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GEORGIA DOT NAMES PFIRMAN NEW TREASURER

Atlanta – The State Transportation Board today unanimously elected Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) Chief Administrative Officer Kate Pfirman as the new Treasurer of the state’s Department of Transportation. Ms. Pfirman, who has held key financial positions in state government for more than 13 years, is expected to begin her tenure as Georgia DOT Treasurer by early February.

“I am delighted we’ve been able to fill this critical position with someone of Kate’s stature, experience and proven record of accomplishment,” Board Chairman Bill Kuhlke said. “We have so much work to do on transportation in Georgia. She’s going to be a wonderful asset in helping us manage our financial resources and in exploring new financing options.”

Georgia DOT Commissioner Gena Evans echoed Mr. Kuhlke’s enthusiasm. “We’ve been making some great headway in addressing our budget and financial challenges. Kate’s going to help us build on that. She has an impeccable reputation, a thorough understanding of the financial requirements of a public agency, and wonderful relationships with the General Assembly and the State Auditor’s Office,” Commissioner Evans commented. “We’ve turned a corner in this agency; we certainly still have our work cut out for us, none more significant than meeting our funding needs. But we’re making great progress. Kate is going to be a key contributor as we focus on delivering the transportation system the people of Georgia deserve and the financial accountability they demand.”

“I am so very gratified by the confidence Chairman Kuhlke, Commissioner Evans and the entire Transportation Board have placed in me,” Ms. Pfirman responded. “I am honored to join Commissioner Evans’ great team and a great department.”

Ms. Pfirman has spent the past 18 months as GTA’s chief administrative officer; she had previously served there as Deputy Senior Finance Officer. Prior to that service, she was a division director in the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget for three years and spent eight years at the Department of Human Resources, where she served as Deputy Commissioner, responsible for all administrative activities of the Department’s \$2 billion budget.

Ms. Pfirman holds degrees in Economics and in Philosophy from Emory University and also a Masters Degree in Accounting from American University in Washington, D.C.

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