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2014**

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Senate Transportation Committee Rules 2014

- 1) All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with Senate Rule [1-5-1].
- 2) The quorum for the Transportation Committee shall be six (6) members.
- 3) A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
- 4) The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon order of the Chairman.
- 5) The Chairman shall determine which bills, amendments, and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which measures are considered.
- 6) The Chairman shall have sole authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee. All actions of any subcommittee shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.
- 7) These Rules may be amended or waived upon motion made and subsequently approved by a majority of the members of the Committee present at the meeting.
- 8) The Secretary of the Committee will have a copy of these rules distributed to all members of the Senate.
- 9) The recording of the minutes of the Committee and the Subcommittee shall comply with Senate Rule [2-1.7(d)].
- 10) The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee Rules.
- 11) Bills and resolutions, at the option of the Chairman, may be acted on at the first reading.
- 12) Senate Transportation Committee has adopted rules for road naming/dedication Ch. 3, Pg. 7; Rule (3-4.01).

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee
January 27, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on January 27, 2014, in the Senate Mezzanine, State Capitol. Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

Members Present	Members Absent	Late Arrivals	Early Departures
Gooch, 51 st , Chairman Beach, 21 st , Secretary Carter, 42 nd Dugan, 30 th Ginn, 47 th Jackson, 24 th Seay, 34 th Williams, 19 th	Thompson, 33 rd	Miller, 49 th – 3:04pm Tolleson, 20 th – 3:04pm Tippins, 37 th , 3:05pm Chance, 16 th – 3:05pm	

SR 735 (Beach, 21st): **Resolution urging metropolitan Atlanta transit authorities to join forces to establish a website.**

Senator Beach, 21st, presented the resolution.

- Senator Jackson, 24th, moved SR 735 **DO PASS** and Senator Seay, 34th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 11-0.

SR 735 DO PASS

There being no further business, Chairman Gooch adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Secretary

/s/ Rochelle S. Wilson, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee
February 3, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 3, 2014, in the Senate Mezzanine, State Capitol. Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

Members Present	Members Absent	Late Arrivals	Early Departures
Gooch, 51 st , Chairman Miller, 49 th , Vice Chair Beach, 21 st , Secretary Carter, 42 nd Dugan, 30 th Ginn, 47 th Jackson, 24 th Seay, 34 th	Chance, 16 th Tolleson, 20 th Tippins, 37 th	Williams, 19 th - 3:05pm Thompson, 33 rd - 3:06pm	Thompson, 33 rd - 3:59pm Carter, 42 nd - 3:53pm Beach, 21 st - 3:54pm Seay, 34 th - 3:54pm Thompson, 33 rd - 3:59pm

SB 196 (Ramsey, 43rd): *Bill authorizing motorcycles to operate on toll lanes and roads without payment of a toll.*

Senator Jackson, 24th, presented the bill.

Testified For SB 196	Organization
Chris Tomlinson	State Road and Tollway Authority

- Senator Jackson, 24th, moved SB 196 **DO PASS** and Senator Thompson, 33rd, called for discussion.
- Chairman Gooch, 51st, called for a vote. The motion failed with a vote of 4-5.

SB 196 DO NOT PASS

HB 494 (Welch, 10th): *Bill to provide for the installation of safety markers on utility lines.*

Representative Andrew Welsh, 110th, presented the bill, which was passed out of committee during the 2013 session.

- Senator Carter, 42nd, moved HB 494 **DO PASS** and Senator Dugan, 30th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

HB 494 DO PASS

SB 255 (Hill, 6th): **Bill to enact the “Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act.”**

Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, presented the bill.

