



MEMORANDUM

TO: 78 CID Board of Directors
CC: C. Fox, Administrator; C. Lindsey, Special Projects
FROM: Brett Harrell, Executive Director
DATE: June 22, 2005

RE: Monthly Report

Administration

During June, I attended events at the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Council for Quality Growth, Atlanta Regional Commission, Congestion Mitigation Task Force, and visited with CID property owners and businesses among others. Caron also provided assistance to both the Gwinnett Place and Gwinnett Village CID efforts.

Funding

Property tax revenues are at 99% of the 2004 billing – property taxes receivable is approximately \$7,257. We are aware of a potential delay in the collection of 2005 property taxes resulting from the installation of new financial software at Gwinnett County. Our office continues to operate well within our adopted budget and all programs are moving forward as planned. The Gwinnett County SPLOST Committee finalized its' recommendations on June 16 including up to \$7,867,000 in projects benefiting the Hwy 78 corridor. The CPSC project list was presented to the Board of Commissioners on June 21, 2005.

Conferees to H.R. 3 are meeting to negotiate the differences amounting to approximately \$11 billion between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The current extension of TEA-21 expires on June 30, 2005. An article appearing in the May 26 edition of the Gwinnett Daily Post with the headline "Gwinnett projects seem safe in road reauthorization bill" is included in your packet.

Public Policy

During June, I provided comments on work in progress at the Georgia Public Policy Foundation regarding taxation. GPPF will soon publish a report and recommendations regarding sources of government revenues via property, sales, SPLOST, and other means of taxation. I am traveling to Savannah the last weekend of June to participate in programs on taxation and transportation funding as well as revitalization in conjunction with the annual Georgia Municipal Association Conference. Chris Lindsey is continuing research on an interesting proposal regarding Truck Only Toll (TOT) lanes as an effective vehicle to reduce congestion. TOT lanes have recently caught the attention of the ARC, GDOT, and SRTA among others.

Projects Underway

During June, we advanced the following projects:

Wentz-Reeves IPA: Plans in final review; PBS&J provided peer review

Corridor LCI Study: Kick-off Meeting Tues, June 21

Landscape Master Plan: Median detail plans and Park Place Gateway detail plans

ITS / ATMS – Spoke w/ GDOT regarding advance funding

PPAC Study: Awarded contract to Pond & Company

Mast Arms: Preliminary info received from GS&P

Potential Projects

During June, the following potential projects received attention:

U.S. 78 / S. R. 124 Intersection: Finalized inclusion in recommendations to

Gwinnett BOC for SPLOST participation

Local Match for TEA-3: Finalized inclusion in recommendations to

Gwinnett BOC for SPLOST participation

Jessica Daron Ct: Began discussions with Gwinnett County regarding converting private portion to public street [Prop. Owner: Ron Swatty]

Public Relations

During June, the Hwy 78 CID received positive PR in the following publications and venues: Atlanta Journal Constitution, Gwinnett Daily Post, Snellville Community News and Gwinnett Business Journal. Christopher Lancette of Better World PR has prepared a preliminary concept plan for a public relations campaign for the corridor.

Economic Development

Available properties along the corridor are now listed at the CID website. A similar listing for City properties exists at the Snellville DDA site. Chris Lindsey completed both of these projects.

Our office is assisting several potential developments including a possible \$40 million reinvestment in the old Target center at McGee Road and a multi-office complex under consideration for the old Snellville P.D. building.

Additionally, we are assisting a CID property owner in preliminary fact finding with Gwinnett County regarding dedication of private property for a public street.

Code Compliance

The Hwy 78 CID is actively participating in Gwinnett County's Operation Fixing Broken Windows effort. We are working closely with GCPD and Code Compliance Officers to address property maintenance issues along the corridor. Our efforts have effected the removal of numerous used cars for sale illegally parked on vacant lots as well as investigation and satisfactory conclusion of a report of illegal drug activity at one local establishment.