



# Gwinnett County Government Communications Division NEWS RELEASE

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## **COMMISSIONERS APPROVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS WITH SPLOST**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Sept. 16, 2014) – Nearly \$5 million in SPLOST pennies will soon go to work to ease congestion on Gwinnett roads thanks to Board of Commissioners actions on Tuesday. Commissioners approved a project framework agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for a future interchange on I-85 at McGinnis Ferry Road and construction contracts for two projects that will connect two dozen traffic signals on Suwanee Dam Road and Indian Trail Road to the Gwinnett Traffic Control Center.

Gwinnett agreed to contribute \$4 million to purchase right-of-way and also agreed to manage the preliminary engineering of the new interchange. The state DOT will manage construction and supply \$13.3 million, including \$10.6 million in federal funds. County funding comes from the 2009 and 2014 SPLOST sales tax programs.

Eight cameras and 4.4 miles of fiber optic cable on Suwanee Dam Road will link nine traffic signals to the Traffic Control Center to allow traffic monitoring and real-time signal timing adjustments. The \$599,005 project stretches from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to State Route 20.

A second fiber-optic project for \$817,684 will add nine more cameras and connect 15 traffic signals on 3.6 miles of Indian Trail Road between Beaver Run Road and U.S. Highway 29/Lawrenceville Highway. Both contracts went to low bidder ComTran Group Inc. of Buford funded by the 2009 SPLOST program.

Gwinnett DOT Director Kim Conroy said, “SPLOST funds are helping us move forward on multiple projects to ease congestion and improve traffic flow throughout Gwinnett County.”

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