

## House Resolution 760

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Meeting Georgia's Transportation Needs Through the Year 2025 Study  
2 Committee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia is geographically the largest state east of the Mississippi River; and

4 WHEREAS, Georgia's transportation system encompasses 113,655 miles of public roads,  
5 4,853 miles of railroad, 103 publicly owned airports, and four shipping ports as well as 12  
6 urban transit systems and 82 rural transit systems; and

7 WHEREAS, meeting the transportation needs of Georgia's citizens is a key factor in the  
8 state's continued economic development; and

9 WHEREAS, the goals of the Statewide Transportation Plan are to preserve the existing  
10 system, enhance safety, reduce congestion, improve levels of service, facilitate interregional  
11 connectivity, improve access and mobility, facilitate economic growth, and enhance quality  
12 of life; and

13 WHEREAS, funding to meet these transportation goals is derived from a combination of the  
14 state motor fuel tax and associated state sales tax, local special option sales tax initiatives,  
15 and federal matching funds, and is expected to provide approximately \$36 billion between  
16 2001 and 2025; and

17 WHEREAS, plans to maintain the state's existing transportation capabilities and to meet  
18 projected demand through new and enhanced programs and facilities are projected to cost  
19 over \$51 billion over that same quarter century, leaving a funding gap of over \$15 billion;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, state funding for transportation has been running at one-half of the national  
22 average on a per mile traveled basis; and

1 WHEREAS, the existing sources of funding for transportation have declined by about  
2 one-half due to inflation and the improved fuel efficiency of vehicles.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 there is created the House Meeting Georgia's Transportation Needs Through the Year 2025  
5 Study Committee to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be  
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a  
7 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all  
8 meetings of the committee.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
10 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
11 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
12 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
13 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
14 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
15 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of  
16 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any  
17 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The  
18 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds  
19 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of  
20 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such  
21 report shall be made on or before December 1, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished  
22 on December 1, 2003.