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GA DOT BOARD MEMBER DON GRANTHAM ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

AUGUSTA, Ga. – State Transportation Board member Don Grantham today announced over \$4 million in Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funds for fifteen projects in Richmond, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, Oglethorpe, Elbert, Towns, Jackson, Stephens, Franklin, Towns and Habersham counties.

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

“The TE program helps local communities fund needed projects, especially during these tough economic times,” said Georgia DOT Board member Don Grantham. “I am pleased that we were able to work with so many communities this year to provide funds for projects that might not be possible without this assistance. “

An estimated \$55 million worth of Transportation Enhancement projects were funded in this round of grants. 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 full TE award list is available online at: www.dot.ga.gov/TE

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. Georgia is the 6th fastest growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our website (www.dot.ga.gov).

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Congressional District 10 TE Project Listing For 2011

Augusta Entryway & Corridor Master Design	City of Augusta	Richmond	\$200,000
Eucler Creek Trail Connector	City of Grovetown	Columbia	\$250,000
Elbert Conference & Welcome Center Phase III	Elbert County	Elbert	\$300,000
Young Harris Streetscapes Project	City of Young Harris	Towns	\$275,000
Downtown Toccoa Streetscape Phase VI	City of Toccoa	Stephens	\$325,000
Crawford Depot Rehabilitation	Oglethorpe County Chamber of Commerce	Oglethorpe	\$300,000
Lavonia Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Phase II	City of Lavonia	Franklin	\$200,000
Demorest Streetscape and Sidewalk Improvements - Phase 2	City of Demorest	Habersham	\$300,000
Cornelia Bike/Pedestrian Pathway Project	City of Cornelia	Habersham	\$300,000
Thomson-McDuffie Downtown Walkway Revitalization, Phase III	City of Thomson	McDuffie	\$275,000
Royston Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project Phase III	City of Royston	Franklin	\$350,000
Eucler Creek Greenway Phase I	Columbia County	Columbia	\$250,000
Town of Braselton Downtown Streetscapes - Phase 2	City of Braselton	Jackson	\$250,000
Lincolnton TE Phase III	City of Lincolnton	Lincoln	\$225,000
North South Connecting Sidewalks	City of Commerce	Jackson	\$250,000
Total			\$4,050,000