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Federal funds to help with I-85 bridge replacements

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Revitalization along Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road got a boost this week when Congress approved appropriations that include funds to assist in replacing bridges over I-85 in Gwinnett County.

The funding included \$1 million for the Pleasant Hill Road project and \$500,000 for the Jimmy Carter Bridge.

This federal funding continues the effort led by the Gwinnett Place and Gwinnett Village community improvement districts. Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charles Bannister said replacing the bridges is critical to promote revitalization in each of the CIDs.

Gwinnett Village CID has secured more than \$12.5 million for the Jimmy Carter Boulevard bridge replacement project, including federal, CID and county SPLOST funds.

Gwinnett Village CID is underway with design of the new bridge, which includes three additional lanes and upgraded signalization, according to Chuck Warbington, Gwinnett Village CID executive director.

County Transportation Director Brian Allen said Gwinnett County will continue to support the CIDs' efforts to improve the interchanges.

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