



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** 78 CID Board of Directors  
**CC:** C. Fox, Administrator  
**FROM:** Brett Harrell, Executive Director  
**DATE:** January 26, 2005

**RE:** Monthly Report

## **Administration**

Since last we met, Leach Landscaping has executed a contract with the CID and is performing landscape maintenance activities. I attended events at the Snellville Commerce Club, Council for Quality Growth, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Georgia General Assembly, United States Senate and House, and visited with CID property owners and businesses among others. Caron and I participated in a preliminary presentation of the NavWeb software provided by Street Smarts. Other meetings included property owners and consultants working on various projects including Wentz-Reeves IPA, Landscape Master Plan, Gwinnett County SPLOST, Snellville City Council, Snellville Downtown Development Authority, Gwinnett Municipal Association, and Members of Congress, the Georgia General Assembly, and County Commission.

## **Funding**

Property tax revenues are on budget with nearly 98% of the 2004 billing received by year end. Property taxes receivable are \$18,856.31 as of December 31, 2004. Our auditors, Smith and Howard, have received preliminary year end information and are beginning work on our financial reporting. The Gwinnett County SPLOST Committee met again on January 13, 2005 and began discussion of specific projects. Based on reports by our consultant at PBS&J, we anticipate an announcement from the ARC on this round of LCI grants sometime in February. The Hwy 78 CID filed a single LCI application for a "Corridor Study" in the amount of \$125,000.00. There were several corridor applications as well as activity center applications filed. Board Members received a draft budget in mid-December 2004 for adoption on January 26, 2005.

## **Projects Underway**

During December and January, we advanced the following projects:

- Wentz-Reeves IPA: Zeus Management / LAI Engineering – in final design
- Right Turn Lane Evaluation: A&R Engineering – completed
- East Corridor LCI Study: PBS&J – filed with ARC
- RFP Landscape Maintenance: Leach Landscaping – contract executed
- Median Project: PBS&J – public info form online

### **Potential Projects**

During December and January, the following potential projects received attention:

- ITS / ATMS: NavWeb program – Street Smarts – for Board consideration
- Paxton Lane: Connection with Jessica Darron Court – PBS&J / GDOT – meetings with property owners – pending agreement
- Niknafs IPA: Received proposals from Zeus, Street Smarts, and Pond & Co – pending Board approval [GDOT has incorporated into median plans already]

### **CID Alliance**

The CID Alliance was represented by Yvonne Williams and myself in Washington, DC on Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at the swearing-in ceremonies of U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson and U.S. Congressmen Tom Price and Lynn Westmoreland.

### **Key Contacts**

In addition to numerous property and business owners, our office had contact with the following and/or their representatives during December and January: Congressmen Linder, Price, Westmoreland, Marshall, Scott, and Lewis; Senators Chambliss and Isakson; Governor Perdue; Deputy Commissioner Larry Dent, GDOT; 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 60 days.

### **Public Relations**

During December and January, 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 also received and distributed safety vests imprinted with the Hwy 78 CID name for use by our Landscape Maintenance Crews, Public Safety Patrols, and others. Caron also has prepared for and communicated to our members the details for our January 27 Annual Member Meeting.

### **Legislation**

At the state level, the General Assembly convened on Monday, January 10 with two “congressional balancing” bills pre-filed – SB 4 and HB 16. Both bills are similar, have strong sponsors, and appear to have support to move this session. At 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, Gretchen Learman from Congressman Linder’s office in Washington called to say that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee had begun work on the 2005 Highway Bill and that we should prepare an updated submission for our earmark request.