



PERIMETER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

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KUDOS FOR TOLL LEGISLATION

"On behalf of the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) of Fulton & DeKalb Counties, we want to thank the elected officials whose leadership made the passage of Senate Bill 221 relative to the Toll Road Authority happen. Its impact will directly affect major markets and employment centers in the region," said Tim Hughes of Cox Enterprises, Inc., and a member of both CID Boards. "The legislation is budget neutral and provides that those who pay the toll will directly benefit from their revenues", he said. "The corporate community represented by the PCIDs is extremely grateful to the bi-partisan partnership that developed around this piece of legislation," he continued. "It will enable projects to move forward in the GA 400 corridor and assist in the capital projects around that corridor and I-285."

The passage of Senate Bill 221 ensures that toll revenues are spent on toll road projects. The partnership which began in the Senate with a bill introduced by Senator Thomas Price came to the floor of the House with one amendment from Representative Mark Burkhalter who handled the bill. The legislation (in part) directs that all revenues collected from the toll be spent on the construction, maintenance and extension of that infrastructure. Burkhalter's amendment makes it possible to create new toll road development in the future.

DeKalb Chief Executive Officer Vernon Jones said, "This is the kind of action that will help re-establish public trust and confidence in government. It clearly directs the funds to their intended purpose. The GA 400 corridor, although located to the northwest of DeKalb, has a tremendous impact on DeKalb and its economic vitality and prosperity in the Perimeter area. We are pleased that the House and Senate have taken this step to clarify and direct these funds. We salute their action."

Fulton County Chairman Mike Kenn also supported the legislation and worked with Representative Burkhalter on its passage.

Yvonne D. Williams
President

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