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Community Leaders Come Out for Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The newly built CCPS Transportation Center and county road ready for new school year

Jonesboro, GA- Clayton County Board of Commissioners (CCBOC), along with Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS), hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, August 4, at the new CCPS Transportation Center located on Garden Walk Boulevard in Riverdale. The event celebrated the completion of a multi-phase transportation project that has successfully wrapped up in time for the 2011-2012 CCPS school year.

The transportation project includes a new transportation center, access improvement from the northwestern portion of the county to Southern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) and Tara Blvd., along with the construction of a new bridge and road widening. According to CCBOC Chairman Eldrin Bell and CCPS Superintendent Dr. Edmond Heatley it is important that the following points are highlighted when talking about this joint venture:

- 1) The project will assist with the rush hour congestion that occurs on Upper Riverdale Road and Garden Walk Blvd during the school year
- 2) Project was funded 100% with SPLOST dollars
- 3) The new road construction will assist in easing commuter traffic in the area between SRMC and Charles Drew High School, and other surrounding area thoroughfares.
- 4) New road and bridge will provide emergency personnel from Fire Station 1 located on Garden Walk Blvd and SRMC with an entrance and exit pathway that is more accessible when responding to calls from the northwestern portion of the county.

CCPS Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Stefanie P. Phillips, is delighted with the design outcome of the multi-purpose transportation project and how it will benefit the community. "The collaboration that has occurred between the Board of Education, the Board of Commissioners and Southern Regional Hospital has produced a very good end result for the county. We are excited for the opening of this road. It will facilitate a higher level of service to our community, for education as well as health care."

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