



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Press Release

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*Safe Routes To Schools...*

### **STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD AWARDS SCHOOL FUNDS**

ATLANTA – Georgia Fifth Congressional District State Transportation Board Member Emory McClinton today announced a \$499,926.01 federal Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) project for Atlanta Charter Middle School and Neighborhood Charter School to enhance walking and bicycling opportunities for their students.

In conjunction with the Georgia DOT and the City of Atlanta Department of Public Works, which sponsored the project, 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.

“We are very happy to participate in SRTS,” McClinton commented. “It promotes physical fitness and reduces pollution and traffic around the schools making the area much safer for the children.”

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](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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