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**GWINNETT APPROVES AGREEMENTS  
TO IMPROVE US 78**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 5, 2007) - The Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved agreements between the state and the Evermore CID for alignment, inter-parcel access and aesthetic improvements in the US 78 corridor. County officials have been working closely with Gwinnett's Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) to get funding for various transportation improvements.

"We are one step closer to improving this vitally important corridor thanks to the cooperation of the state, federal, and local governments and the Evermore CID," said District 3 Commissioner Mike Beaudreau. According to Beaudreau, the \$14 million cost will be split with \$10.1 million coming from federal funds, \$1.75 million from the County's 2005 SPLOST program, \$1.3 million from the Evermore CID, and \$980,000 from the state.

"Through our partnership with Gwinnett County, the Evermore CID has been able to leverage federal and state funding to begin engineering on several projects that will have a positive impact on more than 65,000 motorists daily," said Brett Harrell, Executive Director of the Evermore CID.

The projects include a pedestrian bridge over the Yellow River to improve safety and parallel road projects to improve access and mobility while reducing congestion.

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