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STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER EMILY DUNN ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NINE

ATLANTA, Ga. – State Transportation Board member Emily Dunn today announced \$4.4 million in Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funds for twelve projects in the Ninth Congressional District that she serves. These federally-funded projects include the Battlefield Parkway Multi-Use Trail in Fort Oglethorpe, Phase One of the Dawson County Community Cultural Trail, Phase One of the Streetscape Addition in the City of Blue Ridge, The McFarland Road – Shiloh Road Sidewalk Project in the City of Cumming, Phase Two of the Gainesville Midtown Multi – Use Trail in the City of Gainesville, Park Connectivity Phase Two Streetscape in the City of Lula, Downtown Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvements in the City of Dahlonega, The Court Street Extension in Pickens County, Phase Two of the Streetscape in the City of Blairsville, the Welcome Center at McLemore’s Cove in Walker County, the Gateway Bridge to Prosperity in the City of Helen and Phase One of the Dalton Greenway Project in the City of Dalton.

“I was impressed with the effort of communities to improve mobility in their area. These projects will enhance safety by providing sidewalks and crosswalks and improve the overall quality of life too. Enhancement projects are truly named appropriately,” said Dunn who represents Congressional District 9 on 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.

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