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Safe Routes To Schools...

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD AWARDS SCHOOL FUNDS

ATLANTA – Georgia Fourth Congressional District State Transportation Board Member Robert Brown today announced a \$476,044.49 federal Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) project for DeKalb County’s Briarlake Elementary, Evansdale Elementary, Fairington Elementary, Hawthorne Elementary & Oakgrove Elementary schools to enhance walking and bicycling opportunities for its students.

In conjunction with the Georgia DOT and DeKalb County Public Works, which sponsored the project, the schools will construct and improve campus-area facilities such as sidewalks and crosswalks and address safety issues by various programs – all designed to make it easier and safer for students to walk or bike to class.

“SRTS is very valuable to our schools and our children,” Brown commented. “This program enhances safety and that is very important but it also reduces congestion and pollution around our schools.”

Safe Routes to School is a federally funded, national program to reduce congestion, improve safety and promote the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. With the support of parents, schools, community members and government, the program evaluates school area environments; conducts activities; and funds projects that improve safety, and reduce traffic and air pollution in the surrounding community - making walking and bicycling to school a safer and more appealing transportation option.

The State Transportation Board determines policy and exercises general governance of Georgia’s Department of Transportation. The Board’s 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, serve staggered, five-year terms. Board members are elected by those state senators and representatives whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the relevant congressional district.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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