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# 2016 REFERENCE GUIDE

## FY 2016 FUNDING, BUDGET & DEBT SERVICE

**Fund Source**  
 Federal Funding..... \$ 1.6B \* (61%)  
 Motor Fuel..... \$ 1.0B (38%)  
 General Funds ..... \$ 23.9M (less than 1%)  
 \*Federal funding reflects multiple years obligation authority. The appropriations bill reflects a federal estimate based on annual expenditures.

### Budget (Motor Fuel)

Capital Projects ..... \$ 264.7M  
 General Operations..... \$ 169.1M  
 Routine Maintenance..... \$ 216.3M  
 LMIG..... \$ 124.5M  
 Payments to SRTA..... \$ 91.8M  
 GO Bond Debt Service... \$ 136.8M

### Debt Service\*

2016.....\$393M  
 2015.....\$399M  
 2014.....\$402M  
 2013.....\$406M  
 2012.....\$430M  
 2002.....\$ 26M

\*Combined Federal and State debt service

## GDOT EMPLOYEE COUNT & ROADWAY MILEAGE

### Centerline Roadway Mileage (2014)

Centerline.....17,907

Lane Miles.....49,036

DVMT.....184,435,858

### County Roads

Centerline.....87,461

DVMT.....83,938,606

### City Streets

Centerline.....19,472

DVMT.....39,679,964

\*DVMT - Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled

### Employees

1972 9,110

1982 6,445

1992 6,121

2002 5,895

2012 4,385

2015 \*3983

\*Employee count for 10/2015

## KEY FACTS: PLANNING, OPERATING & MAINTAINING THE SYSTEM

- Statewide transportation plan: 20 plus years federally required planning and policy document.
- Strategic Transportation Plan: state required plan that recommends investment in freight and logistics, in people mobility, updated every 2 years.
- Transportation Improvement Program: four-year, fiscally constrained project list updated annually.
- 88 active HERO positions: covering 382 centerline miles of coverage; 24 hours daily with an average incident clearance time of 32 minutes.
- 2420 acres of wildflowers planted since 1999. Over 1.4 million Dafnol bulbs planted since 2007.
- Wildflower Specialty Tag sales have earned over \$5 million since inception.
- 126 GaTWay Grants totaling \$5 million awarded since 2008. Now called Roadside Enhancement & Beautification Council (REBC) grants, these grants support roadside beautification projects along Georgia's roads. New grants are scheduled to be awarded in spring 2016. For more information, visit [www.dot.ga.gov/IS/Funding/REBC](http://www.dot.ga.gov/IS/Funding/REBC).
- Spent just under \$12 million removing litter from roadways and collected 120,000 bags of trash in FY 2015.
- Spent \$91,191,159 to resurface 260 centerline miles in 41 projects in FY 2015.

## ABOUT GEORGIA DOT

### GEORGIA DOT'S LEADERSHIP

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 Roadside Memorials: 404.631.1933  
 HERO Assistance, roadwork, report an incident, traffic light failures, maintenance issues: 511

## GDOT'S VISION AND MISSION

### VISION

Enhancing Georgia's competitiveness through leadership in transportation

### MISSION

Georgia DOT provides a safe, connected and environmentally sensitive transportation system that enhances Georgia's economic competitiveness by working efficiently and communicating effectively to create strong partnerships

## GOVERNOR'S STRATEGIC GOALS

### EDUCATED

Developing life, college, and work-ready students

### MOBILE

Transporting people and products in a 21st century Georgia

### GROWING

Creating jobs and growing businesses

### HEALTHY

Accessible care and active lifestyles

### SAFE

Protecting the public's safety and security

## RESPONSIBLE, EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

Fiscally sound, principled, conservative

- HR is working to re-implement mid-level management training and other multi-level training programs.
- GDOT managers and supervisors use comprehensive performance studies to identify high potential employees and link employee performance to Department strategic goals.
- Job shadowing and cross training to allow employees career growth opportunities.

