



PERIMETER CIDS RECEIVE \$3.1 MILLION GRANT FOR LAKE HEARN, PERIMETER SUMMIT, PARKSIDE PLACE PROJECT

NOVEMBER 14, 2011 - The Atlanta Regional Commission has awarded a \$3.1 million Livable Centers Initiative Transportation Grant to the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) for roadway, streetscape and intersection improvements to Lake Hearn Drive, Perimeter Summit Parkway and Parkside Place between Ashford Dunwoody Road and the Perimeter Center Parkway Bridge across I-285.

The total cost of the project is \$4.866 million. The PCIDs will be providing matching funding to the project. Right-of-way acquisition is underway and construction is expected to start in March 2012.

“These infrastructure changes will help ensure Perimeter’s long-term viability as an economic engine and walkable, inviting, livable urban center,” said PCIDs President and CEO Yvonne Williams. “This project is key to the continued success of mixed-use development in Perimeter and will prepare the Lake Hearn area for potential and proposed private sector multi-use growth and development.”

Williams said the project will greatly improve the connectivity gap for commuters to Metro Atlanta’s largest concentration of medical facilities; Perimeter Mall, which draws an estimated 18 million visitors a year and other large employers in one of Metro Atlanta’s largest employment centers with 100,000 employees.

“The Lake Hearn project will help facilitate the live-work-walk environment of Perimeter in DeKalb County and promote the use of alternative transportation rather than the automobile,” Williams said.

The project will involve pedestrian access improvements including the addition and/or renovation of sidewalks, pedestrian resting areas, pedestrian plazas at intersection corners, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant facilities, street and pedestrian lighting, larger medians and islands and restriping and/or addition of crosswalks.

Lane widths will be narrowed on Lake Hearn Drive, on Perimeter Summit Parkway from Parkside Place to Ashford Dunwoody Road and on Parkside Place for traffic calming and to accommodate landscape and pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

The Hilton Garden Inn driveway on the Lake Hearn Drive one-way portion will be modified to restrict exiting traffic to turning movements in one direction only to improve safety.

To promote bicycle usage, a 4-foot bike lane will be added to Perimeter Summit Parkway from Lake Hearn Drive to Ashford Dunwoody Road and “share the road” signage will be added to Lake Hearn Drive and Parkside Place.

Traffic signals will be upgraded to mast arm-type installations at all signalized intersections. Intersections will be raised at Lake Hearn Drive and Parkside Place and at the Lake Hearn Drive and Cox Communications driveway to help reduce vehicle speed along Lake Hearn Drive.

“Recent studies show that accidents are more than double the statewide average on Lake Hearn Drive and Parkside Place,” Williams noted. “This project should help mitigate those statistics.”

Seating benches, single-trunk flowering trees, general landscaping, light poles and trash receptacles will be placed along all project streets and intersections to add to the area’s aesthetic appeal and character.

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