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## COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CONSTRUCTION FOR NEW BRANCH LIBRARY IN NORCROSS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Dec. 27, 2019) – A new building for the Norcross branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library and a parking deck will soon be under construction on a 1.6acre site located at Buford Highway (U.S. 23) and Britt Avenue near Lillian Webb Park. Gwinnett commissioners earlier this month approved the \$12.2 million construction contract, which includes some demolition work.

The 22,000-square-foot library will be about twice the size of the existing library branch located at 6025 Buford Highway. The new facility will feature areas for children, teens and adults, a multi-purpose meeting room, maker spaces and study rooms. The project will also include a pedestrian plaza, parking structure for 134 cars and a drop-off area from Britt Avenue. Parking will be dedicated for library use during regular hours but will otherwise be available to the general public.

District 2 Commissioner Ben Ku said, "Wonderful things happen when local governments work together and voters support SPLOST for quality-of-life amenities like this branch library replacement."

Cooper & Company General Contractors will build the facility to meet LEED certification with a design by CAS Architecture.

Planning began in 2017 when the city and county governments signed an intergovernmental agreement to share costs. The project is funded from various SPLOST programs and the city of Norcross.

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