



MEMORANDUM

TO: 78 CID Board of Directors
CC: C. Fox, Administrator; C. Lindsey, Special Projects
FROM: Brett Harrell, Executive Director
DATE: May 25, 2005

RE: Monthly Report

Administration

During May, I attended events at the Snellville Commerce Club, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Transportation and Governmental Affairs Forum, Council for Quality Growth, Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Public Policy Foundation, Governor's Transportation Policy Staff, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and visited with CID property owners and businesses among others. I attended the first Congestion Mitigation Task Force Meeting and met with representatives of GDOT and GwDOT regarding U.S. 78 construction, ITS, and landscaping. I also met with Mike Kenn of Georgians for Better Transportation and Mike Beatty, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and attended the Perimeter CID's luncheon with guest Sam Olens.

Funding

Property tax revenues are at 99% of the 2004 billing – property taxes receivable is presently delayed pending activation of new software at Gwinnett County. The Gwinnett County SPLOST Committee will meet on May 26, 2005 and will meet again on June 8. The CPSC anticipates that their work will be complete and ready to present to the Board of Commissioners on June 21, 2005.

H.R. 3 – passed the U.S. Senate on May 17 at \$295 billion – \$11 billion higher than the House version and at an amount that the White House has suggested will result in a veto. Each chamber will appoint Conferees with the next week or so in hopes of final passage prior to the May 31, 2005 expiration of the existing extension.

Key Contacts

In addition to numerous property and business owners, our office had contact with the following and/or their representatives during April: Atlanta Regional Commission; Georgians for Better Transportation; Governor's Office; City, County, and GDOT Officials.

Projects Underway

During May, we advanced the following projects:

Wentz-Reeves IPA: Discussed completion with consultants

Corridor LCI Study: Contract award to PBS&J team – preliminary meetings underway and key stakeholder group identified.

Landscape Master Plan: Working on funding and implementation.

ITS / ATMS – Met w/ GDOT and GwDOT regarding implementation.

PPAC Study: Issued RFP – bids due Friday, May 27, 2005 at 12 noon.

Mast Arms: GS&P is working on design for alternatives for the corridor.

Potential Projects

During May, the following potential projects received attention:

U.S. 78 / S. R. 124 Intersection: Gained support through the Gwinnett County CPSC for funding for preliminary design and engineering.

Local Match for TEA-3: Gained support through Gwinnett County CPSC

Public Relations

During May, the Hwy 78 CID received positive PR in the following publications and venues: Atlanta Journal Constitution, Gwinnett Daily Post, Snellville Community News (including Snellville Days edition) and Gwinnett Business Journal. Caron is presently investigating the purchase of roadside temporary safety signage that will advertise the CID's efforts during roadway maintenance activities.

Economic Development

Caron and Chris are beginning a project to update our owner/merchant lists as well as catalog all properties available for sale and the active agents. We intend to add this information to our website in the near future.