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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

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**TO:** Mayor & City Council

**DATE:** December 22, 2014

**FROM:** John McDonough, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** T-0024 Hammond Drive Improvement Project Briefing

**MEETING DATE:** For Submission onto the January 6, 2015, City Council Work Session Meeting Agenda

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)*

See attached:

Memorandum  
Briefing Presentation

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CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: **01/06/2015**

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: (  ) YES (  ) NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_



TO: John McDonough, City Manager  
FROM: Garrin M. Coleman, P.E., Public Works Director  
DATE: December 22, 2014, for Submission onto the January 6, 2015 Council Work Session  
ITEM: T-0024 Hammond Drive Improvement Project Briefing

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**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council authorize a scope change for capital improvement project (CIP) T-0024 Hammond Drive and authorize staff to move forward with pursuing federal funding assistance for implementation.

**Background:**

The original project scope for T-0024 Hammond Drive Improvements project contemplated improvements and additional lanes along Hammond Drive between Roswell Road and Glenridge Drive. The City lobbied for and received a \$500,000 Congressional earmark in 2008 to support the effort. The City chose to use local funds to develop preliminary concepts and investigate the costs and challenges associated with executing the project with Federal dollars, reserving the \$500,000 federal earmark. Those preliminary studies determined that the estimated project cost was between \$40 million and \$60 million and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be required, necessitating approximately \$700,000 and 5 years to complete. With a significant investment required to advance the project and no federal funding source readily available, the project became inactive by early 2012. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) staff recognized the prolonged project inactivity and requested the City either take action to execute the \$500,000 earmark or terminate it. In June 2014, Mayor and City Council authorized a staff proposed re-scoping of the project into a sidewalk improvement project at Boylston Drive and Hammond Drive to match available funding. Proposals were received to pursue that streetscape project and are on hold pending discussion on the interest in pursuing the much larger Hammond Drive Improvements project. Recently, staff became aware of a new call for projects from the Atlanta Regional Commission and GDOT.

**Discussion:**

The proposed project would greatly improve connectivity between City Center and Perimeter Center. Improvements could include additional traffic lanes, intersection improvements at adjacent cross streets to improve traffic flow between Roswell Road and Glenridge Drive, features to improve transit access, and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. The following actions are recommended:

- Seek approval from Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to modify the project scope to include improvements throughout the Hammond Drive corridor

from Roswell Road to Glenridge Drive and to establish a new Federal funding plan.

- Utilize existing \$500K earmark to complete concept report.
- Seek funding from Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) over the next several funding cycles to complete design. ARC call for projects schedule:
  - ARC Pre-application workshop on January 9, 2015
  - Release applications on January 21, 2015
  - Applications due April 6, 2015

Utilizing Federal funding to move forward with the project will obligate the City to follow Federal and State plan develop processes and contribute a local match likely of 20% of project costs.

**Alternatives:**

The City could investigate implementing the larger Hammond Drive Improvements project with local funds or continue action on the streetscape project.

**Financial Impact:**

Currently the project has a \$500,000 earmark and approximately \$170,000 in local funds. The estimated project cost is \$40-\$60 million. If Federal dollars are procured, the probable local match requirement is 20% of project cost, estimated local fund investment of \$8 million-\$12 million.

