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Deal announces \$27 million in transportation infrastructure project awards

17 governments and CIDs to receive GTIB grant and loan funding

The State Road and Tollway Authority Board (SRTA) voted today and approved funding for 17 transportation infrastructure projects totaling approximately \$27 million in grants and loans provided through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB). The GTIB program is a revolving infrastructure investment fund established in 2008 by Georgia legislators and administered by SRTA. Gov. Nathan Deal serves as chair of the SRTA Board.

“Today marks a major transportation milestone for Georgia. Through the GTIB Program, significant transportation infrastructure investments have been made towards the future of our communities – continuing to give Georgia a competitive edge,” Deal said. “Georgia mobility is pivotal to the economic vitality of our great state and this supplemental funding will enhance accessibility and quality of life for employment centers throughout Georgia.”

Community improvement districts (CIDs), as well as local and state government entities are eligible for GTIB grant and loan funding. This year, 17 grants and three loans were awarded for this round of the GTIB program. The awardees include: counties — Barrow, Bulloch, Cobb, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Lee and Peach; Cities – Doraville, Dunwoody, Griffin, Gainesville and Sandy Springs; CIDs — Atlanta, Buckhead, Cumberland and Red Top.

“To date, the GTIB program has provided more than \$81 million in funding to jumpstart or complete transportation projects across the state, totaling more than \$375 million in total project value,” said SRTA Executive Director Chris Tomlinson. “Since 2010, GTIB has awarded projects ranging from the diverging diamond interchanges in Gwinnett and Perimeter Center to roadway extensions in Lee and Peach Counties, and continues to serve our thriving municipalities and governments throughout Georgia.”

Grant applications were ranked based on transportation/engineering merit, economic merit, local, state and federal matching funds and project specifics, such as the project phase and feasibility. Loan applications are evaluated based on borrower type, project type and loan spend down/repayment abilities, in addition to the merits of the project itself. Final approval is made by the SRTA Board.

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Below are a list of project descriptions for this round of GTIB funding:

COUNTIES – GTIB GRANTS

Barrow County

West Winder Bypass

Project will widen five miles of Patrick Mill Road from two lanes to four and create a full-diamond grade separated interchange at SR316; thereby improving local and regional freight mobility and enhancing access to emerging employment and activity centers within the Winder-Barrow area (labeled a primary industrial employment center in Northeast Georgia).

GTIB Grant Award: **\$1,080,000**

Bulloch County

Interstate Gateway Corridor – Phase I

Project will make operational and intersection improvements along 2,800 linear feet of US 301 (just south of the I-16 Interchange at Exit 116). The project will widen the existing highway, construct two median cuts and associated left turn lanes, and create other operational access improvements within nearby intersections. Project is necessary for the development of a new 220 acre industrial park.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$1,502,000**

Cobb County

Six Flags Area Improvements at Riverside Parkway

Project seeks to improve mobility on Riverside Pkwy from the I-20 EB off-ramp to Six Flags Drive by realigning an intersection and improving sidewalks, traffic signals and signage. Project will increase the accessibility for thousands of employees and guests to Six Flags Over Georgia.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$1,600,000**

Forsyth County

Union Hill Road Widening/Reconstruction

Project will widen/reconstruct Union Hill Road from 1,000 feet east of SR 400 to McFarland Parkway from the existing 2-lane rural roadway to a 4-lane urban roadway and widen the existing bridges from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. Project seeks to provide a viable alternate link to McGinnis Ferry Road and McFarland Parkway.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$1,200,000**

Gwinnett County

SR324 – New Interchange at I-85

Project seeks to add four new ramps to create a full access diamond interchange on SR324/Gravel Springs Road over I-85 (between SR20/Buford Drive Exit 115 and Hamilton Mill Road Exit 120). This project is to provide local relief due to Mall of Georgia Traffic at SR20.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$2,000,000**

Hall County

Tumbling Creek Road Extension

Project will extend Tumbling Creek Road approximately 900 Feet over a Norfolk Southern Railroad to intersect with Old Oakwood Road and connect to Millside Parkway. The grade-separated overpass will reconnect two commercial areas and provide greater access to residential, commercial, retail and institutional centers.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$2,000,000**

Lee County

Marlowe Lane Extension

Project would provide a .24 mile two-lane roadway extension between the intersection of SR520/US82 and Fussell Road to the intersection of Marlow Lane and Margate Lane. Project will also include traffic signal upgrades. The focus of the project is to relieve congestion in a residential area and provide secondary access to a nearby commercial district.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$194,485**

