

# Georgia Partnership for Transportation Quality (GPTQ)



**GPTQ Operational Charter**  
Revised: November 2024

The Georgia Partnership for Transportation Quality (GPTQ) is a statewide partnership of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia (ACEC Georgia), and the Georgia Highway Contractors Association (GHCA), dedicated to planning, designing, constructing, maintaining, and improving the quality, efficiency and excellence of Georgia’s transportation infrastructure, program and systems.

**HISTORY**

The Georgia Quality Initiative (GQI) began on November 4, 1993, as part of the federal National Quality Initiative (NQI). NQI was renamed the National Partnership for Highway Quality (NPHQ) in 2000. On November 9, 2004, the GQI name was revised to the Georgia Partnership for Transportation Quality (GPTQ). Although the NPHQ was sunset by FHWA in 2011, GPTQ was reorganized under a new charter in October 2012. That charter was revised by this version in November of 2024.

**GOALS**

- Work cooperatively to deliver the transportation program efficiently with a focus on quality.
- Provide a forum to facilitate the exchange of best practices.
- Continuously improve GDOT’s program, processes, and projects.
- Continuously improve the working Relationships between GDOT, consultants and contractors to increase overall communication, effectiveness, efficiency and quality.
- Recognize and showcase quality achievement by the Partnership and its members.
- Improve the long-term performance and durability of Georgia’s transportation system.

**ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1: Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee shall consist of representatives from GDOT, ACEC Georgia and GHCA. The GDOT Commissioner shall serve as an ex officio member of the Steering Committee.

- GDOT representatives shall be GDOT employees appointed by the GDOT Chief Engineer, typically including:
- Chief Engineer
  - Deputy Commissioner
  - Deputy Chief Engineer(s)
  - Director of Construction
  - Director of Engineering
  - Director of Field Services
  - Director of Permits & Operations
  - Director of Program Delivery
  - Director of P3 Division

ACEC Georgia and GHCA shall each be represented by five of their respective members in addition to their respective President & CEOs.

The Steering Committee will be led by a Chair and two Co-Chairs. The GDOT Chief Engineer will serve as Chair and ACEC Georgia and GHCA shall each appoint a Co-Chair from their representatives to the Steering Committee. The GDOT Chief Engineer will appoint a Secretary, who will prepare meeting minutes and distribute notices.

The Steering Committee will meet at least two times a year. Meeting dates and preliminary agendas will be set by the Chair and Co-Chairs. Meeting notices will be sent by the Secretary via email. The Chair and Co-Chairs shall be the voting representatives of their respective organizations, with GDOT, ACEC Georgia and GHCA each having one vote.

There shall be two Standing Committees working under the direction and oversight of the Steering Committee: the Consultant Collaboration Committee and the Contractor Collaboration Committee. Other working committees, subcommittees or task forces may be formed by the Steering Committee to further the goals of the Partnership. Committees may also designate subcommittees, teams and task forces as necessary to meet the goals of the Committee.

The Consultant Collaboration Committee and Contractor Collaboration Committee (and/or any subcommittees thereof) may also meet jointly from time to time as needed.

**Section 2: Contractor Collaboration Committee**

The Contractor Collaboration Committee shall facilitate communication, knowledge transfer and goodwill between transportation contractors and GDOT and shall operate pursuant to the Georgia Transportation Partnering for Construction (GPTC) agreement between GDOT and GHCA.

**Section 3: Consultant Collaboration Committee**

- The Consultant Collaboration Committee shall facilitate communication, knowledge transfer and goodwill between transportation consultants and GDOT. The GDOT Chief Engineer shall appoint the GDOT members of the Consultant Collaboration Committee, typically including:
- Director of Engineering
  - State Bridge Engineer
  - State Design Policy Engineer
  - State Project Review Engineer
  - State Environmental Administrator
  - State Scheduling Administrator
  - State Program Delivery Administrator
  - State Roadway Design Engineer
  - State Materials Engineer
  - State TIA Administrator
  - Chief Procurement Officer
  - State Traffic Engineer
  - State Utilities Administrator
  - P3 Division representative

The ACEC Georgia Steering Committee members shall appoint eight committee members from ACEC Georgia firms to serve on the Consultant Collaboration Committee. The members shall include at least one representative each from the environmental, bridge and traffic operations disciplines.

The Consultant Collaboration Committee will be led by two Co-Chairs. One Co-Chair will be the GDOT Director of Engineering. The ACEC Georgia members of the Steering Committee shall appoint a Co-Chair who shall also serve as one of the five consultant members of the Steering Committee. Meeting dates and agendas will be set by the Co-Chairs. The ACEC Georgia Co-Chair will prepare meeting minutes and distribute notices.

The Consultant Collaboration Committee will direct and provide oversight to the subcommittees, teams and task forces working under its purview.

**AGREEMENT**

The undersigned agree to continue to work cooperatively towards the goals of this partnership and the provisions of this charter, effective November, 2024.

American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia	Georgia Department of Transportation	Georgia Highway Contractors Association
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