

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on May 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Staff Discussion Items

Mayor Rusty Paul called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

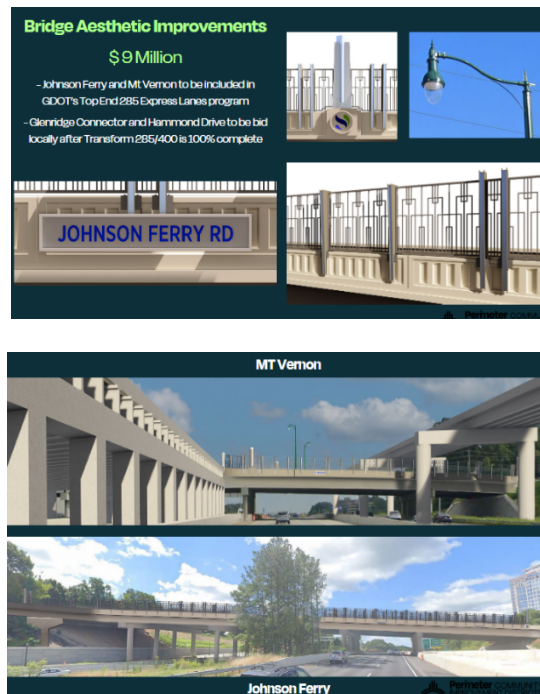
A. 2025-089 PCIDs Updates

Ann Hanlon, Executive Director, Perimeter CIDs, provided the PCIDs Updates.

PCIDs Executive Director Hanlon said this is an update since the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) boards have been through a recent project prioritization process. Since the last master plan was done before COVID and, an update was done immediately prior to COVID, it was time to update the project list, especially in the Perimeter office market. This presentation is representative of the priorities of the board of directors over the next five years and where they have allocated dollars in our project cash flow.

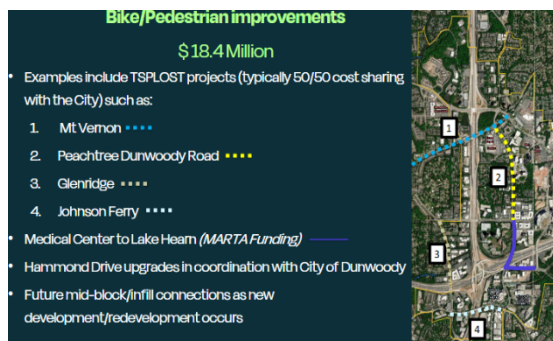
Bridge Aesthetic and Bike/Pedestrian Improvements

Upgrades to some of the bridges adjacent to the CID area is still a big priority for the Fulton and Dekalb PCID board of directors. There are four bridges that we would like to upgrade with the partnership of the City and the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT). Two will hopefully be done during GDOT's Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) process and the other two will be during an encroachment permit later in the process. We have tried to match the aesthetic that the City has already done on several other bridges along the highway.



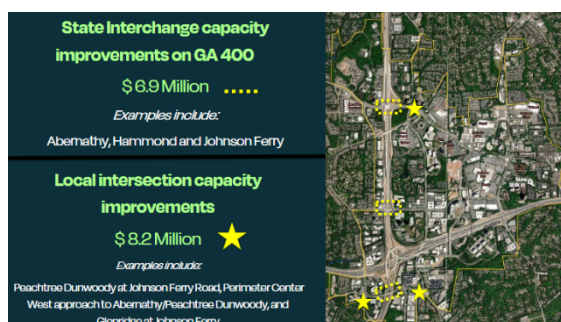


The next bucket of funding is for bridge and pedestrian improvements. Trails are more of a priority than before and our board would like to dedicate a lot of their funding to this.



State and Local Interchange Capacity Improvements

These big capacity improvements are at the interchanges along the highways and was discussed a lot after COVID. This will likely need more study.



Councilmember John Paulson said these two are of interest because there is so much work done at Abernathy and SR-400. Some may not be needed as said. What is the timing that we will get the intersection back and do an assessment to determine whether this improvement or the one on Hammond will be needed?

William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director said it will be about nine months. We receive those intersections and the rest of the roadway work back from GDOT and the partners building the

project, then assessments can go from there.

Councilmember Jody Reichel said there are still many problems with the Abernathy interchange and the diverging diamond. How is it determined when GDOT gives it to the City and at what point are they actually finished? They have a long way to go in that intersection to fix the problems and I do not want the City or PCID to end up with the problems. Are we coordinating with them to ensure everything they have done everything they said they would do?

Mayor Rusty Paul said **Public Works Director Martin** addressed that and it will be by the end of the year.

Councilmember Reichel said it is by the end of the year, but will we ensure they have accomplished everything that we want them to? It is still a complicated intersection.

Public Works Director Martin said they will be qualified on what they get accomplished before they close out the project with, whether or not we have identified the problem that we may need to work further with GDOT. We may identify challenges and whether or not GDOT is able to address the current contract they have, or it is some follow-on work that we need to work the state on resolving labor. There are a couple different outcomes that come from us identifying challenges to GDOT right now. This includes either fix it now if possible, or address it later with cooperation from GDOT.

Perimeter Connects and Alternative Transportation, Transit and Commuter Options

There is a dip in transit ridership across metro Atlanta and the country. The Perimeter area has always been served by four express bus routes, big commuter buses that come into Perimeter from other parts of the region from Gwinnett, Forsyth, Cobb, and Rockdale counties. There are cuts coming to that service but the CID is working on is a pilot program to relaunch a van pool program to substitute for all those riders that were depending on express buses to get into the Perimeter market.



Traffic Control Programming and Enhancements

These additional funding categories includes allocating \$1,700,000 over the next five years to employ traffic officers at key bottlenecks throughout the district and, \$2,000,000 towards signal optimization.



Landscape Maintenance in Public Rights-of-Way Investments

The CID has always and will continue to maintain the landscaping. A contractor does installation and maintenance and general trash pick-up at medians around the district. The estimated cost is \$1,500,000 over the next five years.



Asset Management

Upgraded amenities is still a priority of the CID as they come along. This includes decorative lighting, crosswalks, or stone pavers in plazas.



Public Art and Engagement

We worked on a mural with MARTA and the City of Dunwoody at the Dunwoody MARTA Station. The board would like to see more of this and we will work with the City's staff and cultural organizations to do this. We are currently working with the City's staff on the Medical MARTA Station to decide what can be done to enhance it. Our communications program includes social media and newsletters and we will post an event in a couple of weeks which is funding this effort.



Mayor Rusty Paul thanked PCIDs Executive Director Hanlon for her presentation. This was very informative. The City appreciates the relationship and the partnership the City has with the CID. We are working together better than ever and making good progress.

II. City Council Discussion Items

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.