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**Gresham, Smith and Partners Completes Design of Cobb County Transportation Management Center**

*LEED-Registered TMC Will Serve as Communications Hub for County's Advanced Traffic Management System*

**Atlanta, Ga. – April 22, 2009** -- Gresham, Smith and Partners, a leading national architecture, engineering, interior design and planning firm, announces the design is complete for the Cobb County Transportation Management Center (TMC) in Marietta, Georgia. The 25,000-square-foot facility addition will house the operations responsible for managing Cobb County's Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS). The TMC was designed according to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards and is registered with the US Green Building Council (USGBC). Construction is slated to begin in May 2009 and the facility is expected to be fully operational in 2010.

The TMC features an Operations Room where images from 70 closed-circuit television cameras will be monitored for traffic surveillance on an 8' x 16' video wall. The activity of more than 500 traffic signals in the County's ATMS are also controlled from the TMC. Four arterial dynamic message signs which display important information for motorists are controlled from this location and other dispatching services for roadway and traffic signal maintenance are also managed.

"The design of this facility will not only enhance our ability to monitor our roadways and increase mobility and safety for the users, but through utilization of sustainable and energy efficient design elements, we will also decrease operational costs of the Department," stated David Montanye, Cobb County Department of Transportation Director. "The function of this facility is inherently energy intensive because of the technology it houses, so energy efficiency became a key strategy for insulating the County against increases in utility costs. We are pleased with the design and look forward to occupying the new space."

The facility is designed to be 18 percent more efficient than code requirements through a combination of optimal site placement, strategic window and shading device placement, use of Energy Star appliances and an upgraded efficient mechanical system. Additionally, the design calls for the use of regional materials and a construction waste recycling program is intended.

"Our team utilized our understanding of the TMC's operational needs with the combined knowledge of how best to incorporate sustainable design elements in order to create a facility that effectively meets the Cobb County DOT's operational and environmental goals," stated Marion Waters, senior vice president for ITS and Traffic Engineering for Gresham, Smith and Partners. "Cobb County's focus on providing this state-of-the-art technology to enhance mobility and safety on roadways along with a focus on decreasing their environmental impact through smart design choices demonstrates an overall commitment to improving the quality of life for Cobb County citizens and users of their roadway system."

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Critical to a successful transition to the new facility from the current TMC are the construction specification documents completed by GS&P. Fiber optic communications cabling and electronics that support the complex network of traffic surveillance and control equipment will be systematically relocated. The conversion of the network is critical to the Cobb County DOT's ability to seamlessly exchange information with the Cobb County Police Department and the GDOT 511 system.

GS&P provided architectural design services, as well as interior design, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and civil engineering. Construction administration services will also be provided by GS&P.

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