



Executive Director's Report

July 28, 2010

Governor Sonny Perdue awarded a \$763,961 Grant to the Evermore CID and the opportunity to apply for \$501,962 GTIB Loan once the application is approved. This funding source will allow the CID to move to the completion of the construction engineering, the completion on the Environmental Assessment, with Open House this winter and ROW acquisition. Evermore was one of 8 CIDs to receiving the grant and participate in the loan program.

Stadium Study and Related activities:

We have received the final notice to proceed from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). On July 21, 2010 the Kick Off meeting of the Stadium/Transportation Study occurred. The final Scope of Work has been completed. TSW staff is currently engaged in the initial interviews of critical parties associated with GDOT, GwDOT, DeKalb DOT, SMMA and Gwinnett County. The project is schedule to be completed within the next 90 to 120 days.

Walton Ct, LCI Project:

The Concept Report has been revised and approved by ARC. (This concept report is available in the CID office for review). Gwinnett County has signed off on the Concept Report. This LCI project is proceeding on schedule. Lewis Cooksey is serving as the project manager on this project.

Status of McGee/Cambridge Realignment

On June 30th, through the efforts of Brian Allen, Gwinnett Department of Transportation, the project funding was "authorized" by GDOT. This is a critical step in the process. Had this project not be authorized on that day, the project would have been moved into next fiscal year funding cycle. The request for funding has now been submitted to FHWA. All certifications, letters, and documents have been signed and approved.

We have provided updates and follow up information with Dr. Treadway, Snellville City Manager, as the project has moved through the preconstruction phases.

Status of the Yellow River Pedestrian Bridge:

On July 20, the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners awarded the bid for Yellow River. (There is no earlier meeting in the month of July) Approximately 60 days thereafter, we should see actual construction of the bridge site. It is estimated that the fabrication of the bridge will take up to 120 days. Once fabrication is completed the bridge and related construction work should be completed within 30 working days. The total construction time for the project is 144 working days for completion of the project.

Rockbridge to Davis:

The draft EA was approved by FHWA for Rockbridge to Davis. This means we can hold a Public Hearing Open House (PHOH). This should occur in the Fall to present the layout and draft EA to the public. Once the public comments from the PHOH are addressed, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) must be approved by FHWA prior to final approval of the environmental document (anticipated approval 1st quarter 2011). Once these steps have been completed, the only impact to the "EA" will be to update them at the time the project is advanced.

Update Hewatt Road to Britt Drive

With the opportunity for existing funding, if the Board approves the grant and loan, Evermore will be poised to begin the commitment to move this project up in priorities and work toward acquiring ROW. The construction engineers can move forward with the completion of the environmental documents.

We have been engaged in discussion about the potential impact on local business and residents in the area. We will continue coordinate our efforts as the project begins to move toward construction.

Update of the efforts of GDOT on Final Punch List including Landscaping:

GDOT project managers have spoken with C. W. Matthews about the lack of effort and unfulfilled promises by their landscaper. GDOT has laid out a course of corrective action for the landscape issues along Hwy 78. You may have noted the improvement to corridor, largely through the efforts of C. W. Matthews and their staff. The West Park Place quadrants are showing a marked improvement. Please keep in mind where you see trees that have been cut back significantly, they are place holders until the October planting season resumes.

We are very grateful for the special efforts of Harold Mull and Doug Torres. These two individuals have made a personal commitment to correct many of the problems that have occurred since last October with landscaping along the corridor.

Second Quarter CAD Crime Data:

We received the 2nd Quarter Crime Reports from Gwinnett County. We continue to rank third among CIDs. Please review the data, keeping in mind that this data represents actual crime occurrences. For example, many people call in a report stating, "I have been robbed", but when the officer arrives; in fact the crime is one of burglary. Also, there are no residences in the CID, but because of the tracking system used by the County some of this data filters into the database. Since Major Bayreuther will be in our July meeting, she will be able to address any other issues of concern.

Landscape RFP

We have placed the landscape RFP on the website for review by potential bidders. We received some comments from the Board and those comments did result in changes to the draft RFP. We will hold a pre-bid conference on the July 29th at 2:00PM in the CID Office. The Board will have the option in the August meeting to decide to extend the current contract or select from the choices we receive during the process. We will have an evaluation prepared for the August Board Meeting for review and a decision.

Security RFP 2009

The Security RFP is due to be returned on August 4th. We will then evaluate the results and forward the evaluation to you for your consideration. While security has not been a concern for the past year, there are some individuals in the area that committing burglaries or other crimes. Our focus will continue to be to identify criminal activities and work with local jurisdictions.

SPLOST Sidewalk:

The four Gwinnett CID Executive Directors met to determine how the 3.3 Million dollars would be divided among the CIDs. Gwinnett County rated the projects based on their previously established criteria. Based on the scoring, Evermore will receive \$937,025. This represents an increase over the funds that Evermore received for sidewalks from the 2005 SPLOST sidewalk projects.

General Comments:

We continue to work to identify opportunities for improvements along the corridor. The Board Members and the CID staff are beginning efforts to identify a comprehensive way-finder sign program. There are a number of considerations that will impact the final design and implementation of the program. With the major construction completed, many of the business owners are now requesting some improved signage. Of major concern are locations and types of signage to be used and what information can be placed on those signs.

A tentative date has been set for an Evermore CID Work Session at the Commons at Stone Mountain on September 22, 2010. Lunch will be served with no programming schedule during the lunch period. If you have items for the agenda please notify the Chairman at your earliest convenience. A comprehensive project review has already been placed on the agenda.