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Safe Routes To Schools...

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD AWARDS SCHOOL FUNDS

ATLANTA – Georgia Tenth Congressional District State Transportation Board Member Don Grantham today announced almost \$513,000 federal funds for Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) projects for Cornelia Elementary School and Columbia County’s Lewiston Elementary School, to enhance walking and bicycling opportunities for their students.

In conjunction with the Georgia DOT, the City of Cornelia and Columbia County which sponsored the projects, these 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 a very worthwhile program from many perspectives,” Mr. Grantham commented. “It helps 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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City of Cornelia SRTS:

Removing crosswalks with limited sight distance

Installation of raised or high visibility crosswalks

Installation of ADA Compliant sidewalk in several locations

Replacement of curb and gutter on existing sidewalk

Columbia County SRTS:

Installing 6' sidewalks along walking routes

Installing school zone pavement markings

Installing raised crosswalks

Installation of bike racks