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DEKALB CEO AND COMMISSIONERS BREAK GROUND ON MEMORIAL DRIVE STREETScape PROJECT

*County Moves Closer to Providing Pedestrian Improvements
Along Memorial Drive*

ATLANTA—DeKalb CEO Burrell Ellis, along with Commissioners Connie Stokes, Kathie Gannon and Larry Johnson, broke ground recently on the Memorial Drive Streetscape Phase 2 Project at Saint Philip A.M.E. Church located at 240 Candler Road in Atlanta.

Phase 2 of the project includes providing sidewalks and installing lighting and signal upgrades along the Memorial Drive Corridor. Phase 1 of the project began in 2006 with improvements to the thoroughfare from I-285 to Georgia Perimeter College's Clarkston Campus.

“With this groundbreaking, the county moves closer to completing an overall system of projects to provide pedestrian improvements and enhancements along Memorial Drive, from Candler Road to the west of I-285 to Goldsmith Road to the east,” said CEO Ellis.

“Neighborhood revitalization projects, such as the Memorial Drive Streetscape Project, are important not only to attracting new residents and new businesses to DeKalb, but also to increasing the overall quality of life in our county,” CEO Ellis said.

The \$7.6 million construction cost for the project is being paid for entirely through federal funding, a portion of which is stimulus funding. Construction is expected to take 18 months to complete.

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Saint Philip A.M.E. Church Pastor Larry Jones, along with DeKalb County Commissioners and CEO Burrell Ellis, addresses crowd during Memorial Drive Streetscape Groundbreaking Ceremony.



Left to right: Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, CEO Burrell Ellis, Commissioner Connie Stokes, Saint Philip A.M.E. Church Pastor Larry Jones, White Oak Hills HOA President Andrew Huff and Belvedere Civic Club President Ann Brown.

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