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More money, more projects Gwinnett, Barrow get funding for mobility improvements

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Ron Waddell, left, and his 6-year-old son, Dylan, walk along Pleasant Hill Road near Club Drive in Duluth on Monday afternoon. The Georgia Department of Transportation announced a transportation enhancement funding award, which includes money for a phase in the Pleasant Hill Road pedestrian mobility project, to provide safety, traffic calming and streetscape enhancements along the Northeast side of the road from Breckinridge Boulevard to Club Drive.

Grove Improvements in Gwinnett County, with landscape, hardscape and lights

- \$500,000 to Gwinnett County for the Historic Downtown Streetscape project in Buford, which will include the extension of existing decorative brick sidewalks, decorative lighting, landscaping, handicap accessibility, new curb and gutter, and drainage improvements
- \$400,000 to the city of Lawrenceville for the second phase of Lawrenceville Trail, providing for pedestrian and bicycling traffic linking parks to residential and scenic areas and a trailhead to an existing project
- \$300,000 to the Buford Highway Median Landscaping project for an addition of landscape and hardscape items to the median of Buford Highway from North Berkeley Lake Road to Ga. Highway 120
- \$350,000 to Gwinnett County for the Pleasant Hill Road Pedestrian Mobility project, to provide safety, traffic calming and streetscape enhancements along the northeast side of Pleasant Hill Road from Breckinridge Boulevard to Club Drive

LAWRENCEVILLE - Nine transportation projects in Gwinnett and Barrow counties will have more than \$3.75 million to work with, thanks to a new round of government grants.

The transportation enhancement funds will pay for projects ranging from pedestrian and bicycle trails to construction of a shelter for restored rail cars and the creation of a museum.

Projects will also pay for streetscaping and lights in the counties.

In all, 285 projects statewide applied for the grants. The Georgia Department of Transportation gave out \$54.6 million in federal funds.

Transportation enhancement grants are designed to enrich the transportation experience of Georgians through specific types of enhancement projects, including walking and biking trails and paths, streetscaping and landscaping projects, historic preservation of transportation-related facilities like railroad depots and scenic preservation of views.

The projects selected are:

- \$500,000 to the Winder Downtown Streetscape in Barrow County for streetscape improvements to Broad Street, beginning at Porter Street and ending at Stephens Street;
- \$368,000 to the Ga. Highway 20/Ga. Highway 84/Rosebud/Pine Grove Improvements in Gwinnett County, with landscape, hardscape and lights

- \$350,000 to the Satellite Boulevard Pedestrian and Transit Connector in Gwinnett County, to provide sidewalks and streetscape enhancements along Satellite Boulevard from the Gwinnett County Transit Center to Tandy Key Lane
- \$500,000 to Gwinnett County for the Southeastern Railroad Depot Rehabilitation to be used for construction of a shelter for restored rail cars and to house railroad artifacts from the early 1900s. The Historic Duluth Depot will be used as a museum
- \$500,000 to the Club Drive Sidewalk/Multi-Use Trail project in Gwinnett County which will provide a key link to a sidewalk network, connecting a new county park to existing medium-to-high density residential development

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