

**AN ORDINANCE**

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AS SUBSTITUTED BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**A ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE A CITY OF ATLANTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-281 ENTITLED THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND SECTION 2-222 ORGANIZATION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CREATE THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACCOUNTS AND TO ANTICIPATE AND APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta (“City”) commissioned a comprehensive study entitled “Delivering Mobility, An Assessment of a Stand-Alone Atlanta Transportation Department” (the “Study”), which was prepared by the consulting group WSP USA and completed March 5, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Study found that restructuring the way transportation is managed in the City could catalyze, and be the vehicle for, providing transportation leadership vision, talent and capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently manages the City’s street repairs through the Department of Public works, designs streets through the Department of Planning and invests in street infrastructure through Renew Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the regulation of the City’s transportation system using multiple departments and offices within the City would benefit from a coordinated approach from one department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently does not have one department with one singular transportation leadership vision to effectively administer and maintain the City’s transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 3, Section 3-301, Subsection (g), of the City Charter authorizes the Mayor to initiate or create additional departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 3, Section 3-305 of the City Charter authorizes the Mayor to appoint all commissioners of departments, subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to establish a Department of Transportation under the Executive Branch to unify the City’s operations regarding the City’s transportation system, effectively administer and maintain the City’s transportation system, and move towards a sustainable, multimodal transportation future whereby residents and visitors have a variety of mobility options.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta transportation staff will lead a community engagement process to capture feedback from residents to build a Department of Transportation that aligns with the interests and values of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of this new department will begin in Fiscal Year 2020 using a phased approach and is expected to take 18 months to complete.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** That Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V (Administrative Organization of the Executive Branch), of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to create a department of transportation by adding a new section 2-281 entitled the “Department of Transportation” which shall consist of the following offices and shall read as follows:

- (a) The Department of Transportation shall consist of the following offices:
  - (1) Office of the Commissioner;
  - (2) Office of Mobility Strategy, Planning, and Performance;
  - (3) Office of Capital Project Delivery; and
  - (4) Office of Operations and Maintenance.
- (b) The functions and duties of the Department of Transportation shall include:
  - (1) Develop a comprehensive multimodal transportation plan that provides residents, commuters, and visitors safe access within and to the City of Atlanta;
  - (2) Coordinate transportation operations, funding, and project delivery with partnering jurisdictions and agencies to improve mobility;
  - (3) Plan, design, manage, and execute transportation projects to improve mobility for residents, commuters, and visitors;
  - (4) Conduct maintenance and operations on existing transportation assets to maintain an efficient and effective transportation system for the City of Atlanta;
  - (5) Manage the use of transportation funding to plan or execute enhancements to the City of Atlanta transportation network; and
  - (6) Other transportation functions and duties which are under the purview of the Department of Public Works, the Department of City of Planning, and Renew Atlanta which may be transferred to the Department of Transportation.

(c) Commissioner of the Department of Transportation:

(1) The Department of Transportation shall be led by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation who shall be responsible for the administration and direction of the affairs and operations of the department and shall exercise general management and control thereof.

(2) The Mayor, pursuant to Section 6-401 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances is authorized and hereby designates the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation as the Mayor's designee to execute certain contracts and purchase orders for projects relating to the transportation system of the City of Atlanta approved in accordance with the requirements set forth in City Code Section 2-1190 (Small Purchases).

**SECTION 2:** That Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V (Administrative Organization of the Executive Branch), Section 2-222 (Organization of Executive Branch) is hereby amended to add a new subsection sixteen (16) which shall read as follows:

(16) Department of transportation to be headed by a commissioner of transportation; said department to be composed of the following offices:

- (1) Office of the Commissioner;
- (2) Office of Mobility Strategy, Planning, and Performance;
- (3) Office of Capital Project Delivery; and
- (4) Office of Operations and Maintenance.

**SECTION 3:** The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to amend the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to create an appropriate fund, account and center number and to allocate appropriate funding for the creation of the Department of Transportation.

**SECTION 4:** City Code Section 2-282 through Section 2-300 continue to be reserved.

**SECTION 5:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

**SECTION 6:** This ordinance shall become effective when signed by the Mayor or as otherwise provided by law.