Testified for SB 255	Organization
Shaun Adams	Association County Commissioners of Georgia
James Touchton	Council for Quality Growth
Marcia Rubensohn	Georgia Municipal Association

- Senator Ginn, 47th, moved SB 255 **POSTPONE** and Senator Miller, 49th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

SB 255 POSTPONE

There being no further business, Chairman Gooch adjourned the meeting at 4:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Secretary

/s/ Rochelle S. Wilson, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee
February 10, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 10, 2014, in the Senate Mezzanine, State Capitol. Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

Members Present	Members Absent	Late Arrivals	Early Departures
Gooch, 51 st , Chairman Miller, 49 th , Vice Chair Beach, 21 st , Secretary Carter, 42 nd Dugan, 30 th Ginn, 47 th Jackson, 24 th Seay, 34 th Tolleson, 20 th	Chance, 16 th	Williams, 19 th - 3:04pm Thompson, 33 rd , - 3:06pm Tippins, 37 th , 3:14pm	Ginn, 47 th - 3:57 pm Beach, 21 st - 3:59 pm Seay, 34 th - 4:01 pm Carter, 42 nd - 4:01 pm Tolleson, 20 th - 4:34 pm

SB 348 (McKoon, 29th): **Bill relating to general provisions relative to acquisition of property for transportation purposes, so as to provide for attorney's fees and expenses of trials in appeals to condemnation compensation award amounts.**

Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, presented the bill.

Testified for SB 348	Organization
Dr. James Thornton	Thornton & Graham, P.C.
Testified Against SB 348	Organization
Joshua Waller	Georgia Department of Transportation
Matt Klein	Georgia Department of Transportation
Marcia Rubensohn	Georgia Municipal Association

Chairman Gooch moved SB 348 **POSTPONE**.

SB 348 POSTPONE

HB 774 (Watson, 172nd): *Housekeeping legislation to identify impactful operational changes to improve the ability of the Georgia Department of Transportation in performing its duty to build and maintain a safe transportation system.*

Representative Sam Watson, 172nd, presented the bill.

Testified For HB 774	Organization
Joshua Waller, Director of Policy and Government Affairs	Georgia Department of Transportation

- Senator Thompson, 33rd, proposed an amendment.
- Senator Thompson, 33rd, moved the amendment **DO PASS**. Senator Williams, 19th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 11-0.
- Senator Dugan, 30th, asked a question. Senator Thompson, 33rd, offered an additional amendment.
- Senator Thompson, 33rd, moved the amendment **DO PASS**. Senator Williams, 19th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 11-0.
- Senator Tippins, 37th, offered an amendment.
- Senator Tippins, 37th, moved the amendment **DO PASS**. Senator Williams, 19th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 11-0.
- Legislative Counsel read the amended language; a scrivener's error was noted and corrected.
- Senator Williams, 19th, moved HB 774 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Senator Thompson, 33rd, seconded.
- Chairman Gooch called for a vote. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

HB 774 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

There being no further business, Chairman Gooch adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Secretary

/s/ Rochelle S. Wilson, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee
February 19, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 19, 2014, in the Senate Mezzanine, State Capitol. Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

Members Present	Members Absent	Late Arrivals	Early Departures
Gooch, 51 st , Chairman Miller, 49 th , Vice Chair Beach, 21 st , Secretary Carter, 42 nd Jackson, 24 th Seay, 34 th Tolleson, 20 th Williams, 19 th	Dugan, 30 th Thompson, 33 rd Tippins, 37 th	Chance, 16 th – 2:09pm Ginn, 47 th – 2:10pm	Chance, 16 th – 3:15pm

SR 920 (Jackson, 24th): Road dedication honoring Mr. Thomas Watson Cullars

- Jackson, 24th, presented the resolution.
- Tolleson, 20th, moved SR 920 **DO PASS** and Miller, 49th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

SR 920 DO PASS

HB 264 (Jacobs, 80th): Amending MARTA Authority Act of 1965

Representative Mike Jacobs, 80th, presented the bill substitute.

Testified For HB 264	Organization
Rhonda Briggins-Ridley	MARTA
Testified Against HB 264	Organization
Senator Vincent Fort, 39 th	Georgia State Senate
Senator Horacena Tate, 38 th	Georgia State Senate

- Chairman Gooch, 51st, moved HB 264 **POSTPONE**.

HB 264 POSTPONE

HB 265 (Jacobs, 80th): **Repealing provisions relating to the suspension of restrictions on the use of annual proceeds from sales and use taxes by public transit authorities, and to repeal provisions relating to the board of directors of MARTA.**

Testified For HB 265	Organization
Rhonda Briggins-Ridley	MARTA
Tom Bauer	Amalgamated Transit Union
Jim Callahan	Amalgamated Transit Union
Curtis Howard	Amalgamated Transit Union
Michael Walls	Amalgamated Transit Union
Testified Against HB 265	Organization
Senator Vincent Fort, 39 th	Georgia State Senate

- Chairman Gooch moved HB 265 **POSTPONE**.

