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“Here in the Perimeter area, we very much appreciate the projects that are included in the Atlanta Regional Commission’s \$5.3 billion transportation plan. We, of course, want and need more and will work hard to get more funds allocated earlier for the I-285 corridor that needs to link with the Northwest corridor,” said John Sullivan, Chairman of the DeKalb Perimeter Community Improvement District (DPCID)

“Earlier this year, Cumberland, Town Center, DeKalb and Fulton Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) partnered to accelerate the I-285 corridor study so that it can be planned and constructed along with the Northwest transit corridor. Three of the CIDs appropriated \$1.2 million to begin the environmental studies. The Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) has also committed to the partnership role through a memorandum of cooperation. Just yesterday, the Cumberland CID, our coordinating partner, signed an agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission to move that project forward. The project steering committee from Perimeter, Bob Voyles of Hines, Jim Overton of Cousins and our alternate, Ted Turner of Hewlett Packard along with Cumberland, Town Center and Sandy Springs representatives are going to meet with ARC in the very near future to design a request for proposal (RFP). We

anticipate award of that Phase I contract to a qualified consultant by the end of the year,” said Yvonne Williams, President, Perimeter CIDs (Fulton and DeKalb).

Tad Leithead, Cumberland CID Vice Chair says, “We are absolutely committed to this project and we are anxious to get the initial stages underway.”

“Among others, ARC’s plan includes two major projects that directly impact the Perimeter area, the Ashford Dunwoody Parkway Extension (Flyover Bridge) and the redesign of the Ashford Dunwoody Interchange. Our job is to assist in expediting those projects and getting them completed. We are also going to stay at the table and present our case for a collaborative regional transit project. We appreciate CEO Jones’ continued support of the partnership for traffic relief in the I-285 corridor. We support that 100%,” said Bob Voyles.