

**GEORGIA OPEN ROADS POLICY: QUICK CLEARANCE FOR SAFETY AND
MOBILITY ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION**

CITY OF DOUGLASVILLE

WHEREAS, the *Georgia Open Roads Policy*, signed in 2011 by the Georgia Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and the Governor of Georgia is the policy that suggests a new benchmark and standard for traffic incident response on Georgia roadways; and

WHEREAS, the *Georgia Open Roads Policy* states, in pertinent part, that public safety remains the highest priority during a traffic incident and that public safety agencies and traffic incident responders shall re-open the roadway as soon as possible on an urgent basis; and

WHEREAS, GDOT and the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force recently developed the *2011 Georgia Traffic Incident Management Guidelines* as the recommended state-of-practice for traffic incident response, management, and clearance for Georgia roadways, and that these Guidelines complement the *Georgia Open Roads Policy*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Douglasville believes that clearing the travel portion of a roadway is a high priority and that roadways will not be closed or restricted any longer than is absolutely necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Douglasville's Police Department will promote and advocate, where appropriate, the Quick Clearance principles and practices recommended by the *2011 Georgia Traffic Incident Management Guidelines*, before, during, and after a traffic incident; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Douglasville is committed to having its Police Department participate in continuous collaboration with other state and local agencies concerning intra and inter-disciplinary matters relevant to traffic incident management and quick clearance, including but not limited to training, research, evaluation, and education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Douglasville hereby endorses and resolves to enforce the *Georgia Open Roads Policy*.

RESOLVED this 4th day of February, 2013.

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