflower Tag Program.)

…You couldn’t help but smile. Definitely puts you in a better mood.

 “…I'm sure y'all are just as grateful…You couldn't help but smile. Definitely puts you in a better mood.

“Love to see these beautiful flowers every year as we travel on Highway 82. Thanks for planting them and thank GOD for doing the rest.”

“Go by these flowers every day and it is a very beautiful spot. Thanks for doing this. This coming from a professional driver!”

Editor’s note: Kudos to the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) for all their efforts.

US 82 in Berrien County. Photo: Nita Birmingham, GDOT

Letters, Emails, Notes & Tweets continued

I-20 pavement rehab in McCallie/Columbia counties created headaches for motorists. When the project was announced, Communications Officer Kyle Collins posted a celebratory video on Facebook. Here are a few of the comments he received.

“Thank you for all you do for our hard work. It is appreciated.”

“Yesssss it was pretty slow but quite frankly it will never be as bad as rush hour in Miami so I am grateful…”

“And just like that the quality of my mood…”

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Kehinde Paul Alleyne, Transportation Design
Adam Dale Anderson, District 1
Benjamin James Annesio, Bridge and Structural Design
Kimberly Caroline Armstrong, HR Operations
Joseph Emar Anney, District 6
Alicia Rosemary Anways, District 4
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Rashawn Bala, Infractory
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James Deonte Boggs, District 4
Diana Richele Booth, District 4
Clarence Jareef Bradlo Jr., Traffic Operations
Gavin James Bramley, Traffic Operations
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Wanda Denise Briggs, Bridge and Structural Design
Russell Allen Brooks, Traffic Operations
Michael Francis Brooks, District 4
Ruben Leonard Brown II, District 5
Amrita Delkere Brown, District 1
Brittany Brown, District 4
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