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The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 4, 2018

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

RE: Senate Transportation Committee -2018 General Assembly Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Cook,

The Senate Transportation Committee respectfully submits the following bills left in the committee after the 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session. They include the following:

SB27 SB54 SB218 SB251 SB259 SB261 SB266 SB379 SB428
SR134 SR240 SR243 SR274 SR276 SR298 SR299 SR313 SR314 SR331 SR355 SR383
SR390 SR426 SR450 SR595 SR649 SR715 SR725 SR748 SR807 SR857 SR866 SR867
SR993 SR1062
HB160

Listed below are the bills that passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee for the 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session. They include the following:

SB324 SB389 SB391 SB460 SB445
SR745 SR882 SR885 SR906 SR923 SR924 SR925 SR942 SR943 SR944 SR947 SR954
HB717 HB930
HR444

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator Brandon Beach
Chairman Senate Transportation Committee

Jinnie Christensen
Legislative Assistant Senate Transportation Committee

**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
2018 Roster**

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THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

2017-2018 RULES

- (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 COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 22, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Monday January 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) Ex-Officio (Arrived late)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Arrived Late)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) and Sen. Lucas (26th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 2:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) and Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

[SB 324](#) (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 44 0630) Contracts with State Agencies and Adjoining Counties; municipalities may contract with abutting counties; provide...

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. He addressed the goals of the bill, which included revision to the existing law that would allow a municipality to contract with any county for the construction and maintenance of a bridge within the limits of both the municipality and county.

SB 324 HEARING ONLY

Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
January 29, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Monday January 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. David Lucas (26th) (Arrived late)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) and Sen. Jones (25th) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

SB 259 (Sen. Henson, 41st, LC 39 1626) Motorcycle Trailers; operation in certain designated travel lanes; provide

Sen. Henson (41st) presented the bill. He addressed the goals of the bill, that would allow the operation of motorcycle trailers in certain designated travel lanes when traveling with a trailer.

NOTE: Sen. David Lucas (26th) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

SB 259 HEARING ONLY

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 2:11 p.m.

Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
January 31, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Wednesday January 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. Burt Jones (25th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (Arrived late)

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Lucas (26th), and Sen. Martin (9th) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 2:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (25th) arrived at 2:14 p.m.

[SB 266](#) (Sen. Ginn, 47th, LC 40 1481) Signs and Signals on Public Roads; study considering the conversion of stop signs to yield signs; require...

Sen. Ginn (47th) presented the bill. He addressed the goals of the bill that would require a study considering the conversion of stop signs to yield signs.

SB 266 HEARING ONLY

Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 7, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) Ex-Officio (Arrived late)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. David Lucas (26th), Sen. Valencia Seay (34th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), and Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) were absent.

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:12 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 2:16 p.m.

SB 324 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 44 0630) Contracts with State Agencies and Adjoining Counties; municipalities may contract with abutting counties; provide...

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. He addressed the goals of the bill, which included revision to the existing Official Code of Georgia Annotated that would allow a municipality to contract with any county for the construction and maintenance of a bridge within the limits of both the municipality and county.

Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion that **SB 324 Do Pass (LC 44 0630)**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2.

Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Martin (9th), Sen. Tippins (37th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Ginn (47th) and Sen. Heath (31st) voted against the motion.

SB 324 DO PASS LC 44 0630

Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 12, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Monday February 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman (Arrived late)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. David Lucas (26th) (Arrived late)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) and Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. David Lucas (26th) arrived at 2:08 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) arrived at 2:16 p.m.

[SB 386](#) (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1739) Sales and Use Taxes; exception to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes; transit special purpose local option sales and use tax; provide; Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Commission; create...

Sen. Beach (21st) presented the bill. He addressed the goals of the bill, which included revision to the existing Official Code of Georgia Annotated that would provide for the imposition of a transit special purpose local option sales and use tax within special districts; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to amend Chapter 32 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, so as to create the Atlanta-region Transit Link

"ATL" Commission to serve as a division within such authority; to provide for purposes of such commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 386 HEARING ONLY

Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
February 14, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Wednesday February 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) Ex-Officio (Arrived late)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (Arrived late)

Chairman Beach (21st) called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Frank Ginn (47th), Sen. David Lucas (26th), and Sen. Burt Jones (25th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) arrived at 3:11 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) arrived at 3:18 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) arrived at 3:19 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st) arrived at 3:46 p.m.

[SB 391](#) (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1789) State Road and Tollway Authority; requirements relating to identification and regulation of motor vehicles; exempt transit service buses, motor vehicles, and rapid rail systems...

Sen. Beach (21st) presented the bill

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Mr. Chris Tomlinson, Executive Director of SRTA

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion that **SB 391 Do Pass (LC 39 1789)**. Sen. Seay (37th) seconded the motion. The vote was 4 to 2.

Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Butler (55th) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Heath (31st) and Sen. Tippins (37th) voted against the motion.

