

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
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- ❖ **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