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DOT PRESENTS CITIZEN RECOMMENDATIONS ON 2017 SPLOST TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 8, 2017) – The Department of Transportation on Tuesday, June 6 presented the 2017 Transportation SPLOST recommendations created by the Citizen Project Selection Committee. DOT Director Alan Chapman made the presentation to the Board of Commissioners in a morning briefing with several members of the CPSC present.

Alan Kaplan, chairman of the CPSC, said, “It was a pleasure to serve with other community-minded Gwinnettians on the Citizens Project Selection Committee for the past nine months.

“I have great praise for this process of allocating SPLOST dollars because it gives the County the benefit of a cross-section of input from citizens and interest groups throughout the County to ensure that the priorities of the community are represented in the project allocations.”

With the passage of the referendum, Gwinnett County voters approved the collection of a one penny sales tax from April 1, 2017, through March 31, 2023. The six-year program will fund transportation improvements along with public safety, parks and recreation, library relocations and renovations, a civic center expansion, senior service facilities, and city projects.

Approximately 65 percent of the County share is dedicated to transportation needs. The CPSC focused solely on transportation projects. In addition to working with the DOT to prioritize projects, the CPSC also served as a sounding board for residents.

Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash applauded the effort put forth by the citizen volunteers and staff alike, noting the focus on providing investments in existing infrastructure and leveraging County tax funds to attract state and federal dollars. “We value our city partners as well, with special emphasis placed on transportation projects that would benefit both County and city residents,” said Nash.

The recommendation is sorted into two tiers. Tier I funding lines up 104 projects with the \$406,863,000 in expected transportation revenue from the 2017 SPLOST. An additional \$30.8 million in Tier I was allocated to joint County/City projects. Tier II funding and projects would only apply if collections exceed the minimum amount. An additional \$48.6 million is identified in Tier II funding.

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Since the SPLOST vote, the CPSC met 10 times for presentations and votes on each of the 11 project categories: joint county/city projects, pedestrian safety, major roads, intersections, road safety and alignments, bridges and culverts, school safety, rehabilitation and resurfacing, unpaved roads, residential speed control, and transportation planning.

Prior to the November referendum, the CPSC allocated funding across 10 of the categories; an intergovernmental agreement between Gwinnett County and the cities specified the allocation for the 11th category, joint county/city projects.

The CPSC is made up of 11 members and 11 alternates selected through a grassroots process: Interested residents from various constituencies selected the representatives. For additional information about citizen input and the 2017 SPLOST, please visit www.gwinnettcpsc.com.

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