SB 391 DO PASS (LC 39 1789)

SB 386 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1739) Sales and Use Taxes; exception to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes; transit special purpose local option sales and use tax; provide; Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Commission; create

Senator Beach allowed GRTA and MARTA give presentations on the history and current state of their organizations.

HEARING ONLY

Chairman Beach (21st) adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
February 20, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Wednesday February 20, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (Arrived late)

Chairman Beach called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Lucas (26th) and Sen. Martin (9th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

[SB 386](#) (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1739) **Sales and Use Taxes; exception to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes; transit special purpose local option sales and use tax; provide; Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Commission; create**

Sen. Beach presented the bill. He outlined the changes made within a proposed committee substitute, to address concerns about the bill from previous meetings.

HEARING ONLY

Chairman Beach adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 21, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Wednesday February 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary (Arrived late)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowser (46th) Ex-Officio (Arrived late)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. David Lucas (26th) (Arrived late)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio (Arrived late)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (Arrived late)

Chairman Beach called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas arrived at the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

SB 445 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 39 1852ER) Department of Transportation; standards for contracts; contract bidding process and award procedure; provide

Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill. He explained the goals of the bill, which are to provide for a contract bidding process and award procedure; to prohibit camping on portions of the state highway system or property owned by the department; to provide for a definition; to declare property used for camping purposes in violation of such prohibition as contraband; to provide for forfeiture of such property; to provide for applicability; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Mr. Josh Waller, Director of Government Affairs for the Georgia Department of Transportation

Sen. Jones (25th) made a motion that **SB 445 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 39 1877ERS)**. Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 445 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 39 1877ERS

SR 745 (Sen. Millar, 40th, LC 39 1737) a **RESOLUTION** recognizing Robert H. "Bob" Bell and dedicating interchanges in his honor; and for other purposes.

Sen. Beach (21st) explained the substitute for the resolution. SR 745 will serve as the road naming resolution from the Senate. He highlights some of the individuals featured within the resolution.

Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion to **amend SR 745** adding the word “memorial” to one of the dedications. Sen. Heath (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion to **amend SR 745** striking the word Georgia from one dedications. Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen Gooch (51st) made a motion that **SR 745 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 29 1882S)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SR 745 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 39 1882S

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at the meeting at 2:34 p.m. and was not present to vote on SB 445 and SR 745.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and was not present to vote on SB 445 and SR 745.

SB 386 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1739) **Sales and Use Taxes; exception to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes; transit special purpose local option sales and use tax; provide; Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Commission; create**

Senator Beach presented changes in the bill. The bill does not change any current law of tax revenue).

HEARING ONLY

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) came into the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) came into the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) and Sen. Seay (34th) arrived at the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Chairman Beach adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
February 22, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Thursday February 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) Ex-Officio (Arrived late)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th) (Left Early)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Beach called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Heath (31st), Sen. Lucas (26th) and Sen. Tippins (37th) were absent.

SB 386 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1739) **Sales and Use Taxes; exception to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes; transit special purpose local option sales and use tax; provide; Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Commission; create**

NOTE: Sen. Jones (25th) arrived at the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Sen. Beach (21st) presented the changes within the substitute. The changes addressed limits in taxes by SPLOST, adding the word “rail” when needed, and further defines the non-attainment areas.

Sen. Beach (21st) provided an amendment to be added into the substitute. Sen. Martin (9th) made a motion to adopt Sen. Beach’s amendment to the proposed committee substitute to SB 386. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The amendment passed unanimously.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion that the **SB 386 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 39 1893S)**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 386 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 39 1893S

NOTE: Sen. Jones (25th) left the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (25th) came into the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and did not vote on SB 386.

SB 460 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1895S) "**Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965**"; adoption of a logo and brand to include the term "ATL" by such Authority by certain date; provide

Sen. Beach (21st) presented the bill, which amends the MARTA Act of 1965.

Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion to **amend SB 460**. Sen. Martin (9th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion that **SB 460 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 39 1895S)**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 460 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 39 1895S

Chairman Beach adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
March 5, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Monday March 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman (Arrived late)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. David Lucas (26th) (Arrived late)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Beach called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) and Sen. Cowsert (46th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) and Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas (26th) arrived at the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented his three road naming resolutions:

[SR 923](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 39 1889) Jasper W. "JW" Dodd, Jr. Memorial Intersection; Walker County; dedicate

[SR 924](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 39 1896) Ben Napier Memorial Intersection; Walker County; dedicate

[SR 925](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 39 1894) William Calvert "Coach" Sandberg Memorial Intersection; Walker County; dedicate

Sen. Davenport (44th) presented her three road naming resolutions.

[SR 942](#) (Sen. Davenport, 44th, LC 39 1906) Annie Lois Freeman Souder Bridge; Clayton County; dedicate

SR 944 (Sen. Davenport, 44th, LC 39 1910) Carl Genius Souder Bridge; Clayton County; dedicate

SR 947 (Sen. Davenport, 44th, LC 39 1913) Jackson and Queen Mary Dixon Memorial Highway; Clayton and Henry County; dedicate

Sen. Harbison (15th) presented his road naming resolution.

