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**CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Grant Easement to the Public Service Authority (PSA) for the Rails to Trails project.

**DEPARTMENT:** Strategic Planning

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Steve Howard – 510-0464 **CONTACT:** Diana Smith – 576-6773

**MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approval to Grant 60 foot Easements to the Public Service Authority (PSA) for the Rails to Trails Project on parcels 107-014 and 134-001

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**BACKGROUND:**

On September 2, 2008, the Camden County Board of County Commissioners endorsed the East Coast Greenway and Rails-to-Trails projects in Camden County with the PSA as the lead agency in Camden. In order to continue our efforts to establish this community bicycle/pedestrian trail for the citizens and visitors alike of Camden County, the next step is to receive the granting of easements from land owners who own property along the rail and trail corridors. In the first phase of this project, Camden County owns two pieces of land which the PSA is requesting 60 foot easements along the rail corridor. By granting these easements, Camden County would bring credibility to the endorsement of this trail system for our community.

The two properties include parcels at the Tabby Ruins and Howard Peebles Park.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends approval.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Letter from the Public Service Authority (PSA).



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Camden County  
Board of Commissioners  
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RE: CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY RAILS TO TRAILS  
RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS, CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Dear Camden County Board of Commissioners:

We are contacting you to seek your help and support of the above referenced recreational improvement. Assuming you would support the project, the first phase is planned to basically improve the old abandoned railroad bed from Gross Road at Howard People's Park, easterly across Colerain Road to and along the existing active railroad entering Kings Bay Submarine Base and ending at Charlie Smith, Sr. Highway. A couple of parking lots and alternate access paths are planned adjacent to Kings Bay Road and Colerain Road. A print of the proposed project overlaid on a recent aerial photograph is enclosed for your review. The cost for the improvements will be funded by the PSA with much of the labor being provided by inmates. The PSA is seeking your support of the project by requesting that you would grant an easement (generally 60-foot wide which is the same width as the abandoned railroad) over the portion of the pathway and parking lots that lie within property you hold title to. Preparation of the easement documents will be done by the PSA. Initial work on the project will include surveying and engineering design, therefore, this letter is also requesting access to your property to do this work.

We hope that you will be supportive of this recreational project. If you are not familiar with this type of recreational facility, please visit Woodbine, Georgia or Baldwin, Florida so you can see yourself what a positive improvement this could be for Camden County. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to call me. I look forward to receiving your favorable response within the next two weeks if possible.

Sincerely,  
Camden County Public Service Authority

  
William Brunson, Director

WB/md  
Enclosure  
Via: Certified Mail  
Cc: Mr. Brent Green, County Attorney, via US Mail

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