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Citizen Project Selection Committee Presents Recommendations for SPLOST Projects

After completing a seven-month study that began last September, the Citizen Project Selection Committee presented its recommendations to Gwinnett Commissioners for projects to be funded under the new SPLOST program.

Peachtree Corners residents Scott Hilton and Alan Kaplan were among the nine-member committee selected last year to study and recommend how to spend an estimated \$225 million in projected SPLOST revenue for 11 proposed transportation categories.

The committee was comprised of homeowners, businesses, civic leaders, environmental concerns, schools and seniors. "While individual members advocated for their interest group, everyone looked at what's best for the community as a whole when selecting projects to recommend," said Hilton, who served as the CPSC Chairman.

According to a press release from Gwinnett County, project recommendations include:

- 13 projects to improve safety near schools and funds set aside for new schools/future needs
- 13 projects to upgrade signalized and non-signalized intersections including a significant allocation for State Route 316 corridor improvements
- Road safety and alignment including seven safety improvement projects and \$7 million for State Route 120 corridor in Lawrenceville
- Major roads: recommended \$47.6 million to improve congestion and mobility including widening projects countywide
- Two new I-85 interchanges
- Sidewalks and pedestrian safety, with 73 sidewalk projects connecting neighborhoods, parks and schools
- Technology and devices for safer pedestrian crossings

"Specifically for Peachtree Corners, I was pleased that the committee took an approach that was consistent with our city's Comprehensive Plan which calls for more personal mobility options including a larger sidewalk network for running, walking and bikes," said Hilton.

"As representatives on the committee from Peachtree Corners, Alan Kaplan and I focused on projects located across all three districts of our city that would have a meaningful impact toward improving

traffic, intersections, and safety for all residents. Once approved by the Board of commissioners, it will be exciting to see our recommendations implemented across the city over the next 36 months,” he added

Commissioners are expected to vote on final allocations of SPLOST funds on April 16.

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