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STB Vice Chairman Don Grantham with GDOT staff, Appling County Officials and Appling County School Board Member and School Officials celebrate road safety project completion with ribbon cutting.

## GEORGIA DOT’S LMIG AND TIA FUNDS ENHANCE SAFETY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN APPLING COUNTY

Baxley, GA – At a ribbon cutting on August 13, Appling County Officials praised Georgia DOT’s partnership for improving safety and mobility at local elementary school through Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) E3 funds along with TIA local discretionary funds.

“Being here today to celebrate local governments advancing projects by using their TIA discretionary funds and E3 LMIG funds from the Department is a great moment,” stated State Transportation Board Vice-Chair Don Grantham. “This project, specifically to enhance the safety of school children, is a perfect example of the types of projects the E3 funds are dedicated to – Education, Environmental and Economic Development – worthy projects that can benefit from these targeted funds. Appling County is able to take advantage of their TIA discretionary money, combine it with E3 dollars, and bring this needed improvement to the citizens.”

This \$207,000 road project added and upgraded turn lanes for Altamaha School Road and US1/SR4 to accommodate heavy school traffic. The project funding was a combination of County funds, LMIG E3 funds and the discretionary funds Appling County received through the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) that passed in the Heart of Georgia Region.

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