



## **Executive Director's Report**

April 28, 2010

The date has been set for the Grand Celebration of the completion of the median and widening project. This two year project exceeds more than \$33,000,000 in actual construction and improvement cost. The Evermore CID has assisted in securing funding sources that have resulted in a much more complete project technically and aesthetically.

The Event is scheduled for May 22, 2010 at the Olympic Tennis Stadium. An agenda is being finalized with special guest including federal, state and local dignitaries. This event promises to be a positive media event for the corridor in hopes that we can generate greater interest in our community.

A working group meets twice per week to carry out planning functions in preparation of the event. The plans are on schedule with necessary commitments received and noted from special guest and speakers. This event will feature a great opportunity to showcase the corridor and the Tennis Venue. I believe the hard work of the Board Members and staff will be evident to everyone who attends.

Below, please note the status of some of the activities of Evermore CID and its partners:

### **Jessica Darron Sewer Project:**

The sewer project was completed in January of 2009. However, recently after receiving a request to connect to the new sewer, it was discussed that the engineers and project manager had not forwarded a set of "As-Built" plans to the Planning department of Gwinnett County. You will recall that the Board was briefed by Dennis Billew on the current sewer issues, one of which was to determine how the CID could provide the drawings which would allow for the Final Inspection.

Taylor Anderson was able to complete the project and the CID has received copies of the stamped "As-Built" plans. While these plans should have been completed and submitted prior to the end of the project, they are now on file with the county. Anyone in the affected area can now make the application to tap on to the County's sewer system. A copy of the "As-Built" plans are attached in this document as "**Attachment A**".

**Stadium Study and Related activities:**

We have received notice from the ARC that GDOT has approved our project. GDOT has not approved the Scope of Work for the Transportation and Stadium Study. ARC has submitted the SOW for final review. Once this approval is received by the ARC, Evermore CID will be notified. TSW is poised to begin work as soon as the final, approved SOW has been incorporated into the contract.

The relocation to the Tennis Pro Shop should take place within the next two weeks. Final installation of the phone and internet systems should be tested and activated this week. Attached to this report is a recap of expenses for all expenses associated with the entire process of cleaning, clearing and other associated expenses. Please see “Attachment B”

**Walton Ct, LCI Project:**

The Concept Plan Review is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the GDOT Office in Gainesville. The plans to be discussed are attached to this document. This project realigns Old US-78 with Walton Ct.

Kimley-Horne will be in attendance along with GwDOT. Please keep in mind that this is a Livable Center’s Initiative (LCI) project through the ARC. This project has an expected completion date in 2011.

**Status of McGee/Cambridge Realignment**

The project has been expedited as much as possible by all parties. Through the efforts of GDOT, GwDOT, GS&P and Evermore CID, we have managed to keep this project in the TIP and to retain its funding.

There are five (5) parcels which must be acquired. Two of the appraisals have been completed and reviewed. The appraisal of the RV dealership is underway and is being slowed by a complicated lease agreement. The appraiser is trying to determine whether or not the tenant could get out of the lease due to the impending project. The tenant is not currently occupying the building, but the lease is still active.

The final field plan review is set for May 13 at GDOT Area 5 engineer’s Office in Lawrenceville. GDOT would like to move the let date to October or November 2010.

**Status of the Yellow River Pedestrian Bridge:**

The Gwinnett County Purchasing Department has prepared the bid documents and they have been approved by the Grants department. These documents have been sent to the Purchasing Department for bidding. The bid opening date for the Yellow River Bridge project is May 13, 2010. Once the bid has been accepted and let, the prefabricated bridge will take approximately 3 or 4 months to construct. The bridge project should be completed in the final quarter of 2010.

**Status of the Hwy 78 Improvement Project:**

Final details and inspections of the Median Project continue to occupy a significant amount of time of Board Members and staff. These improvements are however, resulting in recognition of the long term efforts of our CID organization, elected officials, agencies, and contractors.

The final phase of construction and landscaping, including plantings and hardscape, is underway. Five monument sites have been designated with on-going landscaping and paver installation. This part of project is currently underway, with an expected installation of the monuments within the next 30 days.

The landscaping installation has been a source of contentiousness between C. W. Matthews, GDOT and Evermore CID. We have been told that all corrections to the landscaping will be corrected by April 28<sup>th</sup>. The willingness to help and cooperation received from GDOT has been critical to the improvements and new direction of the landscape project.

**Update of Rockbridge to Davis and Hewatt Road to Britt Drive**

Gresham Smith Partners has updated a schedule at the request of Georgia DOT. This update is attached to this document as “**Attachment C**”. The importance of this document is to keep these projects and associated Federal Funds committed to this project, which are identified in the TIP.

**Budget Revisions:**

As you review the budget located in your budget recap and P&L Statement, you will find that some of the Chart of Account numbers have changed. The reason they were changed is to add greater consistency throughout the Statement. Some of the Chart of Account cost center numbers were inconsistent with the other accounts within the Chart of Accounts.

You will also note that some adjustments have been made to more accurately account for expenditures into the most appropriate accounts. The bottom line on the budget has not changed.

We are in the process of reviewing the impact of the information from the Tax Assessor's Office and its potential impact on the CID's budget and millage rate for next year. While the Board has approved a lean budget, constant review of expenditures will be required.

**General Comments:**

The Evermore CID will elect two board members to serve 3 year terms. These Board positions will be elected at 2:30pm with registration at 2:00pm and before the actual Board Meeting begins. Once these two members are elected they will take their seats at the board table for the commencement of the meeting. During this meeting, a new Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected by the Board. The new Chairman and Vice Chairman will take their positions effective May 1, 2010.