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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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Gridlock. This is a reality that many of us confront on a daily basis. It is the circumstance where congestion is elevated to the point where there is little or no movement of traffic. As explained in the book *Gridlock* by Randal O'Toole, the original term was coined in the early 1800's. As the grid pattern for Manhattan was being laid out by engineers, the possibility was anticipated of cars running yellow lights and ultimately reaching a point where all intersections would be blocked. Hence, the term was 'gridlock'.

In more recent times, the term is applied to interstate travel and the condition where the amount of traffic exceeds the design capacity of the highway. It may not be 'gridlock' but it has the same outcome. It is also referred to as congestion and congestion relief has many alternatives and proponents of these alternatives.

The more contemporary alternative and at times, apparently the more popular view, is an enhanced use of transit. Whether it is heavy rail, light rail or the bus rapid transit alternative, transit is seen as the most effective and efficient way to resolve congestion. The use of transit is an essential component of 'Smart Growth' and the encouragement for increased population density. You build the rail systems and people will be encouraged to live and work in close proximity to the transit system.

In his book, *Gridlock*, Mr. O'Toole provides a different view on that alternative. He clearly does not support the current system of funding, federal or local, for transportation requirements. At

the same time, he has a concern that the limited transportation funds will be disproportionately spent on transit systems that do not derive the true economic efficiencies anticipated.

He offers some interesting alternatives to the current federal transportation policy. For those with more interest in his views on creating efficient transportation systems, I encourage you to read his book.

One reason to highlight this perspective is the draft guidelines that have been released by the GDOT Planning Director. These guidelines are mandated by the provisions of the legislation (HB277) that provide the basis of the **2012 ballot referendum for a 1% sales tax** for transportation purposes. When fully adopted, these guidelines provide a template for project selection in each of the Regional Development Commissions (RDC). A project list for each region is part of the 2012 referendum.

For the metro Atlanta area, the funding allocation has a target range of 15% - 60% for transit projects. It is essential that the projects selected for the region use objective measurements to ensure the most efficient use of the available funds. All projects, whether they are transit based or highway based, should be evaluated on the merits of the proposed projects. The most cost effective alternatives providing the optimum solution for congestion relief, improved mobility, safety and improved environmental conditions are the preferred choices.

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**Don't
Forget to
Vote on
November
2nd!**

FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament was held on October 6 at the Eagle Watch Golf Course in Woodstock, GA. Over 125 golfers enjoyed a beautiful and sunny day of food and fun while raising funds for two worthwhile initiatives. The GCAA Golf Tournament is the primary fundraiser for both the GCAA Foundation's scholarship fund as well as the StonePAC, GCAA's political action committee. Through 2010, the Scholarship Fund has awarded 32 scholarships to children of GCAA association employees. Following lunch, winners of the tournament were announced.



1st Place – Tom O'Brien, Tom Keirn, Ed Rose, Rob Rosell

2nd Place – Andy Anderson, Josh Bridges, Robby Ryan, Waldo Smith

3rd Place – Chris Collins, Shawn Greenway, Randy McAllister, Danny Thomas

4th Place – Ricky Brown, David Holland, Tim Ledford, Jeff Maulick

Closest to the Pin #4 - Frank Harris; #8 – Johnny Davis; # 14 – Brent Ward; #17 – Travis Miller

In addition, raffle prizes were drawn for a wide selection of items. We would like to thank our many sponsors who without their help this event would not be possible.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our Golf Committee for their time and effort – **Guy Milliken**, Nalley Motor Trucks; **Chancey Shepherd**, BB&T and **Randy Watkins**, Hanson Aggregates.

1st Place Team Winners:

L to R: Tom Keirn; Rob Rosell;
Edward Rose; Tom O'Brien

MSHA - UPDATE FROM MIKE DAVIS

On September 23, 2010, Mike Davis, District Manager for MSHA's Southeast District, met with safety professionals and other members of the quarry industry. We requested his guidance and clarification on a number of safety-related issues.



In anticipation of the meeting, a list of approximately 30 questions was developed. Mike clarified MSHA's position on each item. It was an extremely helpful event with significantly better insights on many issues.

From left to right are Walter DeLoach (Macon Field Office Supervisor), Melanie Wood, Vulcan Safety Manager and Mike Davis.