HB 265 POSTPONE

SB 255 (Hill, 6th): **Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act**

Senator Hunter Hill, 6th, presented the bill substitute.

Testified For SB 255	Organization
Liz Hausmann	Fulton County Commissioner
Rusty Paul	Sandy Springs Mayor

- Senator Ginn, 47th, moved SB 255 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Beach, 21st, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

SB 255 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

There being no further business, Chairman Gooch adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Secretary

/s/ Rochelle S. Wilson, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee
February 24, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on February 24, 2014, in the Senate Mezzanine, State Capitol. Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Members Present	Members Absent	Late Arrivals	Early Departures
Gooch, 51 st , Chairman Miller, 49 th , Vice Chair Beach, 21 st , Secretary Ginn, 47 th Thompson, 33 rd Tippins, 37 th Tolleson, 20 th Williams, 19 th	Carter, 42 nd Chance, 16 th Jackson, 24 th	Seay, 34 th – 4:06pm Dugan, 30 th – 4:08pm	

SB 392 (Gooch, 51st): *Allows former military vehicles to be registered and titled*

Chairman Gooch presented the bill.

Testified For SB 392	Organization
Steven Mulka	Constituent/retired military vehicle hobbyist
Douglas Hooper	Department of Revenue

- Senator Tippins, 37th, moved SB 392 **DO PASS** and Senator Thompson, 33rd, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 8-0.

SB 392 DO PASS

SR 937 (Stone, 23rd): *Dedicates roads and bridges in honor of various people*

Chairman Gooch, 51st, presented the resolution.

- Senator Thompson, 33rd, moved SR 937 **DO PASS** and Senator Tolleson, 20th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

SR 937 DO PASS

There being no further business, Chairman Gooch, 51st, adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Secretary

/s/ Rochelle S. Wilson, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee
March 10, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on March 10, 2014, in the Senate Mezzanine, State Capitol. Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 3:37pm.

Members Present	Members Absent	Late Arrivals	Early Departures
Gooch, 51 st , Chairman Miller, 49 th , Vice Chair Beach, 21 st , Secretary Carter, 42 nd Dugan, 30 th Ginn, 47 th Jackson, 24 th Seay, 34 th Tolleson, 20 th	Chance, 16 th Thompson, 33 rd Tippins, 37 th	Williams, 19 th – 3:42pm	Carter, 42 nd – 4:11pm

HB 960 (Roberts, 155th): **Surface Transportation Projects (Atlanta Beltline)**

Representative Jay Roberts, 155th, presented the bill substitute.

- Senator Tolleson, 20th, moved HB 960 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Beach, 21st, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

HB 960 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 264 (Jacobs, 80th): **Amending MARTA Authority Act of 1965**

Testified For HB 264	Organization
Rhonda Briggins-Ridley	MARTA
Viola Davis	Georgia citizen

- Senator Ginn, 47th, moved HB 264 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTUTE** and Senator Tolleson, 20th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

HB 264 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 265 (Jacobs, 80th): Repealing provisions relating to the suspension of restrictions on the use of annual proceeds from sales and use taxes by public transit authorities, and to repeal provisions relating to the board of directors of MARTA.

Testified For HB 265	Organization
Rhonda Briggins-Ridley	MARTA
Viola Davis	Georgia citizen

- Senator Seay, 34th, moved HB 265 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Ginn, 47th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

HB 265 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 775 (Carson, 46th): Transit authority creation

Beach, 21st, offered a substitute to the bill.

- Senator Jackson, 24th, moved HB 775 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Carter, 42nd, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

HB 775 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 1009 (Glanton, 75th): Levy of taxes for purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation.

Representative Mike Glanton, 75th, presented the bill.

- Senator Seay, 34th, moved HB 1009 **DO PASS** and Senator Williams, 19th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 9-0.

HB 1009 DO PASS

SR 1064 (Gooch, 51st): Create Joint Study Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding.

Chairman Gooch moved **SR 1064 POSTPONE**.

