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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Heads/Chief Financial Officers

FROM: Gerda B. Hines, State Accounting Officer *MBH*

CC: Governor’s Office of Planning & Budget
DOAS State Purchasing Division

RE: Mileage Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2026

DATE: January 6, 2026

Please make sure the information referenced in this memo is conveyed to appropriate staff in your organization.

The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-19-7 requires use of the United States General Services Administration (GSA) rates for mileage when State employees are reimbursed for use of a privately-owned vehicle on official travel. [The GSA](#) recently announced revised rates for calendar year 2026. The following rates are applicable to travel that occurs on or after Jan. 1, 2026:

Tier 1 Rates:		
Automobile	\$ 0.725	per mile
Motorcycle	\$ 0.705	per mile
Airplane	\$ 1.78	per mile
Tier 2 Rate:		
	\$ 0.205	per mile

The mileage reimbursement rate policy has been updated on [SAO’s website](#) to reflect the 2026 rates. Any agency not on the TeamWorks Travel & Expense System will be responsible for updating their agency’s travel expense form.

Any reimbursement of mileage claims paid to an employee in excess of rates published in the mileage reimbursement policy must be refunded to the State or characterized as taxable compensation to the employee.

Questions about this memorandum or related to the State travel regulations should be directed to [SAO travel@sao.ga.gov](mailto:SAO_travel@sao.ga.gov). Questions regarding an agency’s budget as it relates to this memo should be directed to the agency’s budget analyst with the Office of Planning & Budget.