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## ROAD, BRIDGE, SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS APPROVED

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 15, 2010) – Five Forks Trickum Road will get major improvements, Patterson Road will get a new bridge and Head Elementary School will soon have a new sidewalk to nearby neighborhoods after the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners approved the projects on Tuesday. The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) will fund all three projects.

The three intersections on Five Forks Trickum Road that will get turn lanes and full pedestrian access are Pounds/Garner Road, Winchester Drive and Cole Drive. The project will add a center turn lane and sidewalks on both sides for its full length from Cole Drive to Garner/Pounds Road. Construction will take about a year. C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc., submitted the lowest of 10 bids at about \$1.17 million.

Patterson Road will close for about five months while crews replace a bridge over Pew Creek, realign the roadway and improve the road shoulders. The project includes a new sidewalk on Hewatt Road from Corral Way to Head Elementary School that is to be completed by fall. C.W. Matthews was the lowest of eight bidders at about \$1.3 million.

Commission Chairman Charles Bannister said, "These projects continue the County's emphasis on fixing traffic bottlenecks and improving safety for motorists and pedestrians."

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