



Executive Director's Report

February 25, 2015

The CID has received notice from Bayne Smith of the Georgia Department of Transportation that there is currently surplus property along US-78. The CID has been in touch with some potential investors to tell them of the availability of the land.

We have now become aware of the GDOT standards for disposing of surplus property. We will continue to promote this property as an additional site for potential development. Because of the challenges and timeframe for this process, potential developers will need to review the required timelines for the process, as required by GDOT.

The CID is experiencing an upsurge of interest in the construction of single housing developments. The planned development along Paxton Lane has been sold to Rocklyn homes. While this sell will remove the property from the CID rolls, the increase of 128 housing unit will help to achieve one of the long term goals for the corridor. In a 2005 study of the corridor, "more rooftops" was one of the major improvements to the corridor that will aid in long term sustainability of the rental businesses in the corridor.

The CID has Letter of Agreement with GS&P to prepare the application for the upcoming projects funding from the Federal programs. We are working with Scott Shelton and Lois Love in the preparation of the documents. Once received and reviewed, we will forward the request to Gwinnett County for their review and potential submission. As you are aware, the County must be the Sponsoring Agency for the Federal process.

The CID continues to working with all partners related to the three ongoing collector road projects. Davida White will be setting an open house meeting for all projects to include the CFI. The purpose of this meeting will be to ensure that all relevant documents are up-to-date and that the schedule continues to be an accurate reflection of the actual project. This meeting is scheduled for March 5th in the CID office. Davida White, GDOT will hold a meeting in the CID Office to update and determine, collectively, the status of all three GDOT projects in the corridor. This meeting is scheduled for March 5th at 10AM. All Board Member are invited to attend. This meeting will include updates to CFI at US-78@ GA124, Walton Ct. realignment and HPB projects.

Collector Road Phase I Walton Ct Realignment:

The CID is purchasing two signs to be erected at both ends of the Walton Ct Realignment project. These signs will feature logos for all funding sources. The actual construction should begin this Spring. The construction should be completed within 40 working days of the starting date of the project.

Collector Road Phase II Evermore North Blvd. (Britt-Highpoint-Walton Realignment):

The GwDOT has acquired the services of Moreland Altobelli for the property appraisals. Moreland will contract the actual appraisals out to subcontracts. This process should be completed by late March.

Collector Road Phase III of the Evermore Collector Road Project Hewatt-Britt:

Davida White, GDOT and Lewis Cooksey, GwDOT are in the process of finalizing the mirror agreement between GDOT and Gwinnett County. GDOT was waiting on Gwinnett County to complete a mirror ROW agreement with CID for the Hewatt to Britt Project. Once completed, GDOT can request ROW authorization.

The CID received notice that the ROW estimates had increased by \$790,000. Upon further clarification, a determination was made the reason was due to a set factors in the GDOT spreadsheet. When the estimate was prepared last year, the projected let date for the project was June of 2015. When the estimate was updated in January, the only change was to update the projected let date to May of 2017. No other values changed. Because of the factors built into GDOT's forms, the change in the let date automatically adjusted the estimate for the change in time.

Update on the GDOT GATEway Grant:

Pebblestone Landscape has preparing a work schedule for the project. (See **Attachment A**). We are continuing to be hopeful that all plants will be installed prior to the March 15th date, as determined by GDOT standards. We are monitoring the progress of the landscape installation and remain in contact with the contractor.

David Gjertson, TY-LYN continues to fine tune the landscape plans to meet the requirements of GDOT. While we have had a number of revisions to the plans, none of these revisions will require a modification of the scheduled work plan.

Review of the Evermore CID's Overlay District:

Commissioner Tommy Hunter has committed to drafting a resolution to delete the Evermore CID from the Overlay District requirements. This process can be accommodated in the UDO update scheduled for March's County Commission meeting.

Landscape Maintenance Contract:

The executed contract between North Georgia Landscape and the CID is attached (See **Attachment B**). On February 4th we met in the CID office to meet their management team and to finalize the contract. We did verify the types and qualifications of their staff. This is a female/minority owned business that has been very successful working for Gwinnett County and GDOT, as well as others. Their starting date is March 1, 2015 and the contract will expire on February 28th, 2016.

General Comments:

The CID through various sources continues to monitor the progress of HB-97. This transportation bill has many good aspects, but some areas will impact or potentially impact SPLOST funds. If the bill is passed, the County's SPLOST can be impacted. Of equal importance is that the bill is very fluid at this point.

The second bill of concern is HB-14. In this bill no entity can accept Federal funds without the General Assembly's approval. While it is important to follow this bill, GMA and ACCG are tracking this legislation.

On February 5th, we had a meeting with Chairman Nash to discuss the Overlay District. After a very frank discussion of the matter, Chairman Nash will review all aspects under the current Overlay District and make a determination of whether the Overlay District should be modified, set aside or have Evermore CID reviewed from the Overlay District standards all together.

We have received a signed copy of the resolution from the Gwinnett County Commission approving the addition of the Space Max facility into the CID. (See **Attachment C**). As can be noted, SPACE MAX is making good progress regarding their renovations.

There are some 2014 SPLOST funding areas available for pedestrian improvements. We have suggested two areas for potential funding. One is a mid-block pedestrian island in front of Home Depot. The second location is located on Highpoint Road at the Roundabout. The funding will be directly decided on its merit by Gwinnett County.

We have met with Bill Stephens, SMMA to discuss current plans for the Stadium facility. This was a great meeting and good progress was made in the discussion.

We have scheduled a meeting with Georgia Power to discuss the possibility of using their easement/ROW for a connector road between McDaniel Bridge Road and Killian Hill Road. The Board will be informed of any progress on this project.

The CID has requested and received a quote to repair 19 lights at intersections within the corridor. The current street sign lights have been evaluated. We have sent out a RFP to request two proposals. One proposal is to repair what is there and the other is to upgrade the fixtures and retrofit them with LED lighting.

Based on the responses to the RFP, a recommendation will be made to accept a bid that is the low bid for making repairs to the illuminated street signs. This deliberation will occur in the February 25th Board Meeting.

On February 19th we met with Michael Imparato of Beacon Lighting and Security. He is a lighting representative with Beacon Industries. We met for the purpose of discussing the opportunity of lighting the Corridor. While there may be some opportunities for Federal funding on this project, we must first have the study in place to support the request. Initially, we will have a light design and estimated cost to perform the installation along the corridor.