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CITY OF DAWSONVILLE FOCUS ON PEDESTRIANS AND PARKING WITH FUNDS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Dawsonville, Ga. – Today the Georgia Department of Transportation presented Dawsonville City Leaders with funding for transportation improvements through the Local Maintenance and Improvements Grant (LMIG) program.

On behalf of the State Transportation Board, Georgia DOT Staff presented a check for \$16,523.11 to Dawsonville as the City’s Fiscal Year 2013 allotment. “The State Transportation Board is proud to streamline the program and present Dawsonville with funds to expand their sidewalk network to improve accessibility and safety for Pedestrians in Downtown Dawsonville. Tourism is important to this Community and we are thankful to assist the City this way,” explained Emily Dunn, Board Member representing the 9th Congressional District.



L to R: Senator Steve Gooch, Georgia DOT State Aid Administrator Terry Gable, Dawsonville Public Works Associate Trampas Hansard and Mayor James Grogan.

Mayor James Grogan accepted the check on behalf of the people of Dawsonville. “Sidewalk connectivity is a priority for us. This money will allow us to connect the County Courthouse to Downtown Dawsonville with sidewalks and also provide some additional parking. The new sidewalks will enhance safety for pedestrians and encourage them to explore Downtown more. We want people to spend time shopping, eating and having fun in Dawsonville,” proclaimed Grogan.

As many as 700 Georgia Counties and Cities will be applying to Georgia DOT for LMIG grants. The Department is disbursing about \$110 million in LMIG funds based on population and miles of local streets and roads in each jurisdiction. **In a major improvement to the program this year, Georgia DOT is giving the entire amount of the grant to the local governments as soon as it’s application is approved, instead of over time as projects are completed.**

In addition to its primary responsibility to provide for the safety, maintenance and growth of Georgia’s federal and state highway system, the Department of Transportation also assists cities and counties in the care and expansion of local roads and streets. Through its Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants (LMIG) program – formerly the State Aid and the Local Assistance Road (LARP) programs – Georgia DOT has given cities and counties nearly \$860

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