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## GEORGIA DOT POSTS CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR UNCONSTRAINED INVESTMENT LISTS

### Regional Commissions Accepting Project Nominations for Submittal to GDOT

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation’s Planning Division is requesting local governments throughout the state to suggest projects to be considered for the initial financially unconstrained list. This list is being prepared for the 12 Regional Transportation Roundtables in conjunction with the Transportation Investment Act 2010 (TIA 2010), which will be voted on by Georgia citizens in an August, 2012, referendum. TIA 2010 requires the Department’s Director of Planning to provide the Executive Committee for each Roundtable with a list of all projects meeting that region’s approved criteria. This initial list is to be prepared without consideration of the cost of a project, i.e., financially unconstrained.

Local jurisdictions are being asked to send their request to the appropriate Regional Commission. Project nominations are being accepted through March 30, 2011. The official application and adopted criteria per region is posted at [www.it3.ga.gov](http://www.it3.ga.gov).

“Compiling the list of potential projects nominated by local governments is the next step in the process of determining a final list of approved projects for voters,” said Director of Planning Todd Long. “Each Regional Commission will collect the projects submitted before forwarding them to the Planning Division. The projects submitted should meet the specific criteria adopted by each Regional Roundtable.”

The Department is scheduled to provide the draft unconstrained list to the Executive Committee of the Regional Transportation Roundtables by early summer so that the Executive Committee will have time to shorten the list to match projected revenues from the sales tax. A constrained list must be developed by the Executive Committee no later than August 15, 2011. The full roundtable will vote on the final list sometime before October 15, 2011.

“The final list of projects need to be strategic in nature; be appealing to the public; and must be deliverable,” Long said.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the

3<sup>rd</sup> fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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