



## **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

# **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER SAM WELLBORN ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3**

ATLANTA – State Transportation Board member Sam Wellborn today announced over \$7.1 million in Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funds for 14 projects in Coweta, Fayette, Harris, Henry, Lamar, Meriwether, Muscogee, Pike, Rockdale, Troup and Upson 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.

“I am very pleased that we were able to secure funding through this TE program in order to bring these needed enhancement projects to our local communities,” said Wellborn. “I wish we could assist even more.”

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 for Congressional District 3 is available online at:  
<http://www.dot.ga.gov/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/TransportationEnhancement/Documents/FY2011-ProjectSelections/2011TESelections-CD8.pdf>

The full statewide TE award list is available online at: [www.dot.ga.gov/TE](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> fastest growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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