



## **Executive Director's Report**

February 24, 2010

The Evermore CID is enjoying success in the development of new projects and the conclusion of other projects. The US 78 Median and Landscaping project nears its end. While actual construction was completing in late November, final construction clean-up and landscaping continues. The landscaping company will complete their planting by the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Other project status will be discussed in more detail, but the newest advancement is our receiving notice of the Supplemental Livable Centers (LCI) Initiative Grant. This grant will assist Evermore CID in the funding of an \$80,000 Feasibility and Transportation Study of the PPAC (Park Place Activity Center).

The volunteer efforts and the technical assistance offered by some of our Board Members have resulted in the preparation for the move of our Offices to the Olympic Tennis Venue, Pro Shop. This would not have been possible without a commitment of everyone involved. I would like to recognize and thank them for all of their work and expertise.

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

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

As has been stated in the Economic Development report, the ARC Supplemental LCI Grant has been awarded to the Evermore CID. Evermore is fortunate to have been select as only one of two funded Supplemental Grants in the County (City of Duluth). The comprehensive and cooperative nature of the grant request is a tribute to the hard work of our consultants and Evermore's staff.

While we have put a very tight timeline of the study, we all realize that due dates may need to be amended due to process time and approval documentation. We have received a great deal of interest in being part of the study from a variety of sources. We look forward to a comprehensive feasibility study that will make the path clear as to how to best utilize the facilities and improve transportation issues.

As we prepare to move our offices to the Pro Shop, we will continue to operate from the existing offices until all of the technology is in place at the Pro Shop. You will note that additional lighting has been added to the building's exterior and repairs have been nearly completed on the Pro Shop. We cannot thank the SMMA enough for all of the time, effort and energy expended to prepare the building for our occupancy. Russell Landscaping has also done an excellent job

of clean up and clearing of undergrowth on property. They continue to assist us in all aspects of the beautification on and along the Corridor.

**Walton Ct. LCI Project:**

We have received comments back from ARC in regards to the concept report. Once Kimley-Horne responds to the comments, the report will be forwarded to GDOT for their approval. The anticipated time for a response from GDOT is three to four months.

Once the Concept Report is approved and returned, the first public hearing will be held, most likely in June or July 2010.

**Status of McGee/Cambridge Realignment**

We have met with GDOT and GwDOT to finalize the Supplemental Agreement between the CID and Gwinnett County. This has been a tedious and detailed document to develop. Gwinnett County Department of Transportation staff did a great job of clarification of the finer points and the coordination of funding sources available for the successful letting of this project. A copy of this Supplemental Agreement is enclosed in the Board Book.

We are very sensitive to the timing on this project. It is critical that the ROW acquisition take place as quickly as possible to allow for allocated funds from the TIP to remain in the 2010 projects funding list. We have a very narrow window of opportunity to have this project funded during this year.

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

The request for the Construction Agreement and the Resolution and Certification of Funds has been sent by Gwinnett DOT to Colin Houppermans at GDOT. This agreement and certification was forwarded to GDOT on January 28, 2010.

We had a meeting with GDOT, GwDOT, Moreland Altobelli, and JJ&G to finalize the footing on the construction of the bridge. We expect a result of the meeting at GwDOT to be that the construction drawings and the letting of the bridge should occur within the next 30days.

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

The landscaping installation is back underway. There were a number of issues that resulted from our involvement and concerns about mulch and general installation of the plants. Through the efforts of GDOT, C. W. Matthews, and the contractor, these issues have been resolved and consensus reached on the installation. GDOT has said that the contractor can expect no extension on the installation of the plants and other landscaping.

The monuments continue to be an issue at the five prescribed locations. While the design is completed and accepted, the company to create the monuments has not been selected. Realistically, we do not expect these monuments to be installed until after the landscaping is completed. Veracruz watermain repair is nearing completion. While there have been minor inconveniences during this repair, the project has progressed expeditiously. The expected date of completion is February 25.

The ITS signal system is now operational through the GA124/US78. We have had great, positive comments about the traffic flow. While the Veracruz intersection has been intermittently operational, the system has continued to modify itself to adjust for the traffic flow.

The “galloping” mast arm at Veracruz and Hwy 78 has been corrected. This problem was corrected late last week with a wind deflector located on top of the mast arm being installed. Please let us know if you note similar problems at other locations.

There have been conflicting stories relating to expenditures of Federal Funds along Hwy 78. Through the efforts of GDOT and their project managers, we offer the following explanation. Please note the following information that is reflective of the three elements of the project:

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Description	PE (Engineering)	ROW (Right of Way)	CST (Construction)	Total
Jessica Daron Court Extension	\$115,000.00	\$143,750.00	\$500,000.00	\$758,750.00
-2	\$115,000.00		\$750,000.00	\$865,000.00
-3	\$115,000.00		\$358,923.00*	\$473,923.00
Mast Arms	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00
-2	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$830,000.00
-3	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$971,622.46	\$1,051,622.50
ITS	\$98,000.00	\$0.00	\$700,000.00	\$798,000.00
-2	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$700,000.00	\$850,000.00
-3	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,095,894.69	\$2,245,894.69
Landscaping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,168,775.00	\$2,168,775.00
-2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,967,250.00	\$1,967,250.00
-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$516,298.25**	\$516,298.25
			Proposed	\$4,175,525.00
			Revised	\$4,512,250.00
			Act Construct. Cost	\$4,287,738.40

2- REVISED AMOUNT AT BID TIME

3- ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS

**General Comments:**

A decision needs to be made about the date and time for the Grand Opening of the Corridor. This event will take some time in preparation in order to ensure good participation.

We are continuing to work on the final aspects of the median project, as we begin to focus on the Yellow River Pedestrian Bridge, McGee/Cambridge Realignment and the Walton Ct. LCI Project Realignment. Our Economic Development Director continues to focus on visiting existing business while making contacts with site locators and working in concert with Partnership Gwinnett.