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### **CID awarded \$350,000 grant for sidewalk project**

*Transportation Enhancement funds to pay for streetscape construction*

(Duluth)—Pedestrian safety upgrades and aesthetic enhancements will come to Pleasant Hill Road thanks to special funds awarded to the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID).

The Georgia Department of Transportation has agreed to supply \$350,000 in Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant funds in response to an application submitted by the CID. The grant will pay for streetscape elements such as decorative street lamps, benches, trashcans and landscaping.

CID Executive Director Dave Rosselle said the TE funds will accompany \$540,000 in sales tax revenue Gwinnett County has budgeted to construct sidewalks on Pleasant Hill Road from Breckinridge Boulevard to Satellite Boulevard.

Rosselle said the additional commitment of \$150,000 from the CID for engineering/planning and \$10,000 in grading services from Bill Russell's Russell Landscape Group Inc. likely added to the state's decision to approve the grant application.

"Projects that consist of funding from public and private sources are looked upon more favorably," Rosselle added.

The CID's application represented one of 275 eligible statewide projects vying for a share of available funds.

"Our CID receiving this grant from GDOT shows that state leaders recognize the regional impact of our revitalization and mobility enhancement efforts," Rosselle said.