

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Michael Smith, Public Works Director

**Date:** March 23, 2015

**Subject:** **Support for Perimeter Community Improvement Districts' Lake Hearn at Peachtree Dunwoody Project**

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

The Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) have requested a letter of support from the city for an intersection improvement project at Lake Hearn Drive and Peachtree Dunwoody Road to include improved pedestrian and bicycle connection to the Dunwoody and Medical Center MARTA stations. Most of the project is located within the City of Sandy Springs who has expressed support for the project. The PCIDs plans to submit an application to the Atlanta Regional Commission for federal funding in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with MARTA as the project sponsor. A representative from PCIDs will make a presentation to the city council (attached).

# Partnership Opportunity: PCIDs/MARTA/Sandy Springs Dunwoody/Brookhaven

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Lake Hearn Drive/Peachtree Dunwoody  
Road/Perimeter Center Parkway/Hammond Dr.

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Sandy Springs  
City Council

November 4, 2014



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# Corridor Challenges

- ▶ Consider Peachtree Dunwoody/I-285 ramp congestion
  - Stop and start across property lines
  - Only on south side of Lake Hearn
  - Narrow, not well maintained
- ▶ Sidewalks not contiguous
  - Dark, not comfortable
  - Only link across I-285
- ▶ Lack of bicycle accommodations
- ▶ Lack of PCIDs branding amenities



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# Project Opportunity

- ▶ A two-way bicycle track on Peachtree Dunwoody Road between Hammond Drive and Lake Hearn Drive
- ▶ Bicycle lanes and continuous sidewalks on Lake Hearn Drive
- ▶ Restriping of existing bicycle lanes on Perimeter Center Parkway to improve buffer to travel lanes
- ▶ New bicycle lanes and continuous sidewalks on Hammond Drive

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# Project Concept



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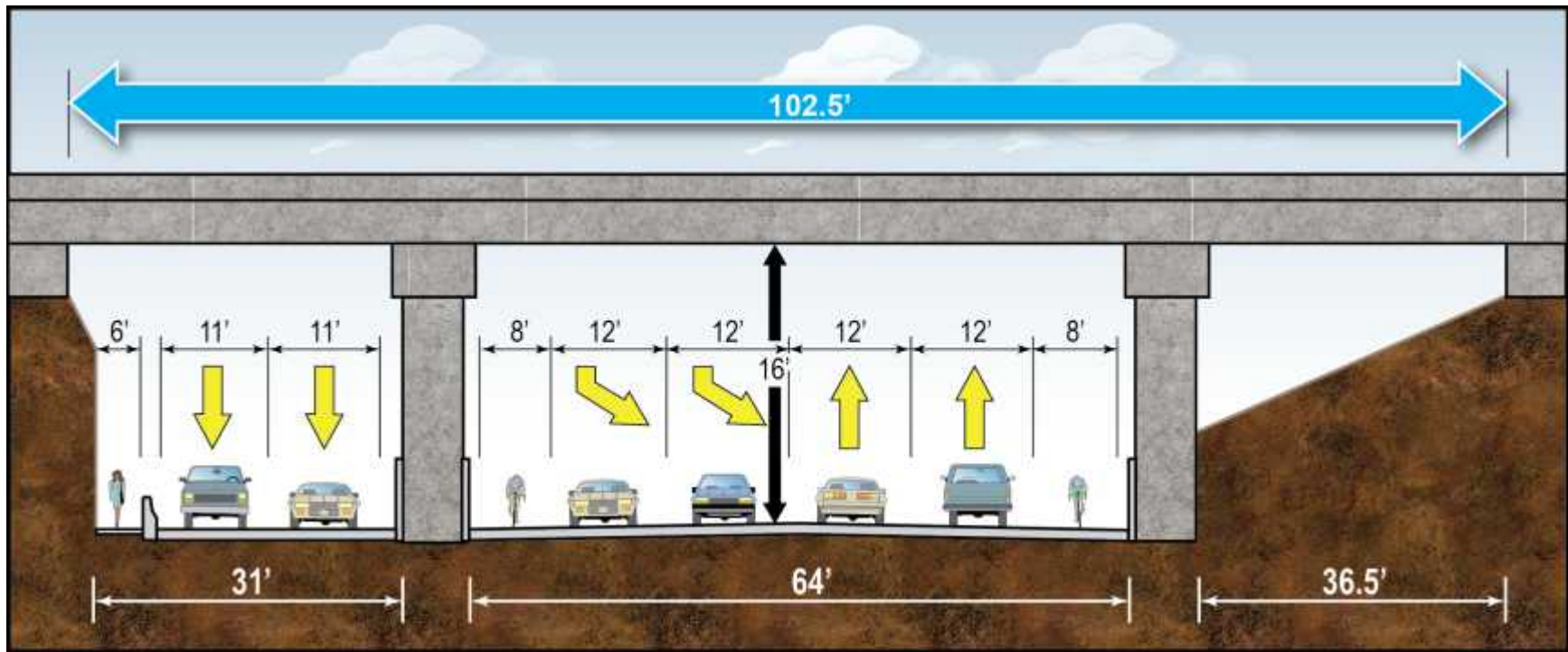