SR 943 (Sen. Harbison, 15th, LC 39 1908) David M. Anthony Memorial Bridge; Marion/Talbot County; dedicate

Sen. James (35th) presented her road naming resolution. The resolution addresses errors in the dimensions in the previous dedication.

SR 954 (Sen. James, 35th, LC 39 1888) Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson Highway; Fulton County; dedicate

Sen. Beach (21st) presented his road naming resolution.

SR 885 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 39 1876) Carey Ellerbee Memorial Bridge; Upson County; dedicate

Sen. Seay (34th) presented on behalf of Sen. Anderson (43rd) for a road naming resolution.

SR 906 (Sen. Anderson, 43rd, LC 39 1887) Walk of Heroes/Veterans Interchange; Rockdale County; dedicate

Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion that all road naming resolutions **DO PASS**. Sen. Ginn (47th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SR 885, SR 906, SR 923, SR 924, SR 925, SR 942, SR 943, SR 944, SR 947, SR 954 DO PASS

SR 882 (Sen. Jones, 25th, LC 39 1871) A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Operations and Authority Creation Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Sen. Jones (25th) presented the resolution. The resolution creates a study committee for Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport Operations.

Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion that **SR 882 Do Pass (LC 39 1871)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

SR 882 DO PASS LC 39 1871

Chairman Beach adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
March 7, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Wednesday March 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary (Arrived Late)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (Arrived Late)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) (Arrived Late)
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. David Lucas (26th)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (Arrived Late)

Chairman Beach called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ginn (47th) arrived at the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) arrived at the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

[HB 930](#) (Rep. Tanner, 9th, HB 930/CSFA) Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; creation of certain community improvement districts; provisions

Rep. Tanner (9th) presented the bill. He explained the differences in this version compared to the Senate's version in governing structure and funding. He highlighted a need for a regional commission and the outline of such a commission.

HB 930 HEARING ONLY

Chairman Beach adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
March 12, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met on Monday March 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 310 of Coverdell

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)
Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (Arrived Late)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (Arrived Late)

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Heath (31st) and Sen. Lucas (26th) were absent.

Sen. McKoon (29th) was appointed to serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Senate Committee on Transportation for the committee meeting of March 12, 2018. A copy of his letter of appointment follows.

Chairman Beach called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

[HB 930](#) (Rep. Tanner, 9th, HB 930/CSFA) Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; creation of certain community improvement districts; provisions

Rep. Tanner (9th) presented the bill.

Sen. Gooch (51st) made a motion that **HB 930 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 1933S)**, substituting the language from SB 386 (LC 39 1893S) into the bill. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 930 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 39 1933S

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at the meeting at 2:17 p.m. He was not present to vote on HB 930.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at the meeting at 2:20 p.m. He was not present to vote on HB 930.

HR 444 (McCall, 33rd, LC 39 1884S) **Willie Thomas Murray Memorial Bridge; Lincoln County; dedicate**

Sen. Henson (41st) proposed an amendment to the bill, adding another dedication.

NOTE: The chair announced that the amendment would be prepared as a substitute and that a motion to recommend that the bill “do pass by substitute” was in order.

Sen. Butler (55th) made the motion **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HR 444 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 39 1934S

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at the meeting at 2:23 p.m. He was not present to vote on HB 930 or HR 444.

HB 717 (Rep. Kelley, 16th, LC 39 1834S) **Motor vehicles; applicability of certain consumer protection laws to autonomous vehicles; provide**

Rep. Kelley presented the bill. He highlighted the necessity of addressing concerns over autonomous vehicles and indicates the bill addresses many of the concerns.

HB 717 HEARING ONLY

Chairman Beach adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Chairman

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

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Mr. David Cook
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Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Josh McKoon to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Transportation Committee meeting on March 12, 2018. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle
Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
President of the Senate

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
March 19, 2018

The Senate Committee on Transportation met Monday March 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 310 of Coverdell Legislative Office Building

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) Chairman
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) Vice-Chairman (Arrived Late)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) Secretary
Sen. Bill Heath (31st) Ex-Officio
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)
Sen. David Lucas (Arrived Late)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) Ex-Officio

Chairman Beach called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Cowser (46th), Sen. Ginn (47th), Sen. Tippins (37th) and Sen. Watson (1st) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Lucas (26th) arrived at the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Georgia Department of Transportation Ten Year Plan

The committee heard the ten year plan. Senators addressed their concern in rapid urban development affect projects, funding, and which areas are being addressed.

Sen. Seay (34th) made the motion to approve the GDOT's ten year plan. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TEN YEAR PLAN: APPROVED

[HB 717](#) (Rep. Kelley, 16th, LC 39 1834S) Motor vehicles; applicability of certain consumer protection laws to autonomous vehicles; provide

Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill. He highlighted that all current laws that apply to manually driven cars will be applied to autonomous vehicles.

Sen. Martin (9th) made the motion that **HB 717 Do Pass (LC 39 1834S)**. Sen. Jones (25th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 717 DO PASS LC 39 1834S

Chairman Beach adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary