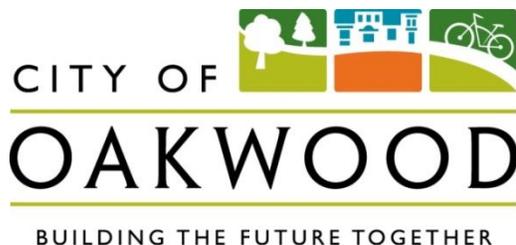


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## **Eyes on the Road: Cities team up for 2015 roads paving effort**

City voted to OK \$604,247 contract with Allied Paving Contractors of Pendergrass

Oakwood is about to embark on another paving project with other area governments.

The City Council voted Monday night to OK a \$604,247 contract with Allied Paving Contractors of Pendergrass in the effort with Clermont, Flowery Branch and Braselton.

The work, which should be completed by the end of August, involves milling, patching and “full-depth reclamation,” which involves pulverizing existing pavement and blending it with the base underneath, a recycling process of sorts.

Oakwood has spearheaded the effort in past years and, officials have said, with good results.

“I think it’s a way to work in unity and work with one contractor,” Oakwood City Manager Stan Brown has said.

“I think the effort will serve the citizens well,” Brown said. “You end up with one period of time when you have a lot of construction in the cities, then you’re done for the year.”

Plus, the cities hope to save money by packaging the projects together in a sort of “economy of scale,” Brown said.

### **Central Hall Multi-Use Trail security talks underway**

Some concerns have been raised about security on the new Central Hall Multi-Use Trail under construction between Gainesville and Oakwood.

“Formal discussions regarding specific security measures along the (trail) are ongoing,” Hall County spokeswoman Katie Crumley said.

“However, citizens can be assured that, as a linear park, the new trail will be patrolled just as other parks and facilities in Hall County’s parks system are patrolled by the ... Hall County Sheriff’s Office.”

The \$2.3 million project, set for completion in September, calls for a 10-foot asphalt trail winding along Ga. 13/Atlanta Highway, including through the historic Chicopee Mill Village.

Also planned is a tunnel under Ga. 13 near the Georgia Department of Labor office.

The project is being funded by federal dollars and the county's special purpose local option sales tax.

#### **Exit 4 changes aim to reduce congestion, improve flow**

The Georgia Department of Transportation is working with Gwinnett County to ease congestion and improve traffic flow from Interstate 985 northbound up the exit ramp to Ga. 20/Buford Drive.

The inside right-turn lane on the Exit 4 ramp will be changed to allow traffic to turn left or right, giving motorists the option of three left-turn lanes.

"The left turners are the ones that get backed up on the ramp and then on the interstate," DOT District Engineer Brent Cook said.

Currently, two of the four turn lanes are left-turn only and two are right-turn only.

Traffic signal adjustments took place Tuesday and the striping change is set for for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today, weather permitting. Overhead signs also are set to be installed Thursday.

Once the striping is changed, motorists can begin using the lane to turn right or left.

Exit 4 is a busy interchange, with motorists traveling in congested commercial areas on both sides of I-985, including the Mall of Georgia.

"Afternoon rush-hour traffic routinely fills the I-985 north exit ramp to (Ga.) 20 and backs onto the interstate," Cook said. "This change will maximize the existing asphalt and will improve traffic flow on the interstate and on (Ga.) 20."