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TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER BOBBY PARHAM ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. – State Transportation Board member Bobby Parham today announced over \$6 million in Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funds for ten projects in Baldwin, Hancock, Warren, Washington, Jenkins, Screven, Emanuel and Chatham 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 allows local communities the opportunity to fund needed enhancement projects,” said Georgia DOT Board member Bobby Parham. “I am proud that we were able to work with these communities to secure funding.”

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

Project Name	Sponsor	County	Board Member Funding
Bloomingdale Linear Park	City of Bloomingdale	Chatham	\$718,571
Historic Downtown Milledgeville Streetscape - Phase 4	City of Milledgeville	Baldwin	\$880,000
Phase 3 Oconee River Greenway and Riverwalk	Oconee River Greenway Authority	Baldwin	\$1,000,000
Hancock County Depot Welcome Center	Hancock County	Hancock	\$525,040
Warren Depot -- Trailhead Convenience Center & Streetscape, Phase III	Warren County	Warren	\$316,463
Tennille Freight Depot Rehabilitation and Streetscape Phase II	City of Tennille	Washington	\$500,000
Millen Downtown Streetscape/Greenspace Preservation Phase II	City of Millen	Jenkins	\$1,000,000
Brier Creek Battlefield Project	City of Sylvania	Screven	\$100,000
Downtown Streetscape Improvements Phase III	City of Swainsboro	Emanuel	\$534,608
Downtown Sparta Streetscape Phase II	City of Sparta	Hancock	\$500,000
Total			\$6,074,682