

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF CHAMBLEE

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GDOT PROJECTS:

I-285/SR 400 Interchange Reconstruction P.I. # 0000784
SR 400 Collector-Distributor (CD) Lanes P.I. # 721850

WHEREAS the State of Georgia and Georgia Department of Transportation are investing approximately \$1.05 billion in two projects to improve the Interstate 285 and Georgia 400 interchange and collector and distributor road system serving the interchange and surrounding area (collectively the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS Governor Nathan Deal has stated the Project "... is a crucial economic engine, providing valuable access to jobs, supporting business growth, and expanding Georgia's role as a major logistics hub for global commerce. When built, the reconstructed interchange will serve to preserve our quality of life by increasing mobility in the corridor. . . ."; and,

WHEREAS the Georgia Department of Transportation has adopted its Complete Streets Policy, which states in part "the Complete Streets Program is designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities must be able to safely move along and across a complete street. This program makes it easy for the public to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work..."; and,

WHEREAS the Project construction will directly impact the cities of Chamblee, Atlanta, Doraville, Dunwoody, Sandy Springs and Brookhaven, and the counties of DeKalb and Fulton, and more specifically the Perimeter Area; and,

WHEREAS the Perimeter Area directly impacted by the Project includes three MARTA transit stops, namely Medical Center, Dunwoody and Sandy Springs, which have been designated by MARTA and the Atlanta Regional Commission as Transit Oriented Design locations, including multiuse paths and bike lanes that facilitate mobility; and,

WHEREAS the PATH Foundation has recommended the Project accommodate the future construction of a multi-use path which would connect to future expansion of the PATH Foundation network in the Perimeter Area and beyond; and,

WHEREAS the stated reason international and national corporations such as Mercedes Benz and State Farm have decided to locate to the Perimeter Area is to take advantage of the "live, work and play" lifestyle, which is a result of certain design standards; and,

WHEREAS the reasons stated for the Project improvements include congestion relief, improved traffic flow, safety improvements, and economic benefit for the Metro-Atlanta region and the State of Georgia; and,

WHEREAS the City of Chamblee Comprehensive Plan has identified increased connectivity between neighborhoods/employment centers and major community destinations via bicycles, pedestrians, and local transportation, as well as Involvement in regional planning efforts to ensure Chamblee remains a target location of future transportation investment as Key Needs of the City; and,


WHEREAS the initial design phase of the Project does not currently include adequate sidewalks, context-sensitive dedicated and separated bike lanes, nor accommodate future multiuse paths.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 17th day of March, 2015 that the City of Chamblee, Georgia, for the purpose stated herein, HEREBY respectfully requests the Georgia Department of Transportation incorporate the Project sidewalks, context sensitive dedicated and separated bicycle lanes in the I-285/SR 400 Interchange Reconstruction P.I. # 0000784 and SR 400 Collector-Distributor (CD) Lanes P.I. # 721850.

Attest:

Approved:


Emmie D. Niethammer, City Clerk (Seal)


R. Eric Clarkson, Mayor