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Perimeter Community Improvement Districts**

I-285 Phase I Contractor Selected

A partnership between the private and public sectors has resulted in the selection of URS Corporation to perform Phase I of the I-285 transit corridor study. Three Community Improvement Districts (CID), Perimeter (Fulton and DeKalb) and Cumberland have committed \$1.2 million in order to get the work underway in that corridor. Plans are for the study to be completed by year end so that it will be included in the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. "The I-285 Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Phase I) constitutes a major step forward in the effort to address one of the region's most congested corridors. ARC is excited by the private sector's commitment to this project," said Jane Hayse, Chief, Transportation Planning Division of ARC.

"Traffic mitigation and public transportation improvement will be put to the test in this project," said Yvonne Williams, President, Perimeter CIDs. This collaborative between the CIDs, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) which is serving as the contract administrator, and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) has a real opportunity to expedite and create a comprehensive, accessible system that will connect three major markets. We want to be certain that what is ultimately built will be fully utilized by the traveling public. "

“This contract reflects the true role of the CIDs. Our objective is to support and assist the agencies and organizations that are charged with making transportation improvements. The I-285 project is critical and presented us with an opportunity to step forward and assist in getting the process underway. We are proud to be able to take this initial action which will position those agencies to move forward with the project,” said Tad Leithead, Vice-Chairman, Cumberland CID.

The I-285 Transit Corridor concept has the support of all of the agencies and organizations, local, state and federal involved in transportation planning and implementation. “This is a tremendous coalition and one that has worked together to bring about effective change,” continued Williams.

CIDs tax themselves additional property taxes to make improvements in their districts.