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County Hires Transportation Planning Director

HENRY COUNTY, GA. – December 6, 2019 – Henry County is pleased to announce that Sam Baker has joined county government as its new Transportation Planning Director.

Baker started in his new role this week and will be responsible for managing the County’s transportation planning program and implementing transportation projects from conception to construction in coordination with various partners in the federal and state governments, the county’s four cities, and the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Baker has 16 years of transportation planning experience, and prior to joining Henry County, he had been a transportation planning manager with the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization in Hall County, GA. He also worked as a planner for the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and Missoula County in Missoula, MT.

Baker holds a bachelor’s degree in architecture and a master’s degree in city and regional planning from Ohio State University. Additionally, he holds an MBA from Kennesaw State University. Baker is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

County Manager Cheri Hobson-Matthews said she is excited to have Baker on board and credits the Board of Commissioners for approving the much-needed position.

“Sam comes with a wealth of experience and a proven track record of implementing proactive transportation programs,” said Hobson-Matthews. “We look forward to having a dedicated expert in our transportation division to work with the Georgia Department of Transportation, and our city and regional partners, to address and find solutions for the challenges we face as a growing county.”

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