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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

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**TO:** Mayor & City Council                      **DATE:** October 14, 2013

**FROM:** John McDonough, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consideration of Approval of a Letter of Support for an Application by PCID under the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant Program for a GA 400 South Bound Slip Lane and Design Phase for Abernathy/GA 400 Interchange Improvement Project

**MEETING DATE:** For Submission onto the October 15, 2013, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

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

See attached:

Letter

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APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER:  APPROVED

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 10/15/2013

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: ( ) YES (  ) NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: 

REMARKS:



October 11, 2013

John McDonough  
City Manager  
City of Sandy Springs  
7840 Roswell Road, Building 500  
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Good afternoon John,

Per our discussion Thursday, the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) are submitting a grant application to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank in response to the 2013 call for projects. As our partner in the Abernathy Road at GA 400 Interchange project, we gratefully request a Sandy Springs' letter of support for this application.

We plan to submit a phased approach as you suggested for the Abernathy Road at GA 400 Interchange. Phase I will include the concept design of the overall interchange and implementation of the slip-ramp. **The concept design of the overall interchange is necessary in order to ensure the slip-ramp project compliments the future plans for the interchange to include the Collector Distributor and Managed-Lanes Projects.** The construction of only the slip-ramp will be Phase I of this improvement.

The future project, Phase II, will include implementation of the preferred alternative for the interchange. **Phase II will only move forward with extensive coordination with the City of Sandy Springs Public Works staff, City Manager and Council approval.**

Both Phase I and Phase II will follow the City's and GDOT's Plan Development Process (PDP) as appropriate and applicable.

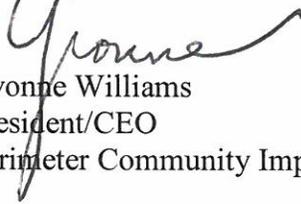
The Abernathy Road at GA 400 interchange is a gateway into our market and serves several large employers, including Newell Rubbermaid, Kaiser Permanent, UPS, and First Data. The project PCIDs is submitting will help alleviate traffic delays, improve access, and enhance connectivity to the regionally significant employers in the surrounding area.

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We have attached a sample letter for your consideration. To ensure we are prepared to meet the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, we would appreciate a Council letter of support by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your partnership on this project. I will be available Monday to discuss and can attend the Council meeting Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Sincerely,



Yvonne Williams  
President/CEO  
Perimeter Community Improvements Districts

Attachments:

- Signed request for support
- Suggested letter of support

CC: Donna Mahaffey, Chief of Staff  
Jennifer Harper, Program Manager  
Kate Sloan, Marketing and External Affairs Manager  
Katie Roberts, Program Management Assistant



October 14, 2013

Mr. Chris Tomlinson  
Executive Director and Board Secretary  
State Road and Tollway Authority  
47 Trinity Avenue  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Tomlinson:

The City of Sandy Springs supports the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts' (PCIDs) application to the State Road and Tollway Authority under the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank grant program for the proposed Abernathy Road at GA 400 Interchange Project for the overall interchange concept design plan and implementation of the southbound slip-ramp.

The proposed Abernathy Road at GA 400 Interchange Project will help alleviate heavy traffic delays, improve access, and enhance connectivity to the regionally significant employers in the surrounding area including UPS, Air Watch, Newell Rubbermaid, Kaiser Permanent and First Data.

The transportation and economic development investments made by the Georgia Department of Transportation, Fulton County, City of Sandy Springs, SRTA, GRTA, MARTA and the PCIDs have significantly impacted Georgia's Fortune 500 center. As the Perimeter area continues to grow and develop as the premier office market in the Atlanta Metro Region, investments in transportation are critical to the economic future of the Atlanta Region and the State of Georgia as a whole.

The City of Sandy Springs will partner with PCIDs on Phase I of the Abernathy Road at GA 400 Interchange. The City and the PCIDs will follow the Plan Development Process (PDP) as appropriate and applicable according to GDOT and the City's policies.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant submittal provided by PCIDs.

Sincerely,

John McDonough  
City Manager