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GDOT Previews Web-based Platform for State's NaviGator Intelligent Transportation System at ITS Georgia Workshop

MACON, GA (February 24, 2005) – The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) today previewed its new, web-based platform for future growth of the state's NaviGator intelligent transportation system at a workshop sponsored by the Intelligent Transportation Society of Georgia (ITS Georgia).

The new technology, called NaviGator Web, extends the award-winning NaviGator Intelligent Transportation System and its associated capabilities into a web-enabled environment, accessible anywhere via the Internet. NaviGator Web permits rapid, cost-effective deployment of new technologies including cameras and other traffic sensing devices into the NaviGator system. The NaviGator Web system quickly processes information gathered from sensors and sends traffic alerts to government agencies, the news media and public.

Commenting on the NaviGator Web system, GDOT Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl said: "NaviGator Web is the vehicle for growth and expansion of Georgia's intelligent traffic information system. The more local transportation departments we have participating in the NaviGator Web program, the more information we can make available to the motoring public so that they can help us solve congestion problems."

"ITS technologies like NaviGator Web help traffic managers create a more informed traveling public, and a more informed driver can avoid traffic congestion problems," said ITS Georgia President Shahram Malek. "ITS Georgia is committed to bringing people and technology together to make our roadways safer and more efficient."

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In addition to NaviGator Web, GDOT presented updates on the Statewide ITS Architecture, the MyNaviGator public web site and new traffic signal technology. The presentations were made by GDOT CIO David Spinney, Assistant State Traffic Operations Engineer Mark Demidovich, NaviGator Systems Engineer Chris Porter, Assistant Administrator of IT Infrastructure Tony Williams and State Signal Engineer Ken Montgomery.

For more information, visit www.georgia-navigator.com.

ITS Georgia holds monthly meetings or workshops nine times a year at which the latest in ITS technology and future trends are presented. Dates for remaining meetings in 2005 are: March 31, April 28, May 26, June 30, July 28, September 29, and October 27. The ITS Georgia Annual Meeting will be held August 28 -30, 2005 in Savannah at the Riverfront Marriott.

About ITS Georgia –

ITS Georgia is a group of organizations that support ITS technology as a way to significantly reduce congestion and improve the performance, safety and efficiency of our transportation system. ITS Georgia provides a forum for advocacy, facilitation, integration, and for learning more about Intelligent Transportation Systems.

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