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Sheriff Gary Gulledge Announces Silver Comet Trail Safety Upgrades

(Paulding County, GA) Sheriff Gary Gulledge and Commission Chairman David Austin announce upgrades to security on the Silver Comet Trail. Sheriff Gulledge met with county leaders earlier in the week to discuss the need for enhancements to the camera system that is currently utilized on the Silver Comet Trail. Listed below is a narrative that describes the Silver Comet Trail Security Camera Upgrade Project in greater detail:

Project Description

Currently, there are three locations along the entire 18 mile portion of the Silver Comet Trail located within the Paulding County boundaries that host security camera locations. The proposed security upgrade project will be implemented in two phases:

Phase I – This effort will expand the existing security camera coverage to include approximately 21 locations with approximately 47 high resolution digital cameras. Also, two additional Silver Comet Trail patrol cars (smart cars) will be purchased to increase the mobile law enforcement presence on the trail.

Phase II – This effort will extend the existing fiber optic network to the east approximately two miles to the Cobb County Line (Isley Stamper Rd.) allowing for the addition of approximately 3 – 4 new camera locations. Fiber will also be extended to the west approximately three miles to Mount Olivet Road allowing approximately 7 new camera locations to be added.

Schedule

In terms of implementation, the preliminary planning work and the initial field reconnaissance for the Phase I portion of the security upgrade project have already been completed. Those participating in this effort included:



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More detailed location data, coordination of power utilities, fiber and existing utility locations, camera specifications and related work remains. We estimate full operational implementation of Phase I within the next 60 days.

The Phase II portion of the project will require a larger effort and longer timeframe to complete because of the absence of existing fiber and the more remote access to electrical service (to the west); however, we will begin this effort within the next 30 days and can provide a better completion and implementation schedule at that time.

Cost

While it is difficult to determine a specific project cost at the moment, we have used the information gathered as part of the preliminary planning effort to create a working budget. We will procure services and equipment through a competitive process and report these expenses as they become better defined. Based upon the anticipated scope of work for Phase I, we are requesting the Board of Commissioners approve a not-to-exceed budget of \$275,000. This funding will come from the existing SLPOST funds dedicated for Parks and Recreational use.

It is too early to speculate on a defined not-to-exceed budget for the scope of work anticipated for Phase II, however, based on expected costs prepared for Phase I, we believe the level of effort for Phase II of this project to be between \$300k - \$400k.