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SCHOOL SAFETY PROJECTS  
GET \$3 MILLION CONTRACTS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., April 17, 2007) - Three construction projects to improve safety in school zones were approved Tuesday by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.

The Grayson High School area will get 6,400 feet of new sidewalks on Hope Hollow Road from State Route 20 (Loganville Highway) to Plantation Run Drive and on Oak Grove Road from Barley Way to Grayson Manor Drive. The project will improve pedestrian connectivity between the school and the neighboring residential community. The Board awarded the \$1.2 million contract to Gary's Grading and Pipeline, Inc.

Two other projects will add sidewalks, turn lanes, school warning flashers and school zone signs at two new elementary schools due to open this fall.

The work at Patrick Elementary School on Kilgore Road will be done by G.P.'s Enterprises, Inc. under an \$863,734 contract. Gary's Grading & Pipeline, Inc. got the contract for work at Lovin Elementary School on New Hope Road for \$957,717.

Brian Allen, director of Gwinnett DOT, said, "These projects are typical of our emphasis over the past few years on improving safety and traffic flow in school zones for motorists and pedestrians." He said the funding for the projects will come from SPLOST revenues.

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