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Safe Routes To Schools...

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD AWARDS SCHOOL FUNDS

CANTON, Ga. – Georgia’s Six Congressional District State Transportation Board Member Brandon Beach today announced close to \$400,000 federal funds for Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) projects to Cherokee County’s Ball Ground Elementary, Carmel Elementary, Holly Springs Elementary, Joseph Knox Elementary and Woodstock Elementary Schools to enhance walking and bicycling opportunities for its students.

In conjunction with the Georgia DOT and the Cherokee County School System, which sponsored the projects, these schools will construct and improve campus-area facilities such as sidewalks and crosswalks and address safety issues by various programs – all designed to make it easier and safer for students to walk or bike to class.

“SRTS is a program that advocates for safe walking and bicycling to and from schools, and in daily life, to improve the health and well-being of our children,” Mr. Beach explained. “The Georgia DOT is committed to providing a pedestrian friendly environment in all our cities and towns, and the approved funds are proof of that commitment.”

Safe Routes to School is a federally funded, national program to reduce congestion, improve safety and promote the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. With the support of parents, schools, community members and government, the program evaluates school area environments; conducts activities; and funds projects that improve safety, and reduce traffic and air pollution in the surrounding community - making walking and bicycling to school a safer and more appealing transportation option.

The State Transportation Board determines policy and exercises general governance of Georgia’s Department of Transportation. The Board’s 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, serve staggered, five-year terms. Board members are elected by those state senators and representatives whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the relevant 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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