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WESTERN GWINNETT BIKEWAY TO BE EXTENDED SOON

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Feb. 17, 2011) – Construction on another section of the Western Gwinnett Bikeway will soon get underway after the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved a contract with the Astra Group, Inc., for just under \$1.2 million, funded by the City of Duluth and the state DOT. The 10-foot wide multi-purpose trail system will eventually connect the cities of Norcross, Berkeley Lake and Duluth in Gwinnett County and Johns Creek in Fulton County, giving local residents a way to exercise and get around to parks and community facilities.

The new section will begin where the existing trail ends at Summer Chase Drive in Duluth and continue north to Pleasant Hill Road. Construction includes road shoulder improvements, curb and gutter, and upgraded crosswalks and pedestrian facilities at intersections along the way. The City of Duluth will pay \$369,264 while the state adds another \$891,094 in federal dollars for the construction project. The city is also funding the construction inspection and materials testing for the project.

Future projects will extend the bikeway to Rogers Bridge Road with a connection to Rogers Bridge Park at the Chattahoochee River. Engineers are hoping to use the historic Rogers Bridge to carry pedestrians across the river to connect with Johns Creek.

The County built the existing section along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard from the Pinckneyville Park Community Center near South Berkeley Lake Road to Summer Chase Drive using both SPLOST and federal funds. That section is currently being extended south to the Norcross city limit and will tie into existing trails along South Old Peachtree Road, Medlock Bridge and Peachtree Parkway.

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