



## **Executive Director's Report**

May 26, 2010

Over the course of the last month a great deal of time and effort has been directed at projects, landscaping and preparation for the Special Event. The effort of everyone who has been engaged in this process has been one of total commitment to each element of our operations.

We have seen the acceptance of the bid for the Yellow River Pedestrian Bridge move forward, a vast improvement, through the efforts of GDOT in landscaping and the successfully planning operation for the Grand Re-Opening of the Corridor.

As you are aware a landmark piece of legislation passed the last General Assembly. The Transportation Bill is now before the Governor for his signature. Once signed, the bill currently anticipates a vote in July of 2012. This bill will have far reaching effects on transportation throughout the 12 Regions identified in the bill.

The first Brainstorming Session with a group to discuss how to best approach a campaign that would support passage and education of the transportation bill. This group will be meeting on a regular basis to formulate strategies in advance of the bill's vote. The Evermore CID will continue to be engaged in this effort to further understand the long term implications and to keep the Board informed as the process moves forward.

We received the Tax Digest from the Tax Assessor's Office. A review of the potential consequences and impact on the CID's budget and millage rate are currently underway. While the Board has expressed and demonstrated its conservative nature as it relates to the budget, consideration must be given to the direction and financial well being of the CID.

As the Board is considering funding for the CID and its projects, it is important to be aware of a trend noted by the County. Recent indications are that there will be a shortfall in anticipated revenues generated by the 2009 SPLOST. This shortfall could be in the near term, but we think the Board should be aware as we forecast the future funding for SPLOST projects.

### **Stadium Study and Related activities:**

We have received the notice from the ARC that the final contract is in the mail. Once this document is received, final notice to proceed will be made to start the Feasibility Study of the Multi-Modal Transfer Station/Tennis Stadium. Once these documents have been reviewed and approved by TSW and Evermore CID the project can begin within a week of final approval.

### **Walton Ct, LCI Project:**

The Concept Plan Review was held April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the GDOT Office in Gainesville. The plans are on file in the CID office and available for you review.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2010 TIP Administrative Modifications for the project were also submitted to ARC for inclusion into the TIP. The project was originally scheduled for construction in 2011. Once the Concept Team met on April 29<sup>th</sup>, the decision was made to move the construction into 2012. The reason for the move to 2012 is to allow time for the preliminary plans and the expected time of up to one year to acquire the right-of-way. The estimated construction cost has now been adjusted to \$435,724 in lieu of \$292,000 as shown in the current TIP. A schedule of cost estimate is identified in (Attachment A).

### **Status of McGee/Cambridge Realignment**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Final Field Plan Review was held. Two of the required ROW acquisitions are in the final stages of the process. Because the details associated with a lease on the RV Dealership, the McGee/Cambridge Realignment has been moved to October 2010. While this issue has resulted in the moving the project from current fiscal year to the 2011, no adverse action associate with this move is expected, specifically as it involves loss of funding for the project. Once the FFPR comments are resolved and submitted for final plans, the project should be moving to an October letting. (Attachment B)

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

Evermore CID has received a letter from Gwinnett County regarding the confirmation on moving forward with negotiating the contract with Massana Construction, Inc. Once they receive approval from Evermore CID, the project will be placed on the agenda for the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approval. The schedule could be June or July, depending on the time to approve and return the letter of authorizing the County to proceed on Evermore's behalf. (Attachment C)

Gwinnett County will forward contracts to Massana Construction, Inc with a bid price of \$638,319.20. (Attachment D) Projected cost was initially \$712,000. The actual cost will be \$816,430 with \$356,000 from the Federal contribution and \$460,430 contributed by the Property owners of the Evermore CID.

### **Update of Rockbridge to Davis**

This project's concept plans are complete and submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation, with the Concept report approved by GDOT on May 14, 2010. Public hearings are expected in fall of 2010. The environmental assessment is 90% completed. The plans are ready to submit for Preliminary Field Plan Review after environmental approvals are received.

### **Update Hewatt Road to Britt Drive**

The engineering on the Hewatt Road to Britt Drive continues to make progress. The concept report was submitted in March, and comments sent back to Gresham, Smith and Partners, with GS&P revising and preparing a response to the GDOT comments. The environmental assessment is approximately 90% complete. This is critical in case additional stimulus or similar program is funded.

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.

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

As we near the completion of the Hwy 78 Median Project, the GDOT has requested the CID develop a comprehensive list of items and landscape issues to be incorporated in the final review and punch list of the project. So far we have received nearly 100 comments from citizens and owners.

The Georgia Department of Transportation under the leadership of Harold Mull has moved the project closer to completion. Many people do not know of the hours that the Board Members, GDOT and CID staff, have spent in attempting to rectify this issues related to the project and more specifically to the landscaping issues. Good headway has been made over the last several weeks and more progress is expected.

### **Crime Data from Gwinnett Police Department:**

In each of the quarterly meetings that the Executive Directors of the Gwinnett CIDs have with Chairman Bannister and Glenn Stephens, information pertinent to the CIDs are provide by County Department representatives. Information about the millage rate, SPLOST, and crime are included.

As an attachment (Attachment E) to this document, you will note the new process Gwinnett County Police Department is providing the CIDs. This information is readily available to all citizens on the internet. Please take a moment to review it. While it offers no traditional cumulative figures it does have some usefulness.

**General Comments:**

As Evermore CID assesses its priorities, a comprehensive review of projects, and projected financial commitments, it is critical to move the projects forward in a deliberate fashion. A shared vision and direction that the Board of Directors are committed to, will be critical as we move forward in these difficult economic times.