



MEMORANDUM

TO: 78 CID Board of Directors
CC: D. Rosselle, Director of Operations
FROM: Brett Harrell, Executive Director
DATE: March 17, 2004

RE: ED's Update

Federal Funding: I spoke with Congressman Linder in D.C. on Thursday, March 11, and he confirms that he has placed an earmark for the Hwy 78 project in the House version of the TEA-21 reauthorization. He believes the transportation bills will begin moving again within the next two weeks.

State Funding: HB1295 and SB425 are both stalled in the opposite chambers respective Transportation Committees. Both these bills exempt the Interstate Highways from the Federal funding formula thereby leaving more money at GDOT's discretion.

Local Funding: Gwinnett County will soon be forming a citizen selection committee and begin determining projects to be funded in the next SPLOST. It will be important for CID members to be involved in that process. The City of Snellville recently received confirmation that GDOT is supporting inclusion of the U.S. 78 / S.R. 124 intersection in the next TIP. ARC will make the final determination.

PAC Funding: I recently formed the 78 Trans PAC and David Snell, of E.R. Snell Contractor, has agreed to lend his name as Chairman. Individual and corporate contributions to the PAC will fund support for Hwy 78 road projects and legislation focused on increasing transportation dollars.

GDOT Property Owners Meeting: April 13 at Vecoma from 4pm until 7pm, GDOT will meet with the approximate 280 property owners that the median project will require right-of-way or easements.

DOT Board Member Garland Pinholster: Rep. Pinholster will officially take his seat on the DOT Board in April. I recently spoke with him about a visit to the corridor and a Board meeting and he suggested possibly at our June meeting.

Landscape Plan: Chairman King and I recently met with Roy Ashley, Landscape Architect and Mayor Oberholtzer recently met with Jon Benson & Associates, Landscape Architect that previously worked for the CID, to gain preliminary information on developing the long-range landscape plan for the corridor.

Newsletter: Next issue goes to press within the week for distribution prior to month end.

