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## Gwinnett approves sidewalks and more

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga., (DecEMBER 15, 2010) – Designing improvements to the intersection of Jimmy Carter Boulevard at Buford Highway will be underway soon after Gwinnett commissioners approved three contracts with two Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) on Tuesday.

An agreement with the Gwinnett Village CID allows the district to study feasibility and designs to accommodate increased capacity, improve safety and minimize congestion at the intersection. The project was identified and funded in the 2009 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Program. The County will contribute \$962,500 and the CID will be responsible for contracting the design. They will work together to obtain funding for land acquisition and construction of the project.

Resurfacing of Indian Trail Road is covered by a second agreement with the same CID. It provides funds up to \$405,207 from the 2009 SPLOST in conjunction with a CID project to make improvements to the median and roadway.

The Gwinnett Place CID will add sidewalks on Sweetwater Road, Koger Boulevard, Steve Reynolds Boulevard, Old Norcross Road, Venture Drive and Pineland Road. Gwinnett County will provide \$590,662 that was identified in the 2009 SPLOST for building sidewalks at various locations within the limits of the CIDs.

Sidewalks on Ross Road will be the result of an innovative pilot project for a combined design/build contract awarded to ISC, Inc., for \$299,180. The County also awarded a construction contract for sidewalks in the Gwinnett Center area on Sugarloaf Parkway and Satellite Boulevard. A bid of \$1.3 million from ER Snell Contractor, Inc., was the lowest of four. An agreement with the Georgia DOT for a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grant will provide just under \$1.1 million toward the construction cost.

“The money for these projects has been collected through the 2009 SPLOST program, and those funds have allowed us to receive grant funding for one of the projects,” said Gwinnett DOT Director Brian Allen. “I’m happy to get these design and construction activities underway.”

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