COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Public Works	Presenter(s):	Jinnie Fertal
Meeting Date:	Thursday, July 23, 2009	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Staff presentation of conceptual GATEway Landscape designs for State Highways 85 and 74 and request for permission to submit two grant applications to the Georgia Department of Transportation GATEway Grant Program.

Background/History/Details:

The Georgia Department of Transportation GATEway Grant program provides one-time grants for landscaping improvements along state route right-of-ways. The grants, implemented by local governments, may be up to $50,000 per project and are confined to softscape items such as plant materials, installation, mulch and sod. Fayette County would be responsible for the design, maintenance, and administration of the landscape areas.

The purpose of the proposed landscape areas is to help maintain Fayette County's "quality of life" by adding beauty along heavily traveled corridors and serving as signature landmarks at key points of ingress/egress for the County.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

The Engineering Department is seeking Board approval to prepare and submit two GDOT Gateway Grant applications: One for State Route 85 north at the Clayton County line and a second for SR 74 north at the Fulton County line.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

If implemented, annual funding would be required for the on-going maintenance of the landscape areas.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	No

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Yes	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes: