

House Bill 1189 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 105th, Smith of the 129th, Mills of the 25th, and Shaw of the 176th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

10 "32-2-41.1.

11 (a) On or before September 1, 2008, the commissioner shall prepare a report for the
12 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
13 chairpersons of the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Committee on
14 Transportation, respectively, detailing the progress the department has made on preparing
15 a State-wide Strategic Transportation Plan. The commissioner shall deliver a draft of the
16 plan for comments and suggestions by members of the General Assembly and the Governor
17 on or before January 1, 2009. Comments and suggestions by the General Assembly and
18 the Governor shall be submitted to the commissioner no later than February 15, 2009. This
19 plan shall include a list of projects realistically expected to begin construction within the
20 next five years, the cost of such projects, and the source of funds for such projects. The
21 plan shall also detail how the listed projects will help to mitigate congestion, improve air
22 quality, improve public safety, increase mobility, and encourage economic development.
23 The final version of the State-wide Strategic Transportation Plan shall be completed by
24 June 30, 2009, and shall be delivered to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the
25 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the Senate Transportation
26 Committee and the House Committee on Transportation on or before that date. An updated

1 version of the State-wide Strategic Transportation Plan shall be prepared and delivered
2 annually thereafter.

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

5 **SECTION 2.**

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

8 **SECTION 3.**

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