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Dear Editors:

The Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) are moving forward in support of the Governor's stated goals on transportation priorities and economic development. Short and long term improvement projects in the Fulton and DeKalb Perimeter area address traffic issues and stimulate the major regional business centers in these districts.

Short term designs increase safety, smooth traffic flow and enhance curb appeal as well as assist in stimulating the major economic markets. Long term, together with our local, state and federal partners and agencies, we have leveraged \$200,000,000+ over the next 5 years in infrastructure improvements in the two districts.

The PCIDs sought and received major Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grants in each district that total over \$4 million in sidewalks, streetscape improvements and pedestrian friendly accommodations within the two districts. We are fast-tracking those projects and with the cooperation of DeKalb and Fulton County Governments have developed excellent public-private partnerships that produce results.

Based on the recent data relative to the cost of congestion, the PCIDs support Chairman Mike Kenn on the issues that Ga. 400 and I-285 corridors need to be moved up as priorities in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2030 for HOV and roadway improvements. The CID is championing several projects including improvements at Abernathy and Hammond along the 400 corridor. We are anxious to have the Toll Road Authority reform legislation designated as a funding resource to identify top priorities and improvements needed on Ga. 400 from I-285 to McFarland Road. This area, that pays 24 per cent of the Georgia tax digest, must have improvements to retain and stimulate the economy.

The PCIDs are self taxing districts that advocate for comprehensive, fully integrated transportation systems, assist in funding and provide project management of transportation improvements.

Thank you.

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