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## **COMMISSIONERS GIVE GREEN LIGHT FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROJECTS**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Feb. 1, 2005) – The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners today ratified four local government project agreements with the Georgia Department of Transportation that will enhance and expand current traffic management systems. Improvements include closed circuit television camera coverage and fiber optic communications infrastructure for traffic signal control on Scenic Highway from U.S. 78 to U.S. 29, Beaver Ruin Road from U.S. 23 to U.S. 29, Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road/Suwanee Dam Road from S.R. 120 to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and Old Norcross Road from S.R. 120 to Satellite Boulevard.

There are currently similar traffic management systems along portions of U.S. 78, S.R. 124, U.S. 29, Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Holcomb Bridge Road.

The new projects will expand the current coverage, allowing motorists to view the traffic flow along their intended route through the Georgia DOT NaviGator Web site. More importantly, the enhancements will allow Gwinnett DOT staff to modify traffic signal timing in response to traffic conditions from the traffic control center at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center.

Under the proposal, Gwinnett County will handle all engineering, right-of-way, and required utility relocation costs. The Georgia DOT and Federal Highway Administration will cover 80 percent of the construction costs, and Gwinnett County will pay for the remaining 20 percent. Gwinnett County costs will be covered through the 2001 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and General Government Capital Improvement Funds.

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