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**International Tolling Association Elects Chris Tomlinson,
Executive Director of Georgia State Road & Tollway Authority (SRTA),
as 2019 President**

Tomlinson will Begin New Term on January 1st, 2019

WASHINGTON, DC – The [International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association's \(IBTTA\)](http://www.ibtta.org) has announced the election of Chris Tomlinson, Executive Director for the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and Interim Executive Director of the newly created Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (the ATL), as the association's 2019 President-Elect.

Tomlinson was elected 2019 IBTTA President, by the membership of IBTTA, during the association's 86th Annual Meeting & Exhibition held last week in Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting brought together more than 800 transportation and tolling leaders from 20 countries to discuss innovative practices, policies, technologies, funding options and business models helping to transform mobility for drivers.

"As we look to the future, the collective transportation sector will wrestle with the impact, evolution and deployment of vehicles with higher levels of autonomy and greater efficiency. And, our surface transportation network will be utilized in new and different ways. As my theme for the year, I have chosen, *Driving the Future of Mobility*. I look forward to working with IBTTA members from around the world to develop a vision for the future and implement solutions addressing our critical infrastructure needs," said Chris Tomlinson.

"IBTTA has benefited from Chris' leadership for years and we are honored to have him serve as IBTTA President in 2019," said [Patrick D. Jones](#), Executive Director and CEO of IBTTA. **"During this critical time for transportation infrastructure development and investment, Chris will lead our association in the conversation and implementation to increase greater mobility for our customers. With today's technology rapidly changing surface transportation and tolling, this is an exciting time to be leading the world's largest tolling association and we are honored to have Chris leading our industry in 2019."**

Mr. Tomlinson leads three state level authorities whose shared missions are focused on improving mobility in Georgia by providing reliable, innovative transportation solutions to Georgia motorists and transit commuters.

Mr. Tomlinson sits on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA), where he currently serves as First Vice President. He also serves as his agencies' primary liaison to the Georgia Department of Transportation's Public Private Partnership (P3) program.

Prior to his current roles, Mr. Tomlinson served as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel for SRTA. In this role, he was responsible for day-to-day operations and legal issue management. Prior to joining SRTA, Tomlinson served as General Counsel for several state agencies, including the Georgia Department of Transportation, (GDOT), the Georgia Technology Authority and the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, where he also served as Deputy Director for the Construction Division.

Mr. Tomlinson graduated *cum laude* from Morehouse College with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Georgia State University College of Law. He resides in Loganville with his wife, Lillian, and their two children.

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[The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association \(IBTTA\)](http://www.ibtta.org) is the worldwide association for the owners and operators of toll facilities and the businesses that serve them. Founded in 1932, IBTTA has members in more than 20 countries on six continents. Through advocacy, thought leadership and education, members are implementing state-of-the-art, innovative user-based transportation financing solutions to address the critical infrastructure challenges of the 21st century. For more information, visit www.ibtta.org or join us on Twitter [@IBTTA](https://twitter.com/IBTTA) or #TollRoads.

SRTA operates all toll facilities within Georgia and serves as a transportation funding/financing arm for the state. In addition, SRTA manages "Xpress" – the State's regional commuter coach transit service which provides service in the metro Atlanta region and administers the Atlanta region's vanpool program.

GRTA serves as the Governor's voice for strategic direction and approval of metro Atlanta's federally required overall transportation plan and reviews Developments of Regional Impact to understand their effect on the region's transportation network.

The ATL provides transit governance, planning and funding oversight for all transit projects and operators within the 13-county metro Atlanta region.