



Executive Director's Report

June 23, 2010

Evermore CID has been working with the Georgia Department of Transportation to resolve final issues of the highway widening and median project. Members of the Board and Staff have walked the entire corridor in an effort to develop a final punch list for the contractor, subcontractor and utilities. Many of the complaints you have received have been identified and will be added to the punch list.

Cost containment has become a high priority as we proceed with projects identified in the Short Term Work Plan. After a recent meeting at Gwinnett County with their planner and economist, it is predicted that the reduction in the tax digest may continue through 2011. If this is the case, Evermore will be identifying additional funding sources to move projects forward.

We have the possibility of receiving a grant that will allow us to move one of our projects forward quicker than expected. We will be notified by the end of the month as to whether we will receive the grant. The approval of the project could mean a safer corridor and enhanced development opportunities.

If this project is approved, the CID must have the cooperation of the GDOT, Gwinnett County and the property owners who are affected. The approval of this project may allow for consideration of adding additional area to the proposed project. This opportunity would allow for greater access and improved traffic connectivity.

We had an opportunity to visit and speak to approximately 150 Park Springs residents. The one hour speech was wide ranging and interactive. They expressed great interest in the Tennis Venue, sewer changes, the future and potential uses of the Target Store, the status of sidewalks, bikeways and finally the completion of Hwy 78. Many of the residents have volunteered to assist us wherever and whenever needed. This is potentially a great human resource.

The Board acted to set the 2010 millage rate. Because of this action the Board will be better positioned to take advantage of potential opportunities for projects and improvements to the CID.

With the recent interest shown by some Board Member in reigniting the Merchants Associate, discussions have been on-going as it relates to Way Finder signage or some similar program. As a result of the improvements made along Hwy 78, some challenges have arisen. One of those challenges is the institution of new and different traffic patterns. We believe a program that would assist businesses with identification and locations would improve business opportunity. We would certainly support such activities by the Merchants Association.

Stadium Study and Related activities:

ARC has received the final details of the contractual arrangement between the Sub-Grantee and ARC. Once this process is reviewed and completed, TSW will receive notification to proceed. All aspects of the SOW have been completed. All that is needed is the final notice to proceed.

Walton Ct, LCI Project:

The Concept plans have been revised and resent to the Atlanta Regional Commission. Environmental Documents should be completed, with the Open House being conducted by the first quarter of 2011. This LCI project is proceeding on schedule.

Status of McGee/Cambridge Realignment

The BOC approved the process of condemnation on the RV dealership. The appraisal amount was \$600,100. We should be able to file the condemnation in the next couple of days. GwDOT is working with their attorney to determine whether there is further downside to the condemnation of the property. Most importantly, because of some early efforts to control the amount of properties impacted, the total ROW acquisition should be less than estimated.

GDOT mentioned that they were waiting on what sounded like minor changes to the final plans. The right of way certification was the only other issue that GDOT would need to authorize construction funds.

The certification letters for the Cambridge Road realignment with McGee Road at Hwy 78 have been mailed from Gwinnett County. The ADA Certification and Competitive Bidding Letter were dated June 8, 2010 and mailed to Neil Kantner on the same day. The Utility/Railroad Certification Letter was sent to Allen Ferguson on June 10, 2010. Once again the flow of information and the attention to detail shown by GwDOT and GDOT and the coordination with GS&P has been outstanding.

We have also spoken to Scott Shelton of Gresham Smith Partners. He has confirmed that the Cambridge McGee final plans were sent to GDOT for final

approval on Monday, June 14th. Once GDOT approves the plans, they will be sent to Gwinnett County where the project can be let to construction.

Status of the Yellow River Pedestrian Bridge:

On July 20, the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners, if approved, will award 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.

Update of Rockbridge to Davis

The Environmental Approval is very close to completion. Once completed and accepted, an Open House will be held, likely in October of 2010, to hear final comments on the project. 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

The environmental assessment for this project is nearing completion and the construction drawings are being developed. It would be possible to move this project to completion of drawings by the end of the 2010. The final Environmental Assessment will require another public hearing. Once those concerns have been addressed, the plan can be place in a construction Que.

While the ROW plans have not been started, the Preliminary Plans are 90% complete. The next step in this project is to submit PFPR plans after concept and environmental approval and soil surveys have been completed.

There are some field questions that also need to be answered involving the actual location and grade of the roadway, itself. This project is becoming more important as economic conditions and opportunities improve.

Request by GDOT to Assist in Development of Final Punch List:

As previously discussed, GDOT has requested the CID continue to develop a comprehensive list of items and landscape issues to be incorporated in the final review and punch list of the project. We are continuing the onsite walk along and development of the punch list.

GDOT has had their Landscape Expert on site for a discussion with the contract and subcontractor. It was a direct and frank discussion about what action the contractor and subcontractor must take in order to receive payment for the landscaping on this project. Issues such as backfilling the wall the CID had constructed is near resolution.

General Comments:

Good progress has been made on completing a punch list for the corridor, including the landscaping. All of the dead trees and scrubs will be removed and

replaced. However, be aware that some of the trees ground cover will have to wait until Mid-October before they can be planted.

We are continuing to work on multiple projects that will improve the appearance of the District while working with existing businesses in a retention program and seeking new business opportunities in the corridor.