

Press Release

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STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD CHAIR RUDY BOWEN ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEVEN

ATLANTA, Ga. – State Transportation Board Chairman, Rudy Bowen today announced \$4.4 million in Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funds for twelve projects in the Seventh Congressional District that she serves. These federally-funded projects include the Railroad Street Multi-Use Lane and Beautification in the City of Statham, the Downtown Streetscape in the City of Winder, the Downtown Gateway in the City of Auburn, the Buford Highway Median Landscaping in the City of Duluth, Pedestrian Pathways at Georgia Gwinnett College, Brushy Creek Greenway Phase One and Suwanee Dam Road Multi-Use Trail in the City of Suwanee, South Broad Streetscape Phase Two in the City of Monroe and Pedestrian Connectivity in the City of Norcross. Projects funded in Gwinnett County are the Peachtree Industrial Blvd Sidewalks, Satellite Blvd Pedestrian and Transit Connector Phase One, Southeastern Railway Museum Phase Three and the Buford Highway Transit Oriented Sidewalk and Multi-Use Park.

“Enhancement projects are unique opportunities to change a community. These projects are wonderful examples of State and Federal Government funding the wants of a local community. I am proud to be a part of this process,” explained Bowen who represents Congressional District 7 and is the Chairman of the State Transportation Board.

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.

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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Congressional District 7 Enhancement projects that received funding.

Project Name	Sponsor	County	Board Member Funding
Railroad Street Multi-use Lane and Beautification	City of Statham	Barrow	\$300,000
Winder Downtown Streetscape	City of Winder	Barrow	\$500,000
Downtown Auburn Gateway	City of Auburn	Barrow	\$300,000
Buford Highway Median Landscaping	City of Duluth	Gwinnett	\$150,000
Georgia Gwinnett College Pedestrian Pathways	Georgia Gwinnett College	Gwinnett	\$500,000
Brushy Creek Greenway Phase I and Suwanee Dam Road Multi-use trail	City of Suwanee	Gwinnett	\$450,000
Peachtree Industrial Boulevard (SR 141) Access Road Sidewalk	Gwinnett County	Gwinnett	\$250,000
Satellite Boulevard Pedestrian and Transit Connector Phase I	Gwinnett County	Gwinnett	\$450,000
Southeastern Railway Museum Phase III	Gwinnett County	Gwinnett	\$500,000
Buford Highway Transit Oriented Sidewalk/Multiuse Park	Gwinnett County	Gwinnett	\$450,000
City of Monroe South Broad Streetscape Phase II	City of Monroe	Walton	\$500,000
Norcross Pedestrian Connectivity	Norcross	Gwinnett	\$100,000
Total			\$4,450,000