



# Gwinnett County Government Communications Division NEWS RELEASE

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## **NEW SCHOOLS, U.S. 78 TO GET ROAD UPGRADES**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Jan. 7, 2015) – Pedestrian and intersection improvements are coming to two new schools that will open in August and an intersection on U.S. 78. Commissioners approved construction contracts for the three SPLOST-funded projects on Tuesday.

The Graves Road intersection at McDonough Drive will get a traffic signal and an entrance to the new Graves Elementary School will be created. The \$2.1 million contract, which also includes area sidewalks that connect the school to Graves Park, went to low bidder C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. Inc.

The existing signal will be modified and turn lanes and sidewalks will be installed at the entrance to the new Baggett Elementary School at Old Norcross Road and Oakland Road. CMES Inc. of Lilburn was the lowest of five bidders at \$1 million for the contract that also includes new turn lanes on Cruse Road.

Both projects will be complete prior to the August school opening dates.

A third project will relocate the intersection of U.S. 78 and Old Highway 78 across from Walton Court to create a four-legged intersection. A separate project to follow will build a parallel access road along U.S. 78 between Britt Road and the new intersection. CMES Inc. was the lowest of three bidders at \$852,256. The project is funded 67 percent by the Evermore Community Improvement District, 27 percent by the state, and 6 percent by the 2009 SPLOST program. Work should be finished by early 2016.

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