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## **STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ELECTS NEW CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

***New Committee Assignments Also Announced***



**Newly elected Chair Jay Shaw addresses the State Transportation Board**

**Atlanta** – Former state legislator Jay Shaw of Lakeland was elected Chair of the State Transportation Board today. Don Grantham of Augusta was elected Vice Chair, and Emily Dunn of Blue Ridge was elected to the newly formed position of Secretary. The State Transportation Board – the policy-making and governing authority of the Georgia Department of Transportation – is comprised of 14 members each representing one of Georgia’s Congressional Districts. All were elected unanimously by their colleagues to one-year terms.

Shaw, who served 18 years in the Georgia House and 10 years prior to that as Lakeland’s Mayor, is serving his first five-year term on the Board, as are Grantham and Dunn.

Shaw has served as the Board’s Vice Chair for the past term, and praised outgoing Chair Johnny Floyd of Cordele. “I’ve got some great leadership to follow; Johnny did a great job this past year and I want to keep that momentum going. I am honored that my fellow Board members have the confidence in me to continue this leadership. We have worked hard over the past year, and are dedicated to meeting the needs of Georgians by working with Governor Deal, the legislature and DOT staff to leverage all of our resources. This Board is 14 strong.”

“This is a great team on our Board and I look forward to working closely with Jay and Emily,” Grantham commented. “We’re going to work in behalf of transportation improvements throughout Georgia. We have one of the best transportation systems in the country, but there are still a lot of needs. We are going to focus on the future and keeping Georgia competitive.”

Outgoing Chair Floyd called for the creation of a Secretary position to ensure that adequate leadership was always in place on the Board. Dunn, who is entering the new role, expressed gratitude to her colleagues for the opportunity.

Shaw (CD8) is a prominent business owner in Lakeland; serves on the Boards of Unity United Methodist Church and the Louis Smith Memorial Hospital; and is the former president of both the Jaycees and the Lanier County Lions Club.

Grantham (CD12) is also a business owner in Augusta; serves on the Boy Scouts of America Advisory Board of Augusta; and is a former Chair of the Georgia Ports Authority.

Dunn (CD9) is also a business owner in Blue Ridge, and serves on the Fannin County Board of Education, the Fannin Regional Hospital Board of Trustees and North Georgia Technical College Board.

New Chair Shaw announced the formation of a new Board Committee, the Communications Committee, to build off of the enhanced communications and outreach efforts the Department has focused on over the past year. Additionally, Shaw made a number of new committee appointments. The full list may be viewed below and here: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/aboutGeorgiadot/Board/Pages/default.aspx>

*The State Transportation Board determines policy and exercises general governance of Georgia's Department of Transportation. The Board's 14 members, representing each of the state's congressional districts, serve staggered, five-year terms. Board members are elected by those state senators and representatives whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the relevant congressional district.*

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**STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
2013 - 2014 COMMITTEES**

*\*Chairman Jay Shaw serves as ex officio member of all committees\**

<p><b>STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING/STRATEGIC PLANNING</b></p> <p><i>Staff – Toby Carr</i></p>	<p><b>Robert Brown, Chair</b> Emily Dunn Don Grantham Roger Williams</p>
<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOT Overview</li> <li>• Policy/Ethics/Legal</li> </ul> <p><i>Staff – Matt Cline</i></p>	<p><b>Ann Purcell, Chair</b> Robert Brown Rudy Bowen Jeff Lewis</p>
<p><b>EQUAL ACCESS</b></p> <p><i>Staff –Kimberly King</i></p>	<p><b>Stacey Key, Chair</b> Dana Lemon                      Jamie Boswell Don Grantham                      Emily Dunn</p>
<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p><i>Staff –Angela Whitworth</i></p>	<p><b>Don Grantham, Chair</b> <b>Jamie Boswell, Vice Chair</b> Robert Brown Sam Wellborn Emily Dunn</p>

<p><b>INTERMODAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rail/High Speed Rail Study</li> <li>• Transit/Ports/Aviation</li> </ul> <p>Staff – Carol Comer</p>	<p><b>Dana Lemon, Chair</b></p> <p>Robert Brown                      Emily Dunn  Dan Moody                              Don Grantham</p>
<p><b>LEGISLATIVE</b></p> <p>Staff – Josh Waller</p>	<p><b>Johnny Floyd, Chair</b></p> <p><b>Roger Williams, Vice Chair</b></p> <p>Dan Moody                              Don Grantham  Emily Dunn                              Jeff Lewis  Ann Purcell</p>
<p><b>P3</b></p> <p>Staff – Russell McMurry</p>	<p><b>Jeff Lewis, Chair</b></p> <p>Dan Moody                              Rudy Bowen  Johnny Floyd                              Roger Williams</p>
<p><b>PROGRAM DELIVERY/CONSULTANT SERVICES/CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>Staff – Russell McMurry</p>	<p><b>Rudy Bowen, Chair</b></p> <p>Dana Lemon                              Emily Dunn  Dan Moody                              Jeff Lewis</p>
<p><b>PROPERTY UTILIZATION</b></p> <p>Staff – Keith Golden</p>	<p><b>Emily Dunn, Chair</b></p> <p>Don Grantham                              Jeff Lewis  Sam Wellborn                              Jamie Boswell</p>
<p><b>GATEWAYS</b></p> <p>Staff – Meg Pirkle</p>	<p><b>Sam Wellborn, Chair</b></p> <p>Jeff Lewis                                      Stacey Key  Don Grantham                              Rudy Bowen  Johnny Floyd</p>
<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p> <p>Staff – Karlene Barron</p>	<p><b>Dan Moody, Chair</b></p> <p>Stacey Key  Ann Purcell  Rudy Bowen</p>