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City of Clarkston Hosts Streetscape Project Groundbreaking Ceremony; SRTA Contributes to Project Funding

(Clarkston, GA)—The City of Clarkston will hold a groundbreaking ceremony to officially start its \$6.5 million dollars Streetscape Project on Friday, May 4, 2018 from 9:00AM – 9:30AM near Milam Park, 3867 Norman Road, Clarkston, GA 30021.

“The City of Clarkston became eligible to receive up to \$4 million dollars in federal funds, administered through the Atlanta Regional Commission, ARC, in 2006. In 2011, the Clarkston City Council authorized staff to begin the process to acquire the matching funds required to make this project a reality,” said Keith Barker, City Manager, City of Clarkston. “After nearly 7 years of public information meetings, landscape and engineering design and right-of-way acquisitions, the City is now ready to break ground on this project.”

The city received \$3.7 in loans through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB), a grant and low interest loan program administered by the State Road and Tollway Authority. Those funds were awarded in 2013 and 2017.

“SRTA is proud to have contributed to the City’s Streetscape Project,” Chris Tomlinson, SRTA Executive Director, said. “The GTIB program was created for projects such as this, which improve mobility, sustain development and enable local communities to thrive.”

Upon the completion of the Streetscape Project the city of Clarkston will have new wider sidewalks, newly paved streets, landscaping, street lighting, gateway amenities, a pedestrian bridge, reduction of overhead utilities including placing all utilities underground along Market Street, new storm water infrastructure to include a bio-swell; new MARTA bus shelters and bus pull outs, street arbors and a host of additional practical and aesthetic amenities that will have a transformative effect on much of the city of Clarkston’s major thoroughfares.

“The project scope will include East Ponce de Leon from the I-285 interchange down to Market Street. Market Street from North Indian Creek to Rowland Street. Rowland Street to Norman Road. Norman Road to the city limits (Milam Park), said Barker.

The construction time for this project is expected to be 18 months.

About the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA)

[SRTA](#) is a state-level, independent Authority created to operate tolled transportation facilities within Georgia and act as the transportation financing arm for the state. SRTA manages the collection of tolls on Georgia’s Express Lanes System through the use of [Peach Pass](#); administers the Atlanta region’s vanpool program; and manages the [Xpress](#) regional commuter coach transit service. In 2017, SRTA combined with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) to jointly provide the services of both state authorities. The GRTA board serves continues to oversee developments of regional impact, air quality reporting and regional transportation plan approval.

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