



TO: John McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Thomas Black, Public Works Director

DATE: March 7, 2011, for Submission onto the Agenda of the March 15, 2011, City Council Regular Meeting

ITEM: Approval of a Letter of Support to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding Construction of Roundabouts at the Riverside Drive Interchange on I-285

Public Works Department's Recommendation:

Public Works staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the roundabout support letter. Public Works will monitor the concept development with GDOT as the project progresses.

Background:

The GDOT staff recently approached Public Works staff regarding the concept of constructing roundabouts at the ramps from I-285 to Riverside Drive. GDOT has evaluated over twenty (20) different locations across the state and believes that the Riverside location is the preferred location to construct this type of improvement. GDOT will completely fund the engineering design and construction. They will also conduct public outreach regarding the concept.

Discussion:

The Public Works staff has been attempting to improve this interchange for years and has been unsuccessful so far in obtaining GDOT approval. This option is more expensive than the City proposed option, however, with total GDOT funding, the option is viable.

Financial Impact:

GDOT will finance the design and construction for the project. The City will be responsible for paying for power associated with new street lighting and any landscape maintenance.

Alternatives:

Council can opt not to sign the letter in which case GDOT will likely not pursue the project.

Attachment:

Letter of Support

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA

INDICATION OF ROUNDABOUT SUPPORT

To the Georgia Department of Transportation:

Attn: State Traffic Engineer
935 E. Confederate Ave, Building 24
Atlanta, GA 30316

Location

The City of Sandy Springs in Fulton County supports the consideration of a roundabout at the location specified below.

Local Street Names: Riverside Drive Ramps at I-285

State/County Route Numbers: Riverside Drive Ramps at State Route 407

Associated Conditions

The undersigned agrees to participate in the following maintenance of the intersection in the event that the roundabout is selected as the preferred concept alternative:

- The full and entire cost of the electric energy used for any lighting installed and the maintenance thereof (if needed)
- Any maintenance costs associated with the landscaping as approved by the local government and the Georgia Department of Transportation (after construction is complete)

We agree to participate in a formal Local Government Lighting Project Agreement during the preliminary design phase. This indication of support is submitted and all of the conditions are hereby agreed to. The undersigned are duly authorized to execute this agreement.

This is the 15th day of March, 2011.

Attest:

Clerk

By: _____

Title: _____