



Executive Director's Report

August 22, 2018

The CID family is proud to announce the marriage of Stacy and Kelly Patterson on August 4th. Please congratulate him (if you haven't already) when you see him.

Congratulation Stacy and Kelly!

While on the subject of changing status, Amanda Soesbe, Executive Administrative Assistant will be departing at the end of August. We wish her every good luck as she joins her husband, John, in a very successful automotive garage. We all will miss her, but this should be a great opportunity to grow the business, while allowing for a more efficient operation of their business. The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well.

Project Rockets continue to advance through the Planning and Development Process. The first Development of Regional Impact (DRI) was held on July 9th. This process is required by the State of Georgia. During the process, the impact on the region's transportation system is a primary function of the DRI.

The Gwinnett Commission has taken a historic step for improved public transportation throughout Gwinnett County. In a 5-1 decision, the Commission has decided to call the question in a March 2019 Special Election. Putting this question before the voters will be a milestone in the County that is now approaching 1 Million residents.

During the August Board Meeting we will have a briefing on the County's 2040 Plan. Lauren Blaszyk with Pond Engineering will make the presentation. This presentation is an ongoing effort by Gwinnett County to ensure the message is widely circulated to ensure residents in the County have ample opportunity to have input and raise awareness of the Plan and its key elements.

Eastside Medical had a ribbon cutting and announcement they have had Neurosurgery Atlanta join their staff of neurosurgeons. This announcement was held on July 25th. The hospital continue to expand its expertise across a wide range of medical fields

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

The road construction is progressing well considering the challenges with the recent weather patterns that have impacted the ability to connect storm water and sanitary sewer lines. There will be periods when the first leg of Evermore North Blvd. will be closed. This closure will not impact local residents on either end of the project. There will always be access to Highpoint or US-78.

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

On July 11th a meeting was held at GJAC with Lewis Cooksey, Deputy Director, GWDOT, to discuss the status of the ROW process and its status. As has been stated previously, the funds must be drawn down prior to October 10, 2018.

The ROW acquisition is now moving forward much more quickly than previously experienced. Individual property owners have been contacted and, in some cases, offers have been made and accepted. However actual closings have not occurred.

GS&P continues to meet with GwDOT every two weeks. The purpose of the meeting is to keep the project moving as quickly as possible. We continue to have a presence at the meetings.

Continuous Flow Intersection:

The impact of construction on traffic along US-78 is a concern for both businesses and travelers through the corridor. Long delays are being experienced, especially during peak travel times. This issue will continue for at least one year. Once the project is near completion certain segments of the roadway will be reopened and thus reducing some of the delays.

All utilities have been relocated. As a result of these relocations and the installation of the walls in front of the M&P shopping center, you will notice the impact on the shopping center and related businesses.

General Comments:

As was stated in the June 2018 Board Meeting, the Gwinnett County Commission invited the CID to brief the Commission and the Department Directors on the activities of the CID. The CID had a good representation of the CID's Board. Four Board Members attended the briefing.

After the briefing many of the Commissioners expressed their thanks for the update and responses to the questions. They went on to say how impressed they were with the number of Board Member who attended.

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The Speedway has opened with great response from the public. (Free donut from 6-9AM)
The project manager was present on opening day. Her report was very positive.

You may have noticed grading taking place next door to Speedway. K-Wash Car Wash is locating a new facility at that location. Additionally, they will offer 1.1 acre lot for sale adjacent to their location.

As a member of the Gwinnett County Police Foundation, we had an opportunity to attend the 100th Graduating Recruit Class. This dinner was attended by more than 500 officers, families and supporters. We all joined to congratulate Gwinnett County Police Department in this milestone for the organization.

As we begin to ponder the need for a marketing strategy, we have met with Mighty 8th Media group. They have presented a wide-ranging number of strategies. We are currently in the process of evaluating these proposals and how they will benefit the CID.

As with many landscape providers, we held an update meeting to encourage greater attention to detail and issues experienced with the mulch installation. As you may recall this is the final year of their contract. This contract expires on February 28, 2019.