**Attachments:**

I. Exhibits

- Hammond Drive Project Briefing

# HAMMOND DRIVE BRIEFING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) T-0024

January 6, 2015



# Executive Summary

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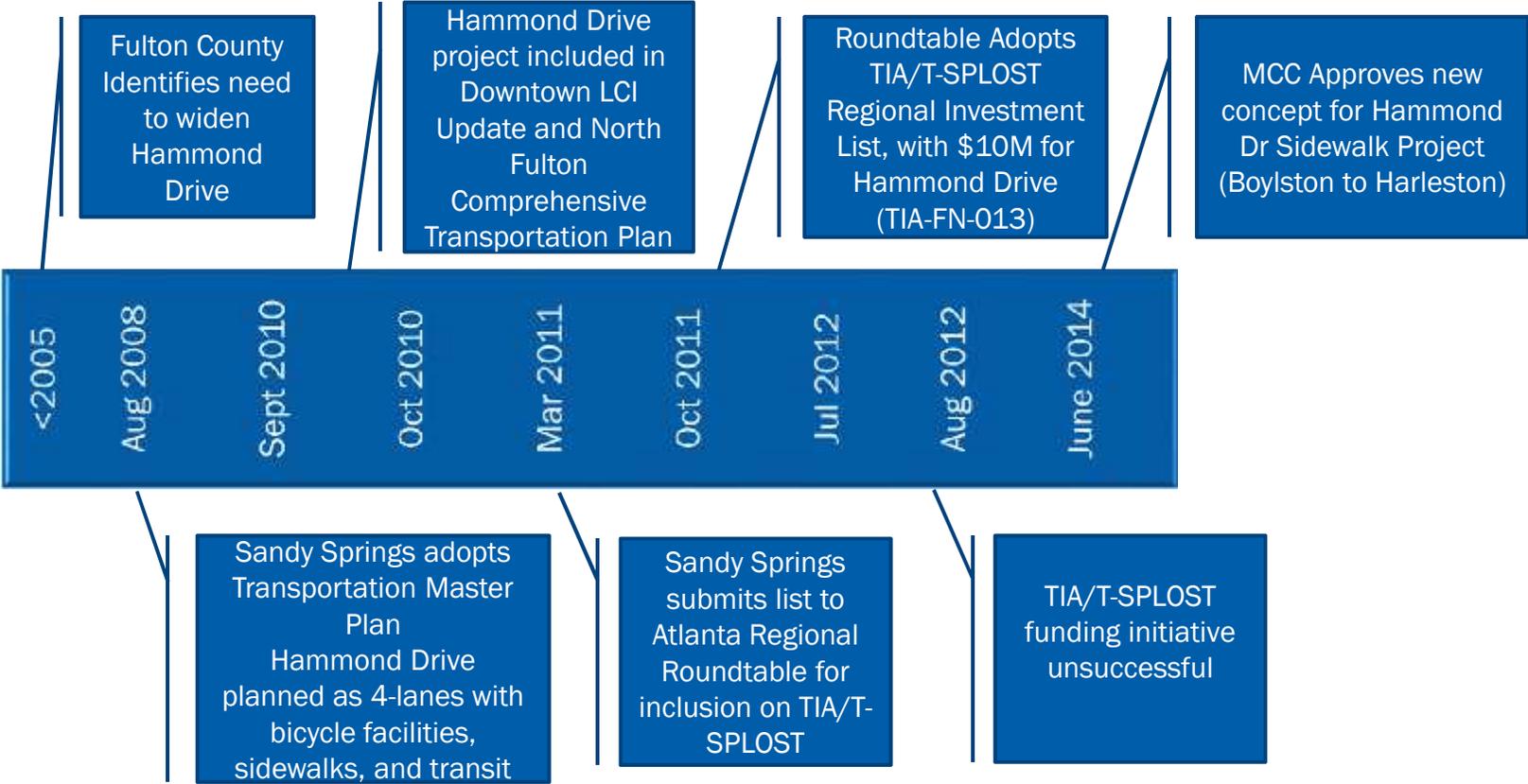
- Scope would improve Hammond Drive from SR400 to Roswell Road
- Project has a \$500K earmark and was to use \$10M in Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funds
- To date only local funds used:
  - to determine project scope for larger improvement project, and
  - to evaluate a smaller sidewalk project option
- The federal process requires an Environmental Impact Study (EIS)
  - Cost is estimated at \$600K-\$700K
  - Estimate 5 years to complete
- Total project cost estimates are \$40-60M depending on preferred alternative
  - Estimated local match requirement expected to be 20% (\$8M-12M)

# CIP T-0024 Hammond Drive Improvements

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- Budget:
  - Current Project Balance: \$670K
    - Federal Funding: \$500K (Earmark)
    - Local Funding: \$170K
- Status:
  - Need and purpose narrative developed for FHWA
  - White paper developed for FHWA briefing to US House of Representatives Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
  - EIS (Environmental Impact Study) required for federal funding
  - Project was recently re-scoped to match available funding for a streetscape project

# CIP T-0024 Hammond Drive Improvements Timeline



# Public Involvement Milestones

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- May 11, 1999 - Citizen Advisory Committee (Fulton County)
- 2008/2010 - Public input opportunities provided with LCI & Transportation Master Plan, & North Fulton Transportation Plan through ARC.
- April 13, 2009 – Public Information meeting
- May 2009 – Online survey
- June 24, 2009 – Glenridge-Hammond homeowners meeting



# T-0024 Hammond Dr. Improvements Concept Alternative Center Alignment



BOYLSTON DRIVE TO GLENRIDGE DRIVE



[sandyspringsga.gov](http://sandyspringsga.gov)

# T-0024 Hammond Dr. Improvements Concept Alternative North Alignment



BOYLSTON DRIVE TO GLENRIDGE DRIVE

# T-0024 Hammond Dr. Improvements Concept Alternative South Alignment



BOYLSTON DRIVE TO GLENRIDGE DRIVE

# CIP T-0024 Hammond Drive Improvements

## Project Benefits

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- Connectivity between Roswell Road/City Center and Perimeter & SR400
- Companion project to other regional/citywide improvements such as:
  - Roswell Rd Bridge Widening (Complete)
  - Abernathy/Johnson Ferry Rd Widening Project (Complete)
  - Roswell Road ATMS #1 (Complete)
  - Roswell Road ATMS #2 (2016)
  - Roswell Road ATMS #3 (2018)
  - SR400 Collector Distributor System (2018)
  - T-0011 Johnson Ferry/Mt. Vernon/Roswell Road Improvements (2019)
  - SR400/I-285 Interchange (2020)

# CIP T-0024 Hammond Dr. Improvements Recommendations

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- Seek approval from GDOT/ARC to modify the project scope
  - Include improvements from Roswell Road to Glenridge Drive
  - Request additional federal funding plan
- Utilize existing \$500K earmark to complete concept report
  - To complete concept development/analysis to preferred alternative
  - Including review/accommodation of multi-modes
- Seek funding from Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) over the next several funding cycles to complete design
  - ARC call for projects schedule:
    - Pre-application workshop on January 9, 2015
    - Release applications on January 21, 2015
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# CIP T-0024 Hammond Drive Improvements

## Estimated Schedule

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- Quote Review/Amend Contract 01/06/15 – 01/30/15
- Concept Development 01/30/15 – 12/29/17
  - Submit application for funding ARC/GDOT 04/06/15
- Environmental Certification (EIS) 01/30/15 – 12/30/19
- Preliminary Plan Development 01/06/20 – 01/11/21
- Right of Way Plan Development/Certification 12/14/20 – 01/18/21
- Right of Way Acquisition 01/19/21 – 07/22/22
- Final Plan Development 01/19/21 – 10/28/22
- Bidding & Award Process 02/21/23 – 06/21/23
- Construction (Estimate) 09/04/23 – 09/08/25

\*\*Schedule is subject to GDOT modification