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**DeKalb Completes 50 Miles of Resurfacing**  
*County on track to pave 100 miles this year through SPLOST*

**DECATUR, Ga.** – Residents across DeKalb are experiencing a smoother commute now that contractors have finished resurfacing 50 miles of the worst streets and roads in the county. The paving is funded by DeKalb’s one-cent special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST).

Arenda Hansard lives in the Carlisle Commonwealth neighborhood near Stone Mountain. “There were some bad roads but now it’s easier to go in and out of the neighborhood,” she said. “They did a good job and we are satisfied with what is being done with the additional penny.”

To date, DeKalb Board of Commissioners has approved two resurfacing projects totaling \$40.9 million to target the first 100 miles of the worst-rated roads in the county. These first two projects account for a third of the approximately 300 miles planned for paving through SPLOST funds.



*Crews have paved more than 180 roads in DeKalb through the SPLOST program.*

Brian Thompson, who regularly travels Rockbridge Road has also seen results from the penny-funded paving. “The road is in good shape; a lot better than it was before,” he said. “The work went fast once they got started.”

Carlisle and Rockbridge roads are two of the more than 180 roads that have been resurfaced with SPLOST funds.

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## **50 Miles of Paving Complete, continued**

“Before DeKalb voters overwhelmingly approved the SPLOST referendum, the county lacked funding to resurface streets on this scale,” said DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond. “We’re on track to complete 100 miles of paving this year because of SPLOST.”

Citizens can follow the progress of SPLOST road resurfacing by visiting [www.dekalbsplost.com](http://www.dekalbsplost.com) and clicking “Project Map.”

Road resurfacing construction is reliant on fair weather; crews must pause work during cold and rainy conditions. Construction starts with road milling and leveling, followed by deep patching, final asphalt topping and temporary traffic striping. Crews return to add permanent traffic striping and complete any follow-up items.

DeKalb County will receive an estimated \$388 million in SPLOST revenue over six years to improve county roads, infrastructure, libraries, parks and public safety. For more information about DeKalb County SPLOST, visit [www.dekalbsplost.com](http://www.dekalbsplost.com).

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