



MEMORANDUM

TO: 78 CID Board of Directors
CC: C. Fox, Administrator; C. Lindsey, Special Projects
FROM: Brett Harrell, Executive Director
DATE: July 27, 2005

RE: Monthly Report

Administration

During the past month, I attended the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Conference in Savannah attending meetings on Transportation Funding, Economic Development, Main Street Programs, and GMA's 2006 Legislative Agenda. I also attended events at the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce regarding Tax Allocation Districts, Atlanta Regional Commission, Congestion Mitigation Task Force, Snellville Commerce Club, Gwinnett County DPU regarding dismantling the two water tanks in Snellville, and visited with CID property owners and businesses among others.

Funding

Property tax revenues remain at 99% of the 2004 billing – property taxes receivable is approximately \$7,257. The delay in the collection of 2005 property taxes resulting from the installation of new financial software at Gwinnett County is confirmed and projected to be about 30 days. Our office continues to operate well within our adopted budget and all programs are moving forward as planned. The Gwinnett County BOC considered the SPLOST Committee's project prioritization recommendations on July 19 including up to \$7,867,000 in projects benefiting the Hwy 78 corridor.

Conferees to H.R. 3 are continuing to meet to negotiate the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The current extension of TEA-21 expired on June 19, 2005. I remain in frequent contact with both Congressman Linder's office and Senator Isakson's office and am confident they continue to support our request to the best of their ability. I am also investigating potential additional enhancements for U.S. 78 in Washington.

Public Policy

During July, I attended Congestion Mitigation Task Force meetings that will result in transportation funding policy priorities for the State of Georgia. We are also beginning the process of evaluating a legislative agenda for 2006 by reviewing those issues recently adopted by GMA, pending before the ACCG, as well as under consideration by others such as the GEDA and CQG.

Projects Underway

During July, we advanced the following projects:

- Wentz-Reeves IPA: Completion pending property owner acceptance
- Corridor LCI Study: Market Analysis Meeting, July 21
- Landscape Master Plan: Median detail plans continue
- ITS / ATMS – Pending funding decisions – meeting w/ GDOT on Aug. 15
- PPAC Study: Kick-off Meeting Scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2005
- Mast Arms: GS&P communicating with GDOT
- Jessica Daron Ct: Met w/ Gwinnett Planning regarding signage issue; meeting planned with Gwinnett DOT regarding acquisition [Prop Owner: Ron Swatty]

Potential Projects

During July, the following potential projects received attention:

- Public Relations Plan: Received revised proposal from Chris Lancette
- STWP: Authorized PBS&J to begin STWP evaluation and prioritization
- Park Place Gateway: Received proposal from PBS&J to design and implement the Park Place Gateway feature in advance of median construction
- Britt South IPA: Mailed letters to potentially interested property owners
- U.S. 78 / S. R. 124 Intersection: Urged support with BOC for SPLOST inclusion
- Local Match for TEA-3: Urged support with BOC for SPLOST inclusion
- T.E. Grant: Discussed potential funding opportunity through GDOT program

Public Relations

During July, the Hwy 78 CID received positive PR in the following publications and venues: Atlanta Journal Constitution, Gwinnett Daily Post, Snellville Community News and Gwinnett Business Journal. Caron and Chris continued to distribute our newsletter to businesses operating along the corridor. We began using new signage for public awareness of CID Projects and to announce CID meetings.

Economic Development

Our office fielded a number of calls and we assisted both existing property owners and potential purchasers in acquiring information regarding various projects.

I am in contact with both the owner and architect planning a major office development on U.S. 78 at McGee Road. I have a tentative meeting scheduled for mid-August with out of state investors to discuss inclusion of their shopping center within the CID taxable boundary.

Code Compliance

The Hwy 78 CID is actively participating in Gwinnett County's Operation Fixing Broken Windows effort. We are working closely with property owners, GCPD and Code Compliance Officers to address property maintenance issues along the corridor.