



GEORGIA STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Press Release

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Eighth Congressional District...

COLE RE-ELECTED TO STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

ATLANTA – State Transportation Board (STB) Member Jim Cole, of Forsyth, was unanimously re-elected to a full Board term today by a caucus of state representatives and senators from the Eighth Congressional District.

Cole, Athletics Director at Mercer University in Macon, was first elected to the body in 2010 to fill the remaining term of a member who had retired that year. The full term of an STB member is five years.

Once a three-term member of the Georgia House of Representatives, Cole thanked his former colleagues; “I am most appreciative of the trust and confidence they expressed in me today. I am enjoying the opportunity to work with the General Assembly again as chairman of the board’s legislative committee. Together, we have opportunities to do great things for Georgia.”

Cole, who earned his undergraduate degree and MBA at Mercer, previously served as the university’s Assistant Athletic Director. An active community leader, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of Forsyth United Methodist Church, a Director for the Georgia Industrial Children’s Home and the Executive Director of the Mercer University Athletic Foundation. Cole and his wife Gaylyn have two children.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is governed by the Transportation Board whose 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, exercise general control and supervision of the Department. Each member serves a five-year term and the terms are staggered. Board members are elected by the state representatives and senators whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the congressional district.

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