



MEMORANDUM

TO: 78 CID Board of Directors
CC: C. Fox, Administrator
FROM: Brett Harrell, Executive Director
DATE: February 23, 2005

RE: Monthly Report

Administration

I attended events at the Snellville Commerce Club, Council for Quality Growth, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Georgia General Assembly, and visited with CID property owners and businesses among others during the past month. Caron and I participated in a preliminary LCI meeting at ARC on the 22nd. Other meetings included property owners and consultants working on various projects including Wentz-Reeves IPA, Landscape Master Plan, Gwinnett County SPLOST, Niknafs IPA, Paxton Lane IPA and Service Road "A", Gwinnett County DOT and others.

Funding

Property tax revenues are on budget with nearly 99% of the 2004 billing received – property taxes receivable is \$10,991.09 as of January 31, 2005. Our auditors, Smith and Howard, are working on our year end financial reporting. The Gwinnett County SPLOST Committee will meet again on March 24, 2005 and discuss sidewalks and school safety projects.

The Atlanta Regional Commission awarded the Hwy 78 CID one of the first ever LCI Corridor Grants in the amount of \$93,750.00. Congress introduced H.R. 3 – TEA-LU in the U.S. House including an earmark for U.S. 78 provided by Congressman Linder and supported by Congressman Scott among others.

Projects Underway

During February, we advanced the following projects:

- Wentz-Reeves IPA: Zeus Management/LAI Engineering – substantially complete
- Right Turn Lane Evaluation: A&R Engineering – completed – Board action?
- East Corridor LCI Study: PBS&J – ARC awarded, attended preliminary meeting
- Landscape Master Plan: PBS&J – public meeting held, assimilating input
- ITS / ATMS – Issued RFP, conducted pre-bid meeting
- Gwinnett DOT – met with B. Allen and B. Powell regarding SPLOST priorities

Potential Projects

During February, the following potential projects received attention:

- ITS / ATMS: elevated and issued RFP after Board presentation in January
- Paxton Lane: Connection with Jessica Darron Court – gained approval of property owners and requested revisions to median plans from GDOT
- Niknafs IPA: Requesting Board approval to proceed with Street Smarts [GDOT has incorporated into median plans already]

CID Alliance

The CID Alliance presented resolutions in support of exempting Interstate Highways from the Congressional Balancing formula to members of the General Assembly. The Senate passed SB4 and we are waiting action in the House on HB16 – the balancing bills supported by the Alliance.

Key Contacts

In addition to numerous property and business owners, our office had contact with the following and/or their representatives during February: Congressmen Linder, Westmoreland, and Scott; Senator Isakson; Governor Perdue; Senate Transportation Chair, Senator Tommie Williams; Charles Bannister, Chairman; Mike Beaudreau, District 3 Commissioner; and Mayor Oberholtzer among others. I have also sent correspondence to numerous elected officials and staff that our office has had contact with over the past 30 days.

Public Relations

During February, the Hwy 78 CID received positive PR in the following publications and venues: Atlanta Journal Constitution, Gwinnett Daily Post, and Snellville Community News. Caron has included in your Board binders copies on a number of articles appearing during the past 30 days regarding our efforts on U.S. 78.

Legislation

At the state level, the General Assembly appears to have support to pass a Congressional Balancing bill this year. The House has also passed a bill requesting GDOT study “Flex Lanes.” In Washington, H.R. 3 is receiving attention and will pass later this year. Both Congressman Linder and Congressman Scott are supporting an earmark for U.S. 78 and discussions are underway between the two offices as to the amount and allocation from each Congressman.