

*Draft -As amended and approved by TCC on 1/6/06  
To TAQC for action on 1/12/06; ARC on 1/25/06*

**A Draft Resolution Proposed by the  
Congestion Mitigation Task Force for adoption by the  
State Transportation Board, Atlanta Regional Commission,  
Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board,  
and State Road and Tollway Authority**

**Whereas**, Governor Sonny Perdue, has directed the State's transportation agencies to develop plans and programs to cost effectively reduce traffic congestion in the metropolitan Atlanta non-attainment area; and

**Whereas**, the State Transportation Board, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board, and State Road and Tollway Authority Board acknowledge their leadership roles in generating strategies to reduce the traffic congestion in the metro-Atlanta nonattainment area, and

**Whereas**, the State Transportation Board, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board, and State Road and Tollway Authority Board jointly recognize the need to address economic development and public safety, and to reduce traffic congestion; and

**Whereas**, in March 2004, a Congestion Mitigation Task Force was established by Governor Perdue and by joint resolution of the State Transportation Board, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and State Road and Tollway Authority, and

**Whereas**, the Congestion Mitigation Task Force includes two board members each from the State Transportation Board, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, and two appointments to be designated by the State Road and Tollway Authority; and

**Whereas**, the Governor selected Atlanta Regional Commission Chairman Sam Olens as Task Force chairman, and Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board Member J. T. Williams as Secretary; and

**Whereas**, each of the four agencies dedicated staff and resources as appropriate to facilitate the activities of the Task Force.

**Whereas**, the Congestion Mitigation Task Force was charged with developing strategies, benchmarks and goals to cost effectively reduce congestion in the metro-Atlanta nonattainment area; and developing a benefit/cost methodology to be applied to project selection; and.

**Whereas**, the Task Force instituted a formal process for receiving public input as charged; and

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**Whereas**, the Congestion Mitigation Task Force was charged to present its recommendations no later than December 31, 2005, to the State Transportation Board, Transportation and Air Quality Committee of the Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board, and State Road and Tollway Authority Board for incorporation into the regional and statewide planning processes.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the State Transportation Board, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board, and State Road and Tollway Authority Board adopt the following recommendations of the Congestion Mitigation Task Force:

1. The Task Force recommends refining the current transportation project selection process for the financially constrained Atlanta Regional Transportation Plan to increase the weighting of the congestion factor to 70%.
2. The Task Force recommends that all four agencies develop and implement a technically consistent and transparent methodology for benefit/cost analysis.
3. The Task Force recommends a Travel Time Index be used to measure improvement of congestion. The Task Force recommends a regional Travel Time Index goal of 1.35 by 2030 for the Atlanta nonattainment area.

**Be it further resolved**, that the State Transportation Board, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board, and State Road and Tollway Authority Board commit to incorporate these recommendations into the regional and statewide transportation planning process.

**Be it further resolved** that the Atlanta Regional Commission recognizes that in implementing the above recommendations, it also has an obligation to develop a multi-modal transportation system, meet all federal planning requirements, and implement a multi-faceted approach to congestion relief.