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BOARD ALLOCATES 2014 SPLOST FUNDS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., April 16, 2014) – The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday allocated 2014 SPLOST program funds within the public safety category. Commissioners also approved project lists in accordance with the purposes outlined in the referendum approved by voters last November. In addition to public safety, other purposes include transportation, recreation, senior services and libraries. All 16 cities in Gwinnett County are also sharing in the sales tax proceeds.

Commissioners had previously specified \$11.6 million in SPLOST public safety funds for a new medical examiner facility and an upgraded public safety notification and response system for public schools. Today's board action assigned the remaining \$46.3 million to three public safety departments: fire and emergency services (\$23.8 million), police (\$18 million) and sheriff (\$4.5 million).

Project selection for the remaining purposes involved heavy public input, with recommendations for both the transportation and recreation lists coming from committees made up of residents. The volunteer Recreation Authority developed the 2014 SPLOST recreational facilities and equipment project list based on an update of the parks and recreation capital improvements plan that took place between 2012 and 2013. Numerous public meetings were held as part of the master plan update process.

Residents representing homeowners, businesses, civic leaders, environmental concerns, schools and seniors made up the Citizens Project Selection Committee for transportation projects. They shared information with their interest groups and held open meetings throughout development of the project list.

The community services department hosted a series of four public meetings to gather input to help develop the list for senior services facilities and equipment.

Additional information about the 2014 SPLOST, including project lists for each category, can be found on the web at www.gwinnettsplost.com.

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