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Safe Routes To Schools...

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD AWARDS SCHOOL FUNDS TO DALTON CITY SCHOOLS

ATLANTA – Georgia Ninth Congressional District State Transportation Board Member Emily Dunn today announced a \$436,009 federal Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) project for Dalton City School’s Blue Ridge Elementary School, Brookwood Elementary, City Park Elementary, Roan Elementary School and Westwood Elementary School to enhance walking and bicycling opportunities for its students.

“SRTS is a worthwhile program from many perspectives,” Ms. Dunn commented. “It can reduce those aggravating and pollution-generating waits to drop off or pick up children and at the same time, help our children stay safe, active and physically fit.”

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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