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### **EVERMORE CID PARALLEL ROAD PROJECT ON TRACK TO BEGIN**

**Snellville, GA – October 8, 2009 --** The re-alignment of Cambridge Street with McGee Road within the City of Snellville is ready to begin, providing full access to Highway 78 for those residents and travelers that currently use Cambridge Street during their daily commutes. Work on the U.S. Highway 78 construction project continues on track, with the Evermore CID continuing to work diligently with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Gwinnett County.

According to Scott Shelton, P.E., of Gresham, Smith & Partners, the lead engineering firm supervising the project, "The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility, operations, and safety for residents on Cambridge Street, West Ridge Drive, Sussex Court, and to improve the traffic operational conditions along SR 10/US 78. The proposed project will give residents access to a traffic signal and a median opening at that intersection; thereby, improving access to and from their homes while providing a safe crossing of SR 10/US 78."

The project is proceeding ahead, while other Evermore parallel road projects are still under consideration. Each project will proceed according to its own schedule, which will include cooperation from all parties.

Currently, Cambridge Street is offset from the three-legged signalized intersection of McGee and SR 10/US 78. Due to the offset, vehicle conflicts and crash rates are higher than the statewide averages for a roadway with similar classification.

According to the Evermore 78 Community Improvement District's Executive Director Jim Brooks, the feedback he's received so far on the project has been largely positive.

"The traffic will flow better, the area will be more attractive and the drivers along Highway 78 will be safer once the project is complete," Brooks said.

The road project is on track to start construction next year, during the summer of 2010. Once construction begins, it is expected to be completed within nine to twelve months.

**Evermore Community Improvement District**

The Evermore CID is an association of property owners along U.S. 78 in Gwinnett County that voluntarily tax themselves in order to recreate their community as a great place to live, work and shop. The CID seeks to establish a vibrant, upscale destination, improve business development opportunities, and enhance property values by developing and promoting coordinated transportation and community character improvements to benefit property owners, business owners, and residents along the Highway 78 corridor. The CID represents 469 properties; 1,585 businesses; nearly 16,000 jobs; over \$1 billion in annual sales; and \$485 million in property value.