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**City Councilmember Yolanda Adrean and the Atlanta Police Department
allocate funding for addition security cameras in Council District 8**

ATLANTA – Atlanta City Councilmember Yolanda Adrean is pleased to announce that The Atlanta City Council has approved spending up to \$300,000 to have the Atlanta Police Foundation install at least 23 additional closed-circuit cameras in Council District 8. This brings the total investment in the Master Plan to nearly \$2.7 million. Councilmember Adrean is partnering with the Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Police Foundation, Department of Parks and Recreation as well as District 8 neighborhoods, residences, and businesses to make the growing network of cameras possible.

The cameras are being installed as part of the District 8 Public Safety Master Plan, the first such plan of its kind in the city. The security cameras as part of Operation Shield are integrated into the city's sophisticated Loudermilk Video Integration Center, where police currently monitor images from more than 7,500 high-tech cameras throughout the city.

"We want to provide Atlanta Police Officers with the best technological resources available to help them solve crime, and I believe that having these cameras in place will help them do just that," said Adrean.

"This innovative, state of the art and rapidly developing technology platform will soon be one of the most robust and sophisticated video surveillance systems in the World," said Dave Wilkinson, President, and CEO of the Atlanta Police Foundation. "Adding security cameras in residential neighborhoods creates a strong deterrent against crime and provides the APD with much needed situational awareness during an incident. Through the Operation Shield Program residents now have the opportunity to participate in this cutting edge security plan and personally, play a part in addressing crime in their neighborhood."

Through the existing camera network, the Atlanta Police has been able to use the footage to solve crimes. For example, on Wednesday, Atlanta Police were able to apprehend three robbery suspects by using footage from APD's Video Integration Unit. Brandon Antoine Anderson, Emory Breyneka Hunter, and Kareasha Washington are accused of using a gun to rob individuals walking or jogging with cellphones Tuesday in the 200 block of Blackland Road in northwest Atlanta and on Peachtree Battle Trail in Buckhead.

Residents are looking forward to the additional security cameras. "We are excited about them," said Taryn Chilivis Bowman, president of the Mt. Paran-Northside Citizens Association. "The camera network is phenomenal, and Councilwoman Adrean's public safety plan has been amazingly effective."

District 8 resident Allyson Delius commented on the importance of the additional security measures by stating "the cameras and LRPs are an important policing tool that we, as residents should expect in a world class public safety system, in addition to an increase in police presence as our city continues to grow."

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