



Executive Director's Report

March 27, 2019

The Chairman has received a resignation letter from Chad Lockhart. Chad and his family are relocating to Nashville, TN, where he will be working in the corporate offices of HCA. While we wish Chad well as he relocates, we also thank him for his service as a Board member, and SPLOST Citizen Advisory Committee, but his overall commitment to the community that Eastside Medical Center, and Chad, serve. We will all miss him and his undying commitment to his work and to the CID.

The transit referendum failed, but not at the same level that it has in the past. We will see this issue be brought to another vote soon. As the County experiences continued growth, the need for transportation alternatives will continue to be in the forefront of our community's priorities.

Have you noticed the demolition and construction taking place on Evermore North Blvd? This residential development will feature some attached and detached housing. The total number of housing units is expected to exceed 100 units. This development will feature high end amenities and quality construction.

If it were not for the parallel road and road realignment projects sponsored by the CID, where would the area be. 1) Cambridge/McGee, Walmart Neighborhood Grocery; 2) Walton Ct Realignment, entrance to new development; 3) Britt, Highpoint, Britt, Residential Development with 148 housing units, one development with 113 residences and the CID's first roundabout. What a difference the CID has made to improve the value for property owners. What is more important is the support the new residents will aid in the support of the more than 600 businesses in the corridor.

We can also point out the infrastructure improvement that have occurred in the corridor, not just the media GDOT project, but the safety enhancements such as: the pedestrian bridge across Yellow River and the addition of sanitary sewer line through the project areas.

While we are always planning next steps, it is useful to reflect on some of the successes. As we work to select the next phase of our parallel road system, the importance of continuing our efforts to plan and implement plans are critical to the survival of the community.

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

October 24, 2018

The final inspection has been completed on February 8, 2019. There is a punch list the contractors are using to take corrective action. You may notice that some of the paving work needed repairs. This portion has been corrected, though the plantings in the roundabout required replacement.

As previously mentioned, this road is already being used by the residents in the area. While the housing development is in the installation of infrastructure phase, the traffic is currently traversing the new roadways.

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

Currently, GDOT has released some 31 parcels, with 9 parcels continuing in review. ROW offers and negotiations continue through the contract with Moreland Altobelli. While this is a difficult process, this is the process required by FHWA.

General Comments:

On January 29, Commissioner Fosque visited the CID. We provided her with an overview of the District's past and future plans. She is genuinely interested in working to help the CID further its goals and mission.

The Transit vote is now behind us. Where and what is next? There are currently discussions under way to determine next steps. Looking at opportunities to revisit the issue are: to call for the vote during the primaries or wait until 2020 and the general election. There are a number of lessons learned in this most recent effort. Not the least of which is that attitudes toward public transportation are changing. Whether they will have changed enough by 2020 is yet to be determined.

The CID's audit has begun. The provider and our staff are working to complete the audit before the April meeting. The Board will consider and vote to accept the audit or reject it.

Evermore CID was a principle sponsor for the Valor awards. Honors went to a number of officers throughout the County. Officers from the city of Snellville and GwPD South Precinct received recognition for a variety of special, beyond the call of duty responses.

Chairman Garner and staff traveled to Savannah to participate in a Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce tour of the Georgia Port in Savannah. This program was very informative about the port, but also the number of jobs impacted or created by the Port. There is an estimated 440,000 jobs the Port directly impacts. This Port is growing on a continuing basis. The inland ports are improving transportation of product via rail and thus impacted traffic congestion throughout the state.