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BOARD ALLOCATES SALES TAX SAVINGS TO CURRENT PROJECTS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 22, 2005) – Several much-anticipated transportation projects will get a \$19.5 million boost after the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved an allocation of savings from previous sales tax projects.

Projects include improvements to McGinnis Ferry, Howell Ferry and Dacula Roads, pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Singleton Road, road resurfacing and various school safety improvements.

The work to extend McGinnis Ferry Road across I-85 is already partially funded by the 2001 SPLOST. According to Transportation Director Brian Allen, this major road project is currently in the preliminary design phase. County officials hope to complete the design and purchase the right of way in time for the Georgia Department of Transportation to begin construction by mid- to late-2006.

The Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Singleton Road pedestrian safety improvements will be engineered this year and constructed next year. The purpose of this project is to direct people to the crosswalks and to eliminate mid-block crossings.

Crews will add a center turn lane and right turn lanes to Howell Ferry Road later this year or in early 2006; these safety improvements are in relation to the replacement hospital building that is currently under construction in Duluth. The Dacula Road project, adding a left turn lane and a traffic signal at the entrance to the new Dacula Library, will begin later this year.

Allen said the additional funds will also help fund the higher-than-expected costs of several resurfacing projects due to the increase in the price of fuel price.

Engineering and right of way acquisition for the school projects will take place later this year and early in 2006 to allow construction next summer while school is not in session.

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