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**Media Advisory**

The Perimeter CIDs (PCIDs) project managers and contractors have accomplished Phase I of the Intersection Improvement Plan on time and under budget. The chain link construction fences were dismantled and trucks pulled out of the Perimeter area in early November at the completion of the project. The Perimeter CIDs Board, staff and contractors were committed to finishing the job before schedule (January 2003) in order to accommodate and provide better access for commuters and holiday shoppers.

DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones officiated on November 20, 2002 at a ribbon cutting formally opening the intersections. He said, "We're excited about the progress that the Perimeter CID has made in its short and very effective three years. We're on the move and we're making history with the \$204 million in road projects that will help the Perimeter Center corridor fully achieve its economic potential. That's good news for all of DeKalb County."

Bob Voyles, Vice Chair of the DeKalb PCID said, "We like to see the visible results of our investments and believe that this intersection celebration is the beginning of an exciting time for the Perimeter area. We are extremely optimistic about the projects that we have underway, and are proud of the leveraging that we are able to do with the additional property taxes we pay. With over \$204 million of transportation improvement projects in the pipe line, we have a return of almost 100 to 1 on our investment. That is sound business in anybody's book."

The intersection improvements were designed by Roy Ashley and Associates and URS and constructed by Municipal Contractors. The total cost of the three intersection improvements for Phase I is valued at over \$1 million. The directive to the contractors was that no construction work would interrupt the Perimeter Traffic flow and that all work be done at night with each construction area being returned to its original condition by 6:00 a.m. The PCIDs corporate property owners tax themselves additional property taxes in order to leverage local, state and federal dollars for infrastructure improvements within the districts.

“We could not have accomplished this goal without the determination and support of DeKalb County Government and the very excellent professional contractors that handled the design and construction,” said Yvonne Williams, President, PCIDs.