### Making GDOT a better place to work will make GDOT a place that works better

- let valued at \$782.6 million
- In FY 2015, 153 construction projects were 40 mph.
- Average General Purpose AM/PM speeds are 38 mph/37 mph on critical interstates. Goal is budget. Goal is 80% and 90%.
- 65% of projects constructed on time and 93% on schedule

### Planning and constructing the best set of mobility-focused projects we can, on schedule

- 73% of non-interstates meet maintenance standards. Goal is 90%.
- 80% of interstates meet maintenance standards. Goal is 90%.
- 89% of bridges meet GDOT standards. Goal is 85% way possible

### Taking care of what we have, in the most efficient way possible

- Fatalities reduced by 19 in CY 2014. Goal is 41.
- HERO response time just over 11 minutes. Goal is 10 minutes or less.

### Making safety investments and improvements where the traveling public is most at risk

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### GDOT MEETING THE GOALS

## KEY FACTS: SAFETY/DRIVE ALERT ARRIVE ALIVE CAMPAIGN

- In 2015, Georgia's traffic deaths have surpassed the previous year. This is the first annual increase in traffic fatalities in a decade.
- Almost one roadway fatality every 6-1/2 hours; about four per day.
- DriveAlert ArriveAlive is a statewide safety campaign in partnership with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to educate drivers about changes they can make in their driving behaviors; reduce preventable crashes by eliminating distractions.
- 49 percent of roadway fatalities are single vehicle crashes.
- 74% of fatalities are attributed to driver behavior and the main cause appears to be distracted driving.
- Only 39% of fatality victims are identified as wearing seatbelts.
- DriveAlert ArriveAlive implores drivers to take responsibility for their driving behavior...



1. **Buckle up** ... Always wear a seatbelt
2. **Stay off the phone**...no texting and driving
3. **Drive alert** ... do not drive drowsy or under the influence of drugs or alcohol

## KEY FACTS: BRIDGES

- In FY 2016, the State Transportation Board adopted a resolution to sell \$100 million in bonds appropriated by legislators for repair, replacement and renovation of 25 bridges statewide.
- Bridges selected include those with posted signs limiting weight of trucks that can safely cross: structurally deficient - in poor condition or have sub-standard strength; fracture critical - lack redundancy in the main structural elements; or are functionally obsolete - designed to older standards.
- GDOT inspects all bridge structures on a two-year cycle to ensure proper weight limit and height/width restrictions.
- There are 14,556 bridge structures (includes culverts over 20 feet in length) in Georgia.
  - 6,653 state-owned structures
  - 7,903 locally owned structures & off system
  - 98% of state owned bridge structures are in fair to excellent condition
    - 2% of state owned bridge structures are structurally deficient.
- 11% of state owned bridge structures are structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.
- 18% of local bridges are structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

\* A Structurally Deficient bridge is not unsafe and is not likely to collapse. The magnitude of these types of deficiencies determines whether a bridge is classified as functionally obsolete.

## KEY FACTS: INTERMODAL

- 16 urban transit systems made more than 148 million passenger trips in 2013.
- 111 rural transit systems made more than 1.8 million passenger trips in 2014.
- 81 Georgia Park and Ride Lots provide 9,027 parking spaces.
- 3,631 mainline miles and 1,012 shortline miles of railroad track transported more than 196 million tons of freight in 2013.
- 396,193 jobs throughout the state supported by Georgia's deep water ports and inland barge terminals - terminals contributed \$84 billion in revenue.
- 10,800 acres of dredged material containment areas maintained by the Department for harbor/waterway maintenance.
- 2,693,288 total takeoffs and landings at 104 Georgia public airports in FY 2015.
- 857,516 takeoffs and landings at Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson Int'l Airport in FY 2015.

## KEY FACTS: INNOVATIVE DELIVERY

**Georgia Express Lanes** network are new toll lanes being constructed around the metro Atlanta region. A 16-mile segment is in operation on I-85, and another 52 miles are under construction on the Northwest Corridor, I-75 South Metro and the I-85 Extension. Express Lanes offer:

- Reliable trips even during peak travel times
- Better options for transit and vanpool riders
- Economic development opportunities
- Cost-effective way for the state to improve and expand transportation options

**I-285/SR 400 Improvements** will reconstruct the interchange and construct new collector-distributor lanes along I-285 and SR 400.