Peach County

Russell Parkway Extension – Phase 1

Project will construct a new two-lane extension for Russell Parkway from the current end at Housers Mill Rd to Lakeview Road (approximately 1.0 mile to the west). This is the first phase in a project that will eventually connect Russell Parkway all the way to SR49. Project is part of a 2006 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Peach County and the cities of Byron and Fort Valley as a long range objective to improve connectivity for the growing east-central region of Peach County.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$1,395,395**

CITIES – GTIB GRANTS

City of Dunwoody

Westside Connector Project

Project will improve mobility by connecting Goldkist Drive with the I-285 interchange westbound on and off ramps at Ashford Dunwoody Road. The project includes a parallel multi-use path for bicycle and pedestrian access to the Dunwoody MARTA station.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$500,000**

City of Doraville

Road and Infrastructure Development for Assembly Project

Project, which is part of a comprehensive plan to redevelop the closed General Motors Plant site now known as the Assembly, will create a .5 mile, four-lane connector road from Motors Industrial Boulevard to Peachtree Road (“Phase 1 of West Avenue Connector”). Project will include 10-foot bicycle lanes and 12-foot sidewalks.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$1,500,000**

City of Gainesville

Oak Tree Drive/SR 60 Connector Operations

Project will improve the signalization of the intersection at Thompson Bridge Road/SR60 and Oak Tree Drive/SR 60 Connector, widen Oak Tree Drive, and realign/reconfigure the eastern end of Oak Tree Drive/SR 60 Connector and Riverside Drive.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$793,416**

City of Griffin

North Griffin Right of Way Improvement Program

Project will add a roundabout at the intersection of North Hill Street at Tuskegee Avenue/Northside Drive, where both horizontal alignments are offset to each other. Project was identified as part of studies that originated from the North Hill LCI study, which focused on economic redevelopment along the corridor. Project will improve accessibility from the Downtown City of Griffin with Sun City, a 3,400 senior living planned development.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$992,893**

City of Sandy Springs

City Center Transportation Network

Project will create a 550-foot new street in the heart of Sandy Spring's emerging downtown, providing an east-west street connection between Roswell Road/SR 9 and Boylston Drive. The project is part of a Master Plan for the City Center Area to create a walkable downtown street grid. The new infrastructure seeks to provide the catalyst for future mixed-use redevelopment, which would replace aging offices and strip shopping centers that are no longer economically viable.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$600,000**

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS – GTIB GRANTS

Atlanta DID

Baker Street Two-Way Conversion

The proposed project consists of modifications to signage, striping and traffic signals to allow for two-way traffic between Centennial Olympic Park Drive and Piedmont Avenue. The project will include provisions for bicycles in the block between Luckie Street and Centennial Olympic Park Drive (in the form of shared lane signage and striping, or dedicated facilities).

GTIB Grant Award: **\$1,060,000**

Buckhead CID

Piedmont Road Widening

Project will widen a portion of Piedmont Road from a 5-lane cross section to a seven-lane cross section (project provides a center turn lane for the length of the project between Peachtree Road and Lenox Road). Project also includes a bicycle facility on the west-side.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$1,600,000**

Cumberland CID

Akers Mill Ramp

Project will add an entrance/exit ramp at an existing interchange for connectivity to the Northwest Corridor Managed Lanes project, which is currently under construction. Project serves a major economic employment center with over 100,000 people traveling to and from Cumberland CID, which accounts for a significant portion of the State's economy.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$2,000,000**

Red Top CID

CSX Railroad Bridge Crossing at LakePoint Parkway

Phase 1 of this project (the only phase being applied for) will create a bridge with a pedestrian causeway over a CSX rail line to create a future spur road to connect LakePoint Parkway to Red Top Mountain Road (the "SR 293 Spur"). This road will eventually connect the future North Campus of the LakePoint Sporting Community with the existing South Campus.

GTIB Grant Award: **\$2,000,000**

GTIB LOANS

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About SRTA

The State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) is a state-level, independent Authority created by the Georgia General Assembly to operate tolled transportation facilities within the State and act as Georgia's transportation financing arm. Tracing its history back to 1953, SRTA has enabled user fees to be directed to important mobility links, including the original Sidney Lanier Bridge over the Brunswick River, the F.J. Torres Causeway "gateway" to the St. Simons' community, the GA 400 Extension facilitating commutes into Metro Atlanta, the current I-85 Express Lanes and future electronic toll lanes offering motorists a choice for more reliable travel times.

For information on the GTIB program including grant and loan applications, guidelines, terms and loan interest rates, visit the SRTA website at www.georgiatolls.com. For media inquiries, contact Malika Reed Wilkins at mwilkins@georgiatolls.com.