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TRAFFIC FIXES GET APPROVAL

(Lawrenceville, Sept. 8, 2006) - Several projects to relieve traffic bottlenecks were approved by the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners on Tuesday. One will install a fiber-optic traffic management system along Scenic Highway/State Route 124 from US-78 in Snellville to Crogan Street/Winder Highway/State Route 8 in Lawrenceville. The other project will provide turn lanes and new sidewalks near Parkview High School.

The automated traffic management system includes cameras and remote controls that allow the Gwinnett Traffic Control Center to monitor real-time conditions and adjust traffic lights accordingly. The system will cost just over a million dollars, funded from the 2001 SPLOST program. The approved contractor, ComTran Group, will begin construction in November.

New left and right turn lanes into Parkview High will help remove school traffic from travel lanes. An earlier project replaced a bridge on Cole Drive in the same area while school was out over the summer. The low-bid contractor, ISC, Inc., will begin six months of construction on the \$856,529 project in October. The new sidewalks will tie the school and the adjacent soccer fields to Miller Road.

Both projects are "examples of the County's nearly two year-old emphasis on locating and implementing 'quick fix' solutions to

help relieve traffic congestion," said Commission Chairman Charles Bannister.

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