



MEMORANDUM

TO: 78 CID Board of Directors
CC: D. Rosselle, Director of Operations
FROM: Brett Harrell, Executive Director
DATE: February 13, 2004

RE: ED's Update

Garland Pinholster, former State Representative from Ball Ground, Georgia, is our new 7th Congressional District Representative on the Georgia DOT Board. Several of our members have some previous relationship with Mr. Pinholster and we will invite him to visit the corridor and our March Board meeting.

Legislatively, the CID Alliance has signed a resolution in support of changes to the Congressional Balancing formula to exempt Interstate Highways. SB425 has passed the Senate and HB1295 has passed the House Transportation Committee. The likelihood is that these two bills will result in a Conference Committee to work out the various differences. At the Federal level, SAFETEA is again gaining attention in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. President Bush has suggested that if certain modifications are not included in the bill, he is considering a veto.

As you know, our LCI application for the Park Place Activity Center was not chosen for this round of funding. The County's RTF study is ready in draft form and based on the recommendations that result from that work, we may be in a position to seek "grandfathered" status from the ARC for future implementation funds. I hope to have a recommendation for the Board on this matter at our March meeting.

The City of Snellville is aggressively seeking inclusion in the TIP an intersection improvement at U.S. 78 and S.R. 124. GDOT is supportive with the City taking the lead by providing preliminary engineering. This is a hugely positive project for the CID and the Board should consider participating financially.