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BRIDGE ON GRAVES ROAD, TRANSIT SHELTERS GET OK

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Oct. 3, 2006) - Baldwin Paving Company of Marietta will begin work soon to replace a bridge on Graves Road over North Fork Peachtree Creek south of Norcross. County Commissioners awarded the contract for about \$2.56 million at their regular meeting on Tuesday.

The Board also renewed a contract for bus shelters with American Transit Display Systems of Atlanta. The vendor provides, installs and maintains shelters along bus routes at no charge and pays the County a percentage of revenues from advertising on the structures. That percentage will be 13 percent next year, up one percent from this year, producing an estimated \$2,000 in revenue for the County.

The Graves Road project involves almost half a mile of resurfacing, plus installing sidewalks, guardrails and traffic signals in addition to the bridge and walls. The construction time is estimated at 115 days, with funds coming from the 1997 and 2001 SPLOST programs. Baldwin was the lowest of three bids received on the project.

Commissioners Lorraine Green and Bert Nasuti, whose districts are connected by the bridge, agreed that the construction is necessary to safely handle the increasing volume of traffic on

Graves Road. Nasuti noted that a new 70-acre passive community park is also being built in the area.

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