



Executive Director's Report

November 17, 2011

The Evermore CID received a request to assist the city of Lilburn and the Lilburn CID with a funding swap necessitated by a change of priorities in their community. Evermore staff has met to discuss the implications of this exchange of funds with key decision makers. These individuals represent the ARC, Gwinnett County, Lilburn CID and the Evermore CID.

The exchange will be on a "dollar for dollar" basis. The need to make the exchange is to allow the city of Lilburn to move a project funded by ARC and the LCI program to a Federally funded program elsewhere in the County. Apparently the only such project that would qualify is the Hewatt to Britt Connecting Road Project.

Once we have satisfactorily answered the questions associated with the exchange, the funding will be received by the County from the ARC, letters of understanding will be generated between the affected agencies and government, the transfers will then take place from the SPLOST funds identified in the Hewatt/Britt project.

2009 SPLOST Reduction:

After a review of current and future predictions of SPLOST revenues, the Evermore CID has been notified of a reduction in our "Various Locations" category. In **Attachment A** you will note the funding reductions scheduled for FY-2012 and future years. We will lose \$192,500.

The expected loss of SPLOST dollars to the entire projected revenues will be in excess of \$8 Million, County-wide. We do not expect the reduction to affect any of the current projects that are partially funded by SPLOST revenues.

Status of McGee/Cambridge Realignment:

This project has been completed. The final inspection was held on November 3rd. With the need for only minor clean up, a corrective sign and some drainage issues, the project has been completed. The project, however, has not been closed. Once the project is closed the CID will be notified on the exact cost of the project.

Rockbridge to Davis:

The Rockbridge to Davis Connector Road Project has been moved to the Long Term TIP. We are in the process of ensuring that this change does not affect the Federal funding dedicated to this project. We have been in touch with Derrick Corbett, Chief of Staff for Representative Rob Woodall in regards to this issue. He has provided an opinion, but is waiting on official notice from the FWHA. Once this notice is received, a copy will be forwarded to the CID.

Update Hewatt Road to Britt Drive:

In 2011, GDOT and FHWA updated the Air and Noise policy. Edwards-Pitman has requested an additional \$10,000 to revise and update the Air and Noise reports to obtain the approval of the environmental document

GS&P intends to include this fee in a proposal to move the Connector Street alignment on Parkwood and Westside Court to minimize impacts on both property and business owners, but they know the approval process of the proposal could take several months. Therefore, to keep the project on schedule and garner approval of the environmental document in 2012, they recommend using \$10,000 of the Geo-tech fee now to pay Edwards-Pitman to update the Air and Noise Study. GS&P will submit a formal proposal in the coming weeks which would include the \$10,000 fee for Edwards-Pitman and this money would then be re-allocated to cover the Geo-tech fee for the project.

Currently, the Chairman is seeking additional clarification on this issue prior to providing GS&P the necessary approval.

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

On November 2nd, Harold Mull, GDOT, BC Landscaping, Jeana Packer, Kevin Eubanks, C. W. Matthews and Evermore CID staff met to finalize the corrective action on the Landscaping and outstanding components of the Final Punch list. As can be noted, BC Landscaping is in the process of working on the triangle at the exit from US-78 on the East Park Place Blvd. Please take an opportunity to see the areas in your travels throughout the Corridor. If deficiencies are noted, please notify the office.

Landscape Improvements:

The CID has received an "80% complete" landscape plan. Each Board Member has had an opportunity to review the plans. Once we receive the final plans and the bid documents, the Board will make a decision as to how to proceed with the landscape improvements.

SRTA Grant Update:

The road realignment project at Walton Ct funding sources can be enhanced with the approval of a SRTA grant. As you know, the "lion's share" of this project is funded by the property owners of the CID. Larry Kaiser has notified me that he expects to finish the submission by November 17th Board Meeting.

An integral part of the grant is to help with funding of the ROW acquisition and construction portion of this project. Once completed, a copy of the grant request will be on file in the CID Office and the Board Members will receive notification

Old US-78 to Highpoint to Britt Concept:

As the CID continues to seek ways to improve the corridor, the potential for a needed addition to the Parallel Road system becomes more obvious. With the ROW acquisition phase of the road realignment at Walton Ct. and the Hewatt to Britt portion of the parallel road projects near, the next phase of the program should be considered. We have had GS&P develop a concept of the road for your review. Because of the other projects currently underway, any additional road projects will need to be a separate project.

Once the CID Board decides on the issue of whether to consider the proposed road, the process of funding and funding sources, as well as the concept drawings can begin to move forward.

Project Status Report for Walton Court/Old US78 at US78/SR10:

We have the construction drawings, the ROW acquisition can begin once we have identified all available funding sources. We are currently submitting a SRTA Grant to assist in the project. Once we know the outcome of this request, the CID will know the actual amount of CID funding to complete the project.

Improved Lighting Project At West Park Place Blvd/US-78:

We have received an endorsement in support of improved lighting at the West Park Place/US-78 interchange. In a meeting held on November 1st, with Kim Conroy and staff, we reviewed the concept and need for improvements to lighting at this location. The issue at this point is if GDOT approves the installation, who will fund the maintenance and monthly cost of operations. Currently, we are investigating the cost of the project as well as ongoing cost of maintenance and operation.

After review by Gwinnett County, a joint letter from the County and CID will be sent to the Commission of GDOT for review. This request will be forwarded through the review process. The Board will be kept up-to-date as the process moves through the system.

General Comments:

On November 2nd, Vice Chairman Chris Garner and I attended the first meeting to discuss the discretionary 15% TIA funds. The county has requested that we have a potential projects list prepared for review before the December meeting. (**See Attachment B**)

The proposed redistricting maps for Georgia have been released, however; they are awaiting final approval at the Federal level. At this time, it appears as though our Congressional District will be shifted from the 7th (Rob Woodall) and will move into the 4th (Hank Johnson). This new relationship will be critical as we have opportunities to meet with our Congressional Delegation in 2012, and when we look toward seeking Federal funding for future projects and initiatives.