MSHA SOUTHEAST MINE CONFERENCE

The 5th Annual Southeast Mine Conference is being held on November 4 & 5, 2010. It will again be sited at the Winfrey Hotel in Birmingham AL. This valuable conference brings together the best safety professionals from industry and government. It will present the most current views on safety and health issues. You can get registration information at: <http://www.msha.gov/events/SE-ConferenceFlyer2010.pdf>.

VOTE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

On November 2 - **VOTE YES** on *Referendum #3*. This is an important vote for Georgia and our industry. We need to do all we can to encourage others to **VOTE YES!** Please download the brochure and distribute to your co-workers and neighbors.

[Click here for Brochure](#)

Vote "YES" to Referendum #3

On November 2nd, you will vote on Referendum #3 which will benefit all Georgians by:

- Increasing the number of projects done in a given year, putting more Georgians back to work;
- Improving safety on the road;
- Maintaining our high quality roads; and
- Resulting in positive economic impact and creating more new jobs.



Referendum # 3 allows Georgia DOT to pay for major projects as they are being built.



A "NO" vote will result in:

- ⊗ Fewer jobs;
- ⊗ Unsafe roads;
- ⊗ Poorly maintained roads;
- ⊗ Increased traffic and commute times;
- ⊗ Limit construction of new roads for economic development;
- ⊗ Delay of major maintenance projects; and
- ⊗ Limit ability to create new jobs.

YES

"Shall the constitution of Georgia be amended so as to allow the Georgia Department of Transportation to enter into multiyear construction agreements without requiring appropriations in the current fiscal year for the total amount of payments that would be due under the entire agreement so as to reduce long-term construction costs paid by the state?"

NO



BMP WORKSHOPS

On September 16 we held the first of three workshops on the Best Management Practice (BMP) that was developed by the Environmental Committee of GCAA. The workshop was held at the Lafarge Cumming facility. The purpose of the workshop is to ensure that plant managers and anyone that has responsibility for erosion and sediment control at a site understood the requirements for this critical environmental issue. With the heightened involvement of EPA, this is an area that is getting renewed scrutiny.

The workshop program was

developed by Joyce Ann Lee (Lafarge) and Jim Zadorozny (Hanson). They developed a high quality program that provides valuable insights to our plant management. We also want to recognize Brown & Caldwell who offered their assistance in presenting the basics of an effective soil and erosion control program.

There are two additional workshops scheduled, **October 13** at the **Lafarge Cumming facility** and on **November 17** at the **AggUSA Macon** facility. For additional information, contact GCAA.



2011 GCAA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

We are in full swing with our registration for the 2011 GCAA Management Workshop.

The workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday & Thursday, February 23 & 24** at the Cobb Galleria Centre, Atlanta, GA. Exhibitor setup will occur on Tuesday, February 22. The theme for this year's workshop is **"Safe and Sustainable."**

The format for the Workshop will feature the Aggregate Quality & Application Program running concurrently with a session on Safety on Wednesday morning followed by the General Session in the afternoon. Thursday will feature concurrent sessions highlighting 12 different industry related topics.

Currently, 10 of the 64 exhibit spaces are still available to reserve. If you have an interest in participating you should do so without delay. This is a great opportunity for your company to showcase your products and interface with your customers.

Program information and registration material can be downloaded from the GCAA website – www.gcaa.org – Events – 2011 Management Workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Moore at 678/473-0012, extension 21.

EPD DIRECTOR VISIT

EPD Director, Allen Barnes and the Deputy Director, Jim Ussery, toured three of our quarries on September 28. The tour included the Martin Marietta Forsyth quarry, the Lafarge Cumming plant, and finally, the Vulcan Kennesaw facility. It was a spectacular day and the director was very impressed with each facility. In addition to the view that we wanted to give the director, he had a message for us. In today's economic times, his division has taken a significant reduction in budgeted levels. The division's budget is nearly half of prior years. There have been significant cuts in staffing level with a major reduction in the surface mining section. These cutbacks not only affect our industry but have a dramatic impact on how they can manage the environmental permitting issues for any company looking to site a facility in Georgia. He prefers to see his division as part of the economic development arm of the state.





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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: Friday, October 22 and
Saturday, October 23, 2010

PLACE: Macon Marriott
240 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia

The Building Partnerships for Georgia's Transportation Future, a transportation summit of Georgia's business, civic, governmental leaders, and citizens focused on delivering a strategic vision for Georgia's transportation development will be held on October 22nd & 23rd.

The summit will be led by Chairman Jeff Mullis and Senator Robert Brown. It will be hosted by New Town Macon, the Macon Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

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