Transportation and the Economy

• **Georgia’s Interstate Highway System**
  Georgia has over 1,200 miles of interstate highways which connect Georgia to neighboring states and the rest of the nation, connect Georgia’s major cities and help move workers from their homes to places of employment in the major cities. According to the University of Georgia Terry School of Business, *Georgia economic products can now reach approximately 80% of Americans overnight using the interstate highway system.*

• **Georgia’s Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**
  Atlanta’s airport has consistently been ranked as the busiest airport in the entire world. According to airport statistics released by Hartsfield-Jackson, *Atlanta is within a two-hour flight for 80% of the U.S. population.* Combining all aspects of the airport’s operations, it is estimated that it generates $23.5 Billion in economic activity for the State of Georgia on an annual basis.

• **State of Georgia Ports Authority**
  **Port of Savannah**
  The Port of Savannah handled a record 5.3 million 20-foot container units in FY2021, growing cargo volumes by 20%, or nearly 900,000 TEUs, over the prior year and is the single largest and fastest-growing container terminal in America. Georgia ports and terminals support over 496,700 jobs across the State of Georgia. As of May 2021, the port was third busiest seaport in the United States and was visited by the largest ship ever to dock on the East Coast, the CMA CGM Marco Polo.

  **Port of Brunswick**
  At 1,700 acres, the Colonel’s Island auto-port terminal at the Port of Brunswick is the nation’s largest and second busiest. A planned expansion will allow the Port of Brunswick to accommodate additional ships carrying automobiles and machinery. The Port of Brunswick handled 685,000 units of autos and machinery in FY2021 than in FY2020, an increase of 106,150 units and growth of 18%.