



# Gwinnett County Government Communications Division NEWS RELEASE

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## **IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO STATE ROUTE 20, CLUB DRIVE**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 7, 2012) – The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved contracts for the widening of State Route 20 in Sugar Hill and improvements to Club Drive south of Gwinnett Place Mall this past Tuesday.

“State Route 20 from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to the Forsyth County line is the last remaining two-lane section of this heavily traveled road in Gwinnett,” Gwinnett Transportation Director Kim Conroy said. “The County is buying right of way and easements from about 200 properties there, and we will manage the construction when it starts early next year.” The Board approved an agreement with Georgia DOT officials that will bring another \$30 million in state and federal funds for utility relocations and construction in addition to the \$39 million in state and federal funds Gwinnett is now using for land acquisition.

A separate project will build a new four-lane bridge for State Route 20 over the Chattahoochee River to improve traffic flow between Sugar Hill and Cumming. Forsyth County is working with the state to widen the road on their side from James Burgess Road to Samples Road. Planners expect traffic to increase from 30,000 vehicles per day to 50,000 over the next 20 years.

In Gwinnett, State Route 20 runs from Sugar Hill past the Mall of Georgia through Lawrenceville, Grayson and Loganville. Two recently opened projects in the Grayson area extended the widening to near the Walton County line.

The Board also awarded a construction contract for new sidewalks as well as curb, gutter and road shoulder improvements along Club Drive from Cruse Road to Club Drive Park. This work, funded by the 2009 SPLOST program, will fill in missing links in existing sidewalks. A future project will add sidewalks from the park to Pleasant Hill Road. Ohmshiv Construction LLC, the lowest of six bidders at \$452,904.50, expects to complete the work by the end of this year.

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