



Executive Director's Report

October 23, 2013

As Evermore continues to focus on transportation and congestion mitigation, the CID has submitted a request for CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) Grant. The request was submitted on September 26th, prior to the deadline. We will continue to track the progress of the grant while providing to the ARC a series of supporting letters from local and county official in support of the Collector Road Project.

There are a number of Economic Development opportunities within the CID that currently being discussed. These areas, specifically, are in the Park Place, Highpoint, and some of the strip shopping centers around Snellville. Similarly, we now have some interested parties in other areas as well.

On October 31st, Partnership Gwinnett will hold its annual Redevelopment Forum. This forum will focus on 7 specific areas within Gwinnett County. Two of the areas will be the city of Snellville and the Evermore CID corridor. This analysis focuses on very specific data sets that reflect value per acre within each area. After seeing some of the preliminary maps, the CID is poised for growth beyond a retail center.

As has been shared with the Board by email, interested Board Members can let us know so we can make appropriate arrangements for admission to the event.

Update of Opportunity Zones Within the Corridor:

The Opportunity Zone application is still in review at DCA. Because of the transition in leadership of the Department of Community Affairs, some delay is being experienced. It is our understanding that at least 28 Opportunity Zone applications are currently awaiting a decision by DCA. Once we are notified of the decision we are prepared to provide notice of the decision to our businesses and property owners.

Collector Road Phase I Walton Ct Realignment:

On October 16, 2013, the CID received a status update in reference to the purchase of the ROW from one of the property owners. This negotiation continues as of this writing. The determination about how to proceed once all counter offers have been received is pending the receipt of the counter offers.

Collector Road Phase II Old 78 (Britt-Highpoint-Walton Realignment):

The project is progressing at the point and is on schedule. Currently, TY-LIN is focused on the environmental assessment phase of the engineering process.

The final documents have been authorized from SRTA. As a result of the loan document, we have already been able to draw down our first funds. We used these funds to pay the \$3,000 Loan Origination fee. Our primary objective was to use the Draw Request forms so that when we do have the loan draws that the process is perfected prior to the request for an amount that will surely be in excess of the \$3,000 draw.

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

The Hewatt to Britt Connector and Parkwood modifications have been forwarded to Edwards-Pitman. GS&P issued a notice to proceed to the surveyor and Edwards-Pitman last week. The work is beginning on the revised environmental document. The survey will be updated this month and then GS&P can verify that the construction limits and right of way are correct on Parkwood Road. EP will then use the revised construction limits and right of way to update the environmental document. GS&P are proceeding based on the attached schedule (**attachment A**).

Gwinnett DOT Project Update/2014 SPLOST and Chairman Nash visit to the CID:

On October 24th Chairman Nash, Chairman of the Gwinnett County Commission will visit the Evermore CID. On the agenda will be a discussion on the status of projects and funding for projects. Additionally, we expect to discuss the 2014 SPLOST requested projects. The meeting participants will be comprised of Evermore CID Board Members (invited), county officials and support staff as well as staff of the CID.

We expect to provide the Chairman an update of projects and future plans for the CID. Certainly of interest and importance will be the tax digest and a focus on economic development challenges and incentives. We certainly encourage all Board Members to attend.

Update on TIME:

On October 22nd the Evermore CID was invited to attend an Executive Board Meeting of TIME (Transportation Incident Management) Task Force. This group is responsible for improvement to traffic incident management along interstates and US Highways. It was interesting to note that Gwinnett County Police were the first agency to sign the agreement to endorse the concept.

In a nutshell, all resources work together to clear the traffic incident as quickly as possible. In so doing, there is a previously agreed upon, protocol for the specific functions of the overall incident. This coordinated approach is currently in place in many of the communities in the Metro Atlanta area. By making these changes the hope is to continue to reduce the economic impact on travelers and businesses. Perimeter and Evermore CID were represented and recognized as partners during the meeting.

General Comments:

The Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce held its annual Strategic Leadership Visit to Nashville, TN between September 25th-27th. During this three day visit, discussions of parallels between the Metro Nashville and Gwinnett Metro area were a topic of conversation.

Of primary interest was the Nashville Master Plan for the Metro Area. This plan was developed more than 20 years ago and features a large redevelopment area, branding, and improved transportation to included transit. Many of the difficulties and “push back” experienced in Metro Atlanta, regarding change and especially transit is also being felt in the Nashville area as well.

There is an Entrepreneurs Incubator funded by the city of Nashville, grants and donations. This program is has a huge economic impact on the area that was previously blighted and in decay. As the area has improved new shops, restaurants, and other businesses have returned, with great success.

On September 29th-October 4th, I had an opportunity attend ARC's Regional Leadership Institute in Savannah. This very intense training opportunity provided real issues facing the Metro Atlanta and the State of Georgia. As one might expect, transportation and congestion mitigation were at the top of the list.

With the improvement to the Savannah port, transporting goods from the port to Atlanta and beyond will continue to stress the existing infrastructure. As has been discussed on a number of occasions, freight will continue to have an impact on the corridor as the “A to A” (Atlanta-Athens) corridor is more fully realized.

Certainly, returning to the Office has raised more questions than answers. We have been in discussions about how to best position the CID to continue to develop, redevelop and to become a more complete community.

On October 8th, a meeting to discuss the ROW for the Killian Hill-McDaniel Bridge Road with Georgia Power representatives was held at the CID Office. The

purpose of the meeting was to determine the most expeditious method of gaining access between McDaniel Bridge Road and Killian Hill Road.

As a result of the meeting, Glenn Brooks and Del Clark are researching the ROW alignment and scope in order to assist the CID in determining whether the idea of traveling down the ROW is possible or even feasible. Georgia Power ROW planners will provide maps and CAD files to be layered over our existing concept plans to determine whether ROW can be obtained from Georgia Power.

On October 23rd, a meeting with the Gwinnett Community Services department was scheduled. In this meeting it is anticipated that a discussion of trail and other greenway projects will be discussed. We also have plans to meet with the PATH Foundation and The Trust of Public Lands. These two groups will be able to assist us in our efforts to advance the Trail/Greenway project along Yellow River.