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Letter to the Editor:

When leadership is most needed, our region has a record of solid, action-oriented partnerships. Through Community Improvement Districts (CIDs), businesses tax themselves to assist local, state and federal agencies in accelerating their transportation goals. While this promotes strong economic viability for the businesses, it also has positive outcomes for the citizens. Everyone wins.

Momentum now exists between the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the Metropolitan Atlanta Transit Authority (MARTA) the Governor's Accelerated Transportation Plan and their local partners for the development of transit oriented projects. It is time to move forward with projects identified as critical and that contribute to a comprehensive transportation system. Rather than delay those projects because of debate over the Northern Arc, the Perimeter CIDs want to champion accelerating the transportation improvements planned and support the use of the bonding capacity at today's lower interest rates. That makes good economic sense.

Leadership is needed now and the overall impact of our actions must be considered. It is time to move forward. The plan, the funds, the partnerships and the citizens are waiting.

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