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## GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry recognized for Engineering Influence

January 30, 2019

### **Alumni Spotlight:**

Russell McMurry, Civil Engineering Technology honor graduate of '91, received ACEC Georgia's Engineering Influence Award –

*“In recognition of his exceptional leadership and management of the department's response to the Interstate 85 fire and bridge collapse in 2017.”*

Fast action by first responders prevented injury and loss of life when a fire under the overpass caused a section of I-85 in metro Atlanta to collapse in spring 2017. Under McMurry's leadership, GDOT focused on quickly and safely replacing the critical infrastructure. Its teams working with partners and contractors 24/7 rebuilt and reopened the heavily traveled corridor in just six weeks.

McMurry received the inaugural honor at ACEC Georgia's second annual Georgia Engineering Awards in 2018. The program included Georgia's 2018 Engineering Excellence Awards, which celebrate the state's exceptional engineers, engineering projects and industry achievements.

McMurry, a 28-year veteran of the Georgia Department of Transportation, has served as Commissioner since 2015.

He holds a professional engineer certification (PE). McMurry was named *Georgia Trend's* 2018 Georgian of the Year.

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