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# Operational Benefits of the Project



- ▶ Decrease by 35% overall corridor wide average vehicular delay
- ▶ An average of 74 seconds savings in travel time on Peachtree Dunwoody Road during the evening peak hour compared to current conditions
- ▶ Pedestrian and bicycle access will be markedly improved between the Dunwoody and Medical Center MARTA stations



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# Context Sensitive Solutions

- ▶ Increase of safety for pedestrians
- ▶ Improve pedestrian comfort through amenities
- ▶ Expanding area for pedestrians
- ▶ Ease of access to pedestrian pathways through wayfinding and widening







# Aggressive Delivery Schedule

- ▶ ARC Awards Grant: February 2015
- ▶ Concept Design/Stakeholder Outreach: March 2015
- ▶ Complete Design: December 2015
- ▶ RW Phase Complete: June 2016
- ▶ Construction: September 2016



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# Funding Strategy and Next Steps

- ▶ MARTA sponsorship = FTA Flex
- ▶ SRTA grant = 10% req'd match
- ▶ Funding opportunity is for FY2016
- ▶ No matching funds required from Sandy Springs or PCID
- ▶ Letters of support from partners
- ▶ Submit grant application to ARC



Intersection Improvement of Lake Hearn Drive at Peachtree Dunwoody Road

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

**RESOLUTION 2015-03-XX**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA TO COLLABORATE WITH THE PERIMETER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (PCIDS) AND THE CITIES OF BROOKHAVEN AND SANDY SPRINGS (PERIMETER CITIES) FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PERIMETER MARKET**

**WHEREAS,** the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) is a self-taxing district located partly in Fulton and partly in DeKalb Counties, including the Cities of Brookhaven, Dunwoody and Sandy Springs (Perimeter Cities); and

**WHEREAS,** PCIDs charter, created through Georgia State Legislation, specifically defines that the organization is an independent entity created to serve the transportation infrastructure needs of the business property owners within its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS,** PCIDs business property owners self-impose additional property tax dollars to improve the communities within its district, by accelerating transportation and infrastructure improvement programs and projects; and identifying and executing quality of life projects; and

**WHEREAS,** PCIDs will continue to focus on transportation connectivity and quality of life for the business community and residents in the Perimeter Center area; and

**WHEREAS,** each of the Perimeter Cities is committed to long-term economic sustainability in their separate communities and in the Perimeter Market as a whole by utilizing resources wisely and in a manner that meets the needs of the business community and residents today and in the future; and

**WHEREAS,** to advance the goals of ensuring long-term economic sustainability, a high quality of life, and the ability to provide and sustain adequate infrastructure for future development in the Perimeter Market, the Perimeter Cities desire to work with each other and with the PCID on programs and projects which focus on transportation infrastructure and quality of life amenities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Dunwoody, Georgia that the City of Dunwoody hereby supports and authorizes a collaboration with the PCIDs and the Perimeter Cities on programs and projects to benefit the long-term sustainability of the Perimeter Market and authorizes the City Manager to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this resolution.

**SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE,** this the 23rd day of March, 2015.

Approved:

Attest:

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Michael G. Davis, Mayor

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk  
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