- The Department is utilizing the Design-Build Finance method to accelerate delivery of this critical project.
- The \$1.1 billion project supports mobility in metro-Atlanta and services over 400,000 vehicles daily and will enhance safety, improve operational efficiency, reduce weaving, increase ramp capacity and save travel time - approximately 8 hours per vehicle in the opening year.

### Other projects include:

- Georgia's new Weigh-in-Motion program for improved safety and compliance.
- Variable Speed Limit project on metro Atlanta roadways.
- Jimmy Deloach Connector in Chatham County.
- SR400 Widening in Forsyth County.
- I-95/SR21 Diverging Diamond in Chatham County.

## KEY FACTS: TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT

- Provides a sustainable funding mechanism for Georgia to address critical infrastructure needs, capital construction, routine and capital maintenance.
- Affirms the Legislature's *Joint Study Committee for Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding recommendation* for \$1 billion - \$1.5 billion in new annual transportation infrastructure investment to address the State's transportation challenges.
- Provides an estimated \$830 million to \$1 billion in annual transportation investment from:
  - **State Motor Fuel Excise Tax Rate** of 26¢/gallon on gasoline and 29¢/gallon on diesel. Annually indexed for increased vehicle fuel efficiency. Indexed from 2016-18 for Consumer Price Index increases.
  - **Heavy Vehicle Annual Impact Fee** of \$50 for vehicles 15,500 lbs. to 26,000 lbs / \$100 for vehicles greater than 26,001 lbs.
  - **Hotel/Motel Nightly Fee** of \$5 per night lodging fee (excludes extended stay occupants).

## KEY FACTS: LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT & QUICK RESPONSE PROJECTS

- Between 10 and 20 percent of the state motor fuel taxes collected annually are allocated to LMIG
- In FY 2015, \$122,470,000 designated for LMIG.
- GDOT receives applications from local governments and distributes funds using a population and local road mileage-based formula.
- Traffic Operation's QR program quickly identifies, approves and constructs small traffic operations safety projects on the state route system.
- Georgia law allows a maximum negotiated contract cost of \$200,000, greatly improving the flexibility of the program.
- The QR Program is solely funded from state motor fuel tax collections each year.
- In FY 2015 the District Offices identified over 52 QR projects around the state totaling approximately \$5.6 million in state route system improvements.



- **Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fees/Tax Credits:** Institutes a \$200 noncommercial/\$300 commercial alternative fuel vehicle annual registration fee. Eliminates tax credits on low/zero emission vehicles. These fees are not dedicated to transportation.

The primary focus areas for additional investment:

- Increased routine maintenance (not currently eligible for federal funds) such as pothole repair, increased grass mowing, litter pick-up, improved striping for safety, bridge joint repair, pipe repair, and overall pavement preservation.
  - Increased resurfacing of state routes and Interstates throughout local communities.
  - More bridge replacements and improved bridge maintenance.
  - Increased safety and operational improvement projects.
- The TFA 2015 law:
  - Provides local governments with a new funding mechanism - an incremental sales tax percentage up to 1% for five years on transportation projects.
  - Ensures no penalties, such as reduction in state funds, for a region's approval of TIA/TSPLOST referendum.
- Local governments in the LMIG program can anticipate a 20 - 30 % funding increase due to an increase in the excise tax.

## KEY FACTS: TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT

- A 10-year one-cent tax on purchases began January 1, 2013.
- Collections are dedicated to transportation in 46 counties in three regions of Georgia - Central Savannah River Area, Heart of Georgia Altamaha and River Valley.
- There are 871 regional projects.
- **\$1.6 billion in projected** revenue collections.
- Revenue collections are split 75% to fund regional projects on the voter-approved project lists and 25% back to local jurisdictions in the regions for discretionary transportation related items within their boundaries.
- **82 projects let to construction in 2015.**
- **186 projects completed to date.**
- **\$400,270,073** in new transportation funds (TIA collections) **through 11/30/2015.**
- **\$52,505,813** paid to vendors in 2015.