



GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

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BREAKOUT SCHEDULE

1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

ATHENA A

Accessing Local Government Grant Funding through FHWA and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Presenters:
Daniel Hinton, Deputy Division Administrator, FHWA | Mike Alexander, Senior Director & COO, ARC

Moderator: Hiral Patel, Director of Engineering, GDOT

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides an unprecedented opportunity for local public agencies to gain direct access to Federal-aid funds to address transportation needs. This session will cover various federal grants available to local governments.

ATHENA F

Current ROW challenges

Presenters:
Troy Hill, State Right of Way Administrator, GDOT | Kevin York, State Right of Way Assistant Administrator, GDOT | Russ Nelson, State Right of Way Assistant Administrator, GDOT

Moderator: Katrina Anderson, State Right of Way Assistant Administrator, GDOT

This session will discuss challenges related to the rapidly changing market, cost estimates, relocation, condemnation set-asides, resources, and plans.

ATHENA E

Alternative Intersections – Benefits and Challenges

Presenters:
Jason Dykes, District Traffic Engineer, GDOT | Jonathan Peevy, Assistant District Traffic Engineer, GDOT

Moderator: Kelvin Mullins, District Engineer, GDOT

This session will cover strategies for implementing alternative intersections, how to garner local and community support, and overcome challenges you may face as a local government or GDOT partner.

GRAND HALL 4

Design Policy Updates

Presenters:
Chris Rudd, State Design Policy Engineer, GDOT | Flank Flanders, Assistant State Design Policy Engineer, GDOT | Michelle Pate, Senior Policy Engineer, GDOT

This session will present recent updates from the office of Design Policy, including clarifications to barrier usage and revisions to the signing and sealing requirements of GDOT plans. This session will also discuss common issues with Design Variances and a new template for Design Variances for Retention of Substandard Features on Existing Roadways.



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2:35 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

ATHENA A

Local Administered Project (LAP)

Presenters:

Neosha Lawhorn, Realty Officer/LAP
Coordinator, GDOT | Malik Al-Kush, LAP
Coordinator, GDOT

Moderator: Bobby Hillard, Program Control
Administrator, GDOT

*FHWA will provide guidance on the federal fund
project process.*

ATHENA F

Something Old, Something New: NEPA Updates and Upcoming Initiatives

Presenters

Matthew Carroll, Ecology Team Leader, GDOT |
Amber Phillips, State Environmental Assistant
Administrator, GDOT | Sandy Lawrence, State
Environmental Assistant Administrator, GDOT |
Heather Mustonen, Cultural Resources Section
Chief, GDOT

Moderator: Erin Murphy, Environmental Services
Manager, VHB

*This session will include presentations from the
Office of Environmental Services Subject Matter
Experts (SME's) relating to recent achievements
and upcoming environmental initiatives. The
SME presentations will include important
information on Ecology, NEPA, the Interagency
Office of Environmental Quality, and Cultural
Resource disciplines pertinent to all
environmental practitioners and the overall
transportation community of practice.*

ATHENA E

Intermodal Transportation Options for Passenger and Freight Movement in Georgia

Presenters:

Steve Brian, Aviation Program Manager, GDOT |
Patricia Smith, Transit Program Delivery
Manager, GDOT | Justin Thrift, Short Line &
Freight Rail Development Manager, GDOT | Trey
Daniell, Waterway Program Manager, GDOT |
Chet Welch, Rail & State Safety Oversight
Program Manager, GDOT

Moderators: Joanna Campbell, Assistant Division
Director, GDOT | Leigh Ann Trainer, Assistant
Division Director, GDOT

*The Division of Intermodal programs and related
transportation strategies in Georgia will be
highlighted in this session. Included:
programmatic activities across the aviation, rail,
transit, and waterways sectors overseen by
GDOT.*

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Construction Managers and General Contractors Update

Presenters:

Andrew a Hoenig, DBIA, P3 Construction
Program Manager, GDOT | Marlo Clowers, DBIA,
Alternative Delivery Program Manager, GDOT

*Recent legislation has opened the door to some
new alternative delivery contracting methods that
enhance the toolbox for the Department's
Alternative Delivery program. This session will
refresh on what CM/GC does in practice and how
GDOT is gearing up to utilize it. GDOT's new
manual on this delivery method will be presented.*



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3:40 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ATHENA A

**Engineering & Design Procurement
Using Federal Funds – Key Things for
Local Governments to Know**

Presenter:
Maria Roux, Assistant Chief Procurement
Officer, GDOT

Moderator: Treasury Young, Procurement
Administrator, GDOT

Key things that Local Governments need to know when deciding whether or not to use federal funds in their engineering and design efforts for local projects will be discussed in this session.

ATHENA F

**National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
(NEVI) Planning and Implementation**

Presenters
Mark Smith, Senior Planning Policy Coordinator,
GDOT | Kofi Wakhisi, Planning Administrator,
ARC | John Hibbard, Division Director of Permits
& Operations, GDOT

Moderator: Kelly Gwin, Assistant Office Head -
Policy & Freight Planning - GDOT Planning

This session will present details on GDOT's National Electric Vehicle infrastructure (NEVI) Deployment Plan, which was successfully submitted and approved by FHWA's Joint Program Office of Energy and Transportation (JPO). It will cover the purpose and goals of the NEVI Program, the state's 2 newly designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC): US 82 & US 441, GDOT's vision for NEVI implementation, stakeholder engagement and next steps in the process for the state. Additionally, Kofi Wakhisi from the ARC will give an overview of the upcoming Regional Transportation System Electrification Plan as well as related planning efforts and pursuits.

ATHENA E

**Addressing Today's Staffing Challenges
with Strategic Workforce Planning**

Presenters:
Brian Robinson, Deputy HR Director, GDOT |
Robert Elam, Asst. State Roadway Design
Engineer, GDOT | Donn Digamon, State Bridge
Engineer, GDOT

Learn how GDOT uses strategic workforce planning to recruit, develop and retain a skilled and experienced workforce in response to current and emerging workforce trends. This strategic effort recognizes that today's workforce is different than yesterday's – and will continue to evolve as we look to our workforce of the future – with a focus on active position management, targeted recruitment and retention, knowledge management and transfer, succession planning, and training and development activities.

GRAND HALL 4

**Just the Facts! What to Expect when
Delivering Federal-aid Transportation
projects with GDOT** 

Presenters:
Patrick Bradshaw, Principal Transportation
Planner, ARC | Erik Hammarlund, Senior Project
Manager, Alfred Benesch & Company | Krystal
Stovall-Dixon, Paradigm Project Leadership
Group

This session is geared towards local government officials and staff. It is a high-level overview of project delivery for federal-aid transportation projects in partnership with GDOT. Emphasis will be placed on critical steps, schedules, budgets, deliverables, and pitfalls to be aware of and avoid.



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