



Gwinnett County Government Communications Division NEWS RELEASE

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GWINNETT EXPANDS TRAFFIC MONITORING

(Lawrenceville, Ga., July 19, 2011) – Gwinnett transportation officials received formal approval Tuesday to begin installing more traffic cameras and fiber-optic cables to monitor arterial and corridor traffic flow and allow real-time, remote control adjustments from the Gwinnett Traffic Control Center in two congested areas.

A six-mile stretch of Pleasant Hill Road between Lawrenceville Highway/U.S. 29 and Buford Highway/U.S. 23 will get the new traffic-management equipment. So will almost three miles of Buford Drive/State Route 20 between I-985 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard near the Mall of Georgia.

The Board of Commissioners awarded both contracts to low bidder R.J. Haynie, Inc., for a combined amount of \$847,668. The cost will be paid with 80 percent state transportation funds plus 20 percent from Gwinnett's 2009 SPLOST sales tax program.

The new traffic cameras will be added to the Department of Transportation's GC Smart Commute program, which provides Gwinnett residents the opportunity to view live traffic feeds of heavily-traveled intersections and corridors to plan their daily commute.

Live feeds show real-time traffic looped for about a dozen heavily-used intersections and corridors during peak hours of commuter traffic. Additional intersections are shown during off-peak hours. GC Smart Commute is available 24/7 at www.gcsmartcommute.com and on TVgwinnett, the government access cable channel, weekdays between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and again between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Approximately 115 cameras are currently operating with a total of 175 expected to be operating within the next several years.

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