



## Executive Director's Report

January 25, 2017

The CID has completed the move to the new office. The office is now located at 2795 Main Street West, Building 28, Snellville, GA 30078. The office will offer easier access to the members of the CID. We will have space for members to carry out meetings, review plans and meet with perspective developers.

Our new home is an excellent example of the quality construction available within the corridor. The facility offers adequate space for the Board and staff to function effectively. The Board will have an office available for their use. Through the efforts of Tom Flake, the CID will have updated technology and much faster internet.

The efforts of Chairman Chris Garner, Dwight Harrison, Kenny King, Lois Love and Amanda Soesbe are quite obvious. Through their efforts and hard work, the CID was completely moved out of the Tennis Pro Shop, set up in the new facility within a week. While we continue to fine tune the details to make the new office fit the needs of the CID, enough praise for the hard work by those individuals cannot be overstated. A Big THANK YOU to each of them.

### **Update to Evermore CID Landscape Contract:**

March 1<sup>st</sup> the CID must select landscape services. After a discussion with Chairman Garner, he has suggested that the Board approve exercising the first option in the existing contract with Russell Landscape Contractors. This option provides the same level of service, including the installation of mulch as prescribed previously.

Attached is an excerpt from the currently RFP response, RLG, LLC, proposes a monthly increase of \$257 per month. In last year's bid, the second lowest bidder proposed at a rate of \$10,000 per month. With the quality of service received in last year, we suggest the exercising of the option without bidding the landscape contract. We have contacted RL to confirm that the option is still valid. Mr. Bill Russell confirmed that they would honor the rate and provide the same services as last year. In **Attachment A** you will note evidence of rates as described above.

### **Collector Road Phase I Evermore North Blvd. (Old Walton Realignment):**

The project has still not been accepted by GwDOT. However, the local residents are using the improved intersection on a daily basis.

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

Gwinnett Department of Transportation continues to work with the County's Law Department to finalize the acquisition of the remaining parcels. The condemnations were filed on the 11<sup>th</sup> for **Parcels 1, 3, 21 and 27**. The final roadway plans are under review and water and sewer plans are at 90% approval. It is expected that those will be completed soon. With these filings, DWR is not able to gather the geotechnical information needed to complete their design. GwDOT plans to move forward with the bidding process once the both plans are approved.

We continue to work toward making this project as complete as possible. To that end, we are specifying a water service to be located in the roundabout. Additionally, we are NOT adding landscape to the project. This decision will allow for local participation in the final design of what type of landscape goes into the roundabout.

**Collector Road Phase III Evermore North Blvd. (Hewatt-Parkwood-Britt):**

This project continues to move forward. The anticipated let date is September 5, 2019 (**Attachment B**). The sanitary addition has improved relationships with the Rainbow Circle residents. According to Scott Shelton, GS&P, the sanitary sewer plans have been submitted to DWR as 50% plans. These plans will be reviewed with comments submitted to GS&P.

**Diverted Left Turn Intersection:**

On January 12<sup>th</sup> the members of the progress committee met to discuss issues related to the DLTI. Of interest was the need for designation of Henry Clower from US-78 eastbound to the intersection with GA-124. Because the new intersection will not have a left turn from northbound GA-124 to westbound US-78, Henry Clower must be designated as a state highway. This process will be through a MOU between Gwinnett County and/or the city of Snellville.

**General Comments:**

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, we met with Chad Lockhart to discuss the SPLOST projects list and to fine tune some of the approaches to funding for the bridge and collector road on the south side of US-78. As we look forward to the recommendations of the Citizens SPLOST Committee, we should consider an approach and request that is reflective of the new National Administration. With the opportunity of a "Stimulus" type of Federal program, the CID should consider an approach that doesn't ask for \$20M for a bridge over the Yellow River and the US-78 bridge, but instead, consider requesting funding for engineering of the entire south collector and the bridge. Thus, if funding from any source becomes available, the CID would be positioned to take advantage of such a program.

While this proposed approach will reduce the request for funds from the 2017 SPLOST, we believe that it is more reasonable request and more likely to be view favorably by the Committee.

Additionally, we are requesting that GwDOT fund a category of "Major Roads" as opposed to the approach of project and phase specific funding. As has been experienced with past and current projects, the exact timing of a project moving forward can be impacted by many factors. The proposed approach would allow greater flexibility, while moving projects forward in the most expeditious manner.