



Executive Director's Report

September 29, 2011

The transition between Executive Directors has gone smoothly. Mr. Hill has been a tremendous help in getting information and status of all activities of the CID to me. He has agreed to continue to be available to answer any questions during this period. There were a number of pending projects, contracts and activities that were in progress. We are currently addressing these issues with appropriate agencies and key decision makers. Chairman Adair has been accessible whenever additional guidance was needed.

On September 19th and 20th members of the Board of Directors and staff met to discuss the direction on key projects and other issues that require discussion and consensus building. These meetings were to provide guidance about the direction the Board has set and verify the priorities. While no action could be taken, the meetings were informative and valuable to the individuals and the organization.

Status of McGee/Cambridge Realignment

A meeting was held to discuss the status of this project. While the Mast Arms were the major delay in the project, with their delivery and installation, the project is expected to be complete by Mid-October. The new roadway was opened to the public on September 21st. Some of this information was provided to Snellville City Council meeting on September 12th by Board Member Garry Lapidés

Rockbridge to Davis:

This project has been moved to the long-range TIP. Discussion with Neil Kantner and Harold Mull is scheduled for September 30th to finalize the process and other TIP issues, timelines, and funding.

Update Hewatt Road to Britt Drive

GS&P has completed the response to the PHOH comments. Another follow-up meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM October 3, 2011 at the Evermore CID Office. There is a "dry run" PHOH scheduled for September 29th at GJAC in the GwDOT office. Below you will find the update on the project and related matters:

1. The PHOH was held to allow for public comment on the project. FHWA received some public comment and subsequently, a second PHOH was held. These comments have been address and mitigation assessment has been offered to the property owners. Once the final environmental are completed, the adjustments to the project will be made to mitigate the concerns of the property owners. These concerns primarily focus on the location of the ROW on their property and the type of sound barrier used to prevent noise in the area.
2. Upon completion of this process, Gwinnett County will complete an estimated cost to cure for the Martin Brothers property. Lewis Cooksey was going to use Moreland to complete a right of way cost to cure analysis. This was discussed at the last meeting with Gwinnett County.
3. We have talked with Edwards-Pitman about changing the alignment to reduce the impacts of the proposed project.

We would expect to have the ROW acquisition process begin after we get the final approval of the Environmental Documents from FHWA.

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

A discussion with Harold Mull, District Engineer with GDOT was held on September 6 in order to get an update on the US78 widening project. The punch list is continuing to be corrected by the landscape contractor and CW Matthews. There are issues that will continue on for some time, but we should notice improvements to the overall corridor and its condition.

Transportation SPLOST:

In our October meeting, we will have two members of the MAVEN group join us to discuss the approach to educating the public on the need for the T-SPLOST. The board will be asked to contribute funding to the education aspect of the program.

Landscape Improvements:

A meeting was held with John Oubre to discuss ways and methods of improving the appearance of the Corridor. Mr. Hill had requested an estimated cost of adding hardwood nuggets to the recently released islands along the corridor. The Chairman asked that we compare a price of having pine straw in these islands and along the four quadrants at West Park Place. We will place these items on the agenda for Discussion and Action.

On September 20th a meeting was held in the CID office with John Anderson (landscape designer) for the purpose of focusing on the problem areas at West Park Place and US-78. The rough plans demonstrated a significant improvement to the area, while adding little to maintenance and upkeep cost. Once the assessment and design are completed, Anderson will provide a bid packet to the Board for approval and bidding the project.

LCI Implementation Grant:

We have submitted a request for grant funds to ARC for the purpose of an intersection improvement at West Park Place and Bermuda Road. Because of the short timeline, the Chairman authorized us to submit (September 23rd) a concept for consideration. In the September 29th Board Meeting the Board will consider a resolution authorizing the application for the grant.

SRTA Grant Update:

The CID is applying for another SRTA Grant to assist in the Walton Court Realignment project. If successful, this grant would reduce the local CID contribution by \$600,000 if the grant is approved as submitted. There will be a letter of request from the Board to the ARC that must accompany the grant application.

Highpoint to Britt Concept:

The concept of looking at another parallel road that would connect Highpoint Road to Britt was discussed. More concept work and review will be completed before any decision is required.

Proposed Median Break:

There has been a request made to GDOT for a median break along US-78 Eastbound before Killan Hill Road. GDOT has requested input from the Evermore CID on this concept. Input is currently being solicited on this median modification.

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General Comments:

A new industry is going to be located in the Park Place area. The location will be completely renovated including a new facade. While it is too early to discuss their operation, the lease is schedule to be signed in late September.

A meeting was held with members of GwDOT to discuss the status of all projects. In **Attachment A** you will note the current and future activities associated with these projects and activities.

There are many opportunities available within the CID. This has never been more evident than during the month of September. The Board will continue their deliberations in setting the highest priorities on the ideas that spur growth within the corridor.