

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HB 1189:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Transportation, so as to require the commissioner to file a report on progress made and a final version of the State-wide Strategic Transportation Plan; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Transportation, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"32-2-41.1.

(a) On or before September 1, 2008, the commissioner shall prepare a report for the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Committee on Transportation, respectively, detailing the progress the department has made on preparing a State-wide Strategic Transportation Plan. The commissioner shall deliver a draft of the plan for comments and suggestions by members of the General Assembly on or before August 1, 2008. This plan shall include a list of projects realistically expected to begin construction within the next five years, the cost of such projects, and the source of funds for such projects. The plan shall also detail how the listed projects will help to mitigate congestion, improve air quality, improve public safety, increase mobility, and encourage economic development. The final version of the State-wide Strategic Transportation Plan shall be completed by December 31, 2008, and shall be delivered to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Committee on Transportation on or before that date. An updated version of the State-wide Strategic Transportation Plan shall be prepared and delivered annually thereafter.

1 (b) The report and plan prepared under subsection (a) of this Code section shall also be
2 published on the website of the department."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
5 without such approval.

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.