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City of Dawsonville Receives \$2 million in Grants for Transportation Projects

The City of Dawsonville is pleased to announce the award of two federal Transportation Alternative (TA) Program grants each in the amount of \$1 million to fund the Preliminary Engineering phase of traffic calming roundabouts with sidewalk improvements at State Route 53 and Allen Street and at State Route 9 South and Perimeter Road.

Federally funded projects such as this typically require a match from the local government of 20 % or in this case two matches, each totaling \$200,000. However, through a new initiative of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), each of these projects received an award of \$200,000 State funds by the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) or an additional \$400,000.00. This match contribution is only available to small communities with a population of less than 5,000, and it means that no local funds are required at this time for this phase of the project. The GTIB/TA match initiative is designed to support the advancement of transportation infrastructure in rural areas.

This award is only for the current phase of the project. It is possible that future phases of these projects may also qualify for TA, GTIB, or other funding awards. GDOT will administer the federal funds and execute this project phase on behalf of the City.

“These projects are game changers for the City of Dawsonville as we try to plan for the future while addressing our transportation challenges,” said Mayor John Walden. City Manager Bob Bolz said, “We appreciate GDOT’s support of our local transportation initiatives as we work to improve traffic and pedestrian safety.”

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