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CITIZENS SUGGEST PROJECTS FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

(Lawrenceville, Ga., April 2, 2014) – The Citizen Project Selection Committee on transportation presented its recommendations to commissioners on Tuesday for projects to be funded by the new three-year SPLOST program. Yesterday also marked the first day of collections for the new sales tax. Commissioners are expected to vote on final allocations on April 16.

The committee of nine members and nine alternates started work last September dividing an estimated \$225 million in projected revenue among 11 proposed transportation categories. When voters approved the SPLOST last November, the committee began prioritizing specific projects within each category.

Representatives for homeowners, businesses, civic leaders, environmental concerns, schools and seniors made up the committee. Members were responsible for sharing information with their interest groups and facilitating open communication between Gwinnett County Government and residents. According to CPSC Chairman Scott Hilton, the committee allocated the revenue equitably. "While individual members advocated for their interest group, everyone looked at what's best for the community as a whole when selecting projects to recommend," said Hilton.

Recommendation highlights are school safety, with 13 projects to improve safety near schools and funds set aside for new schools/future needs; intersections, with 13 projects to upgrade signalized and non-signalized intersections and a significant allocation for State Route 316 corridor improvements; road safety and alignment includes seven safety improvement projects and \$7 million set aside for the State Route 120 corridor in Lawrenceville; major roads, recommended \$47.6 million to address congestion and mobility includes widening projects countywide and two new I-85 interchanges; sidewalks and pedestrian safety, with 73 sidewalk projects connecting neighborhoods, parks and schools as well as technology and devices for safer pedestrian crossings. Other categories include additional sidewalks.

"We greatly appreciate the work of Scott Hilton, Renee Byrd-Lewis and all of the volunteers on the committee," said Board Chairman Charlotte Nash. "They were open and transparent, listened to input from their fellow citizens and worked diligently to select projects that reflect the needs of the whole county. I also appreciate Gwinnett County voters for recognizing the value SPLOST brings to our community and once again giving their approval."

A complete list of the recommended projects is available online at www.gwinnettsplost.com.

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