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COMMISSIONERS APPROVE NEW SIDWALKS ALONG BUFORD HIGHWAY

(Lawrenceville, Ga., March 4, 2014) – The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract today to build a sidewalk on the north side of Buford Highway between Amwiler Road and Jimmy Carter Boulevard. The project also includes curb, gutter and other drainage improvements. Signal modifications and pedestrian improvements will be made at Amwiler Road, Pleasantdale Road, Jones Mill Road/Button Gwinnett Drive and Oak Road.

District 2 Commissioner Lynette Howard said, “These new sidewalks will be a great enhancement to the Buford Highway corridor, along with other improvements that will help pedestrians get around safely and continue to connect our communities.”

This project is a partnership between Gwinnett County, the Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Gwinnett Village CID provided the engineering and environmental permitting using 2009 SPLOST money allocated for pedestrian improvement projects. GDOT is funding 80 percent of the construction while Gwinnett County handled right-of-way acquisition and is managing construction of the project. Summit Construction and Development was the lowest of five bidders at \$709,122.60.

“The Buford Highway corridor has one of the highest concentrations of pedestrian traffic in our area,” said Chuck Warbington, executive director for the Gwinnett Village CID. “This project is a great example of how collaboration between CID, county and state partners can pay off in the form of much-needed improvements that benefit residents and local businesses.”

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