SR 1064 POSTPONE

SR 1184 (Gooch, 51st): **Jack Lance Road Naming Resolution.**

Chairman Gooch moved **SR 1184 POSTPONE.**

SR 1184 POSTPONE

There being no further business, Chairman Gooch adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Secretary

/s/ Rochelle S. Wilson, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee
March 12, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on March 12, 2014, in the Senate Mezzanine, State Capitol. Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

Members Present	Members Absent	Late Arrivals	Early Departures
Gooch, 51 st , Chairman Miller, 49 th , Vice Chair Beach, 21 st , Secretary Carter, 42 nd Dugan, 30 th Ginn, 47 th Thompson, 33 rd	Chance, 16 th Jackson, 24 th Seay, 34 th Tippins, 37 th Tolleson, 20 th Williams, 19 th		

HB 775 (Carson, 46th): *Transit Authority Creation*

Beach, 21st, presented the bill substitute, which had been recommitted to the committee.

- Senator Carter, 42nd, moved HB 775 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Ginn, 47th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

HB 775 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HR 1573 (Roberts, 155th): *Joint Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding*

Gooch, 51st, presented the resolution substitute.

- Senator Beach, 21st, moved HR 1573 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Dugan, 30th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

HR 1573 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HR 1200 (Roberts, 155th): *Trooper Road Naming and Dedication*

Gooch, 51st, presented the resolution.

- Senator Thompson, 33rd, moved HR 1200 **DO PASS** and Senator Ginn, 47th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

HR 1200 DO PASS

HR 1544 (Roberts, 155th): **Road Naming and Dedication.**

Chairman Gooch moved **HR 1544 POSTPONE.**

HR 1544 POSTPONE

There being no further business, Chairman Gooch adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Secretary

/s/ Rochelle S. Wilson, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Transportation Committee
March 13, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on March 13, 2014, in Room 318, Coverdale Legislative Office Building. Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 10:20am.

Members Present	Members Absent	Late Arrivals	Early Departures
Gooch, 51 st , Chairman Miller, 49 th , Vice Chair Beach, 21 st , Secretary Carter, 42 nd Dugan, 30 th Ginn, 47 th Jackson, 24 th Seay, 34 th Tippins, 37 th Tolleson, 20 th Williams, 19 th	Thompson, 33 rd Chance, 16 th		

HR 1544 (Carson, 46th): Road Naming and Dedication

Senator Miller, 49th, presented the bill substitute. Chairman Gooch called on four individuals to discuss changes made in the bill substitute.

Testified For HR 1544	Organization
Rochelle Wilson	Senate Transportation Committee Recording Secretary
Elizabeth Gooch	Legislative Aide to Senator Buddy Carter, 1 st
Joshua Lord	House Transportation Committee Recording Secretary
Josh Waller	Department of Transportation

- Senator Tolleson, 20th, moved HR 1544 **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** and Senator Dugan, 30th, seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 10-0.

HR 1544 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

There being no further business, Chairman Gooch adjourned the meeting at 10:52am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Brandon Beach, 21st, Secretary

/s/ Rochelle S. Wilson, Recording Secretary

April 8, 2014

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
Georgia State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Cook:

Below, please find the list of bills and resolutions that were left in the Senate Transportation Committee as of March 20, 2014.

<u>SB 71</u>	<u>SR 613</u>
<u>SB 73</u>	<u>SR 740</u>
<u>SB 90</u>	<u>SR 893</u>
<u>SB 130</u>	<u>SR 966</u>
<u>SB 131</u>	<u>SR 975</u>
<u>SB 154</u>	<u>SR 1013</u>
<u>SB 348</u>	<u>SR 1018</u>
<u>SB 375</u>	<u>SR 1064</u>
<u>SR 73</u>	<u>SR 1079</u>
<u>SR 96</u>	<u>SR 1080</u>
<u>SR 379</u>	<u>SR 1157</u>
<u>SR 383</u>	<u>SR 1171</u>
<u>SR 418</u>	<u>SR 1184</u>
<u>SR 579</u>	<u>HB 486</u>

Sincerely,

/s/ Rochelle Wilson
Recording Secretary
Senate Transportation Committee