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Georgians Asked to Contribute to State Transportation Strategy *IT3 Website Goes Live, September Listening Tour Announced*

ATLANTA— Governor Sonny Perdue and state transportation leaders today launched the Investing in Tomorrow's Transportation Today (IT3) website – www.IT3.GA.Gov. The site will provide all Georgians an opportunity to give input on a major transportation initiative that state leaders will propose in the coming months.

“Through IT3, we will transform Georgia’s transportation system,” said Governor Sonny Perdue. “Working together, the State Transportation Board, GDOT and GRTA are listening to the concerns and desires of the public, our elected officials, the business community and other interested groups. With this input, we will shape a comprehensive and effective strategy for addressing Georgia’s transportation needs.”

To give Georgians a chance to speak directly with state transportation leaders regarding the IT3 initiative, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Commissioner Gena Abraham and Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) Executive Director Dick Anderson will hold listening sessions across the state. The listening tour will be held during the week of September 22 in Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Dalton, Macon, Savannah and Valdosta.

“The website will provide regular updates of our work on IT3 as well as the opportunity for members of the public to share information that will help us shape Georgia’s transportation strategy,” said Commissioner Abraham. “We encourage everyone to visit the site, learn about IT3 and its goals, and to let us know their ideas for keeping Georgia’s transportation network the best in the nation.”

“We are committed to listening to the public’s concerns and ideas,” Anderson added. “In addition to meeting with community leaders throughout the state, Commissioner Abraham and I will visit cities around the state to hear, in person, what our citizens feel should be our strategic priorities.”

The Listening tour schedule is:

Monday, September 22, 4 -7 p.m., Macon, Commissioner Abraham

Tuesday, September 23, 4-7 p.m., Savannah, Commissioner Abraham, Mr. Anderson

Wednesday, September 24, noon – 2 p.m., Dalton, Commissioner Abraham, Mr.

Anderson

Wednesday, September 24, 4-7 p.m., Atlanta, Commissioner Abraham, Mr. Anderson

Thursday, September 25, noon – 2 p.m., Valdosta, Mr. Anderson

Thursday, September 25, 4-7 p.m., Columbus, Mr. Anderson

Friday, September 26, noon – 2 p.m., Augusta, Mr. Anderson

Specific locations in each city will be announced in early September.

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