

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**TODD LONG TO CONTINUE AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
House and Senate Transportation Committees Confirm Governor
Deal's Nomination**

ATLANTA – The Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia Senate Transportation Committees today held a joint meeting to review Governor Nathan Deal's nomination of Todd Long as the GDOT Director of Planning. Long has been serving as the Director of Planning since the original appointment by Governor Sonny Perdue in June 2009. The Committees' unanimous vote confirms the role of Long in overseeing planning activities related to transportation projects throughout Georgia.

"It's been a fantastic job so far, and we are making steady progress in our effort to keep Georgia's transportation system one of the best in the nation," Long told the Committees prior to the vote. "I look forward to building on the work we have already accomplished in the coming years."

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about these or any other construction projects on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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