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Two Peachtree Corners Residents to Serve on Gwinnett County's Transportation Selection Committee

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, Sept. 2, 2016 – A Citizens Project Selection Committee has been formed that will review transportation projects for 2017 SPLOST funding and recommend funding allocations and priorities to Gwinnett County officials. Voter will consider the proposed 2017 SPLOST in a ballot referendum on the Nov. 8 General Election.

Peachtree Corners residents Sherry Ferguson and Alan Kaplan were selected from among their peers to serve on the committee during an organizational meeting held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in August. Ferguson represents Commission District 2 and Kaplan, schools. The meeting was attended by about 360 residents who divided themselves into 11 different special interest groups to select their representative and alternate.

The committee is made up of 11 members and 11 alternates representing these specific interest groups: Gwinnett County Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, Business, Civic, Environmental, Freight and Manufacturing Industry, Schools, Seniors and Young Professionals.

"We are pleased that two Peachtree Corners residents have been selected to serve on this committee," said Mayor Mike Mason. "Identifying transportation projects is an important step in ensuring our city and Gwinnett County continues to improve transportation throughout the area."

The committee will meet prior to the SPLOST referendum to determine how much of the proposed transportation funding would be allocated to school safety, intersections, sidewalks and other types of roadway improvements. SPLOST is a special-purpose local-option sales tax, a financing method for funding capital outlay projects.

If the Nov. 8 SPLOST referendum passes, the committee will begin prioritizing projects in each transportation category for recommendation to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.

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