

TO: John McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Thomas Black, Public Works Director

DATE: July 23, 2010, for Submission onto the Agenda of the August 3, 2010, City Council Work Session

ITEM: North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan Presentation

Public Works Department's Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Council approve the local tier one project recommendations and recommend that the tier two and three projects be discussed in the report but not included in the project recommendations.

Background:

The purpose of the North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan is to provide the foundation and framework for multimodal, multi-jurisdictional infrastructure and policy recommendations across the cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Sandy Springs, Roswell and Mountain Park. Existing conditions will be documented and analyzed for low-cost, easily-implemented operational improvements, as well as major investments. Needs and recommendations will be examined against vision, goals and objectives criteria. The resulting document, TRIP (Transportation Resources Implementation Program), will guide the accomplishment of this effort. Input of the public and stakeholders will be sought throughout the project schedule.

Discussion:

The Project Management Team (PMT) has completed the data collection, needs analysis, public involvement, as well as the preliminary recommendations portion of the project. The PMT is preparing to present the final recommendations to each of the City Councils during the month of July and August. The presentation to the Sandy Springs City Council is set for August 17, 2010. The final study report and deliverables are expected to be complete in late August or early September.

Major regional projects recommendations improvements to GA 400, I-285, and transit. These projects are being studied more deeply in other major initiatives and many are already largely in motion as a result these projects will be discussed in the report but not included in the project recommendations section.

- Revive 285
- Managed lanes on GA 400
- C/D system on GA 400
- Transit in North Fulton – mainly BRT

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The local project recommendations are broken into three tiers based on the amount of funding that is expected to be available during the (1) next ARC Regional Transportation Plan, (2) the T-SLPOST (if passed), and then (3) all the remaining projects. The following project recommendations are expected to be included in the presentation for the City of Sandy Springs:

1. T-0024 Hammond Drive Widening project (Tier One)
2. Morgan Falls Power Easement multi use trail (Tier One)
3. SR 9 parallel facility bike/ped route (Tier Two)
4. Widen Abernathy Road from Roswell Road to 400 (Tier Three)
5. Two river crossing options (Tier Three)
6. SR 9 Access Management

Alternatives:

1. Not approve any of the local project recommendations.
2. Approve the local project recommendations in any tier combination.
3. Adopt the study with changes/comments.

Financial Impact:

The City has already paid the local share of the match in the amount of \$70,019.

Attachment:

List of project recommendations