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STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER BRANDON BEACH ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR EIGHT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS IN FOUR METRO ATLANTA COUNTIES

ALPHARETTA, Ga. – State Transportation Board member Brandon Beach today announced \$4.2 million in Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funds for eight projects in Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, and Fulton counties. These federally-funded projects include two streetscape projects in the cities of Woodstock and Ball Ground, and the Georgia Highway 92 and Robin Road Enhancement Santa Fe in Cherokee County; the beautification of Cumberland Boulevard Interchange in Cobb County; funding of Phase II of the Dunwoody Village Parkway in DeKalb County; and the Johns Creek Bioretention Improvements and Landscaping project in the city of Johns Creek, Georgia 400 Bicycle Expressway in the city of Alpharetta, and the Morgan Falls Road Corridor project in the city of Sandy Springs.

“All these Transportation Enhancement projects in Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb and Fulton counties add up to two things – safer mobility and better quality of life for all residents of these counties,” said Beach who represents Congressional District 6 on the State Transportation Board. “Projects like these will continue to positively influence the lives of our citizens and I share with pride Georgia DOT’s ability to bring them to these communities.”

The TE program is federally funded and was originally established in 1991 by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The program was continued by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005.

Projects funded by the TE program include multi-use facilities such as walking and biking trails and paths; streetscaping and landscaping projects in cities and towns; historic preservation of transportation-related facilities like railroad depots; and scenic preservation of views and scenic byways. Up to 80 percent of the funds being used for these projects have been provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with the local government funding the remainder of the total project cost. The local government project sponsor is responsible for implementing the TE project and obtaining federal reimbursement from Georgia DOT.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is governed by the State Transportation Board. Its 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, exercise general control and supervision of the Department. Each member serves a five-year term and the terms are staggered. Board members are elected by the state representatives and senators whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the congressional district.

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