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Traffic moves quicker now through Gwinnett Place CID

Drivers are experiencing a greatly improved commute - and saving much more on their fuel costs - thanks to work facilitated by the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID).

The Gwinnett Place CID contracted Wolverton and Associates to perform a traffic signal timing and optimization program throughout greater Gwinnett Place. Wolverton worked in conjunction with the Gwinnett Department of Transportation to complete the improvements.

According to Jeff Legg, project coordinator with Wolverton and Associates, a before-and-after analysis in the CID shows reduced congestion and improved traffic flow in and near the District.

"During peak travel times, drivers will now save about 98,000 hours and nearly 59,000 gallons of gasoline annually because of these improvements," Legg said. "We conservatively estimate lessened trip times and lowered fuel usage for area travel will generate savings of more than \$1.3 million per year for the useful life of the new signal timing, which is estimated to be two years."

More projects added to Evermore CID improvement plan

The Evermore Community Improvement District (CID) and Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) held a second public information open house last week that focused on a pending transportation improvement project. The proposed project will build a connector street from Hewatt Road to Britt Drive near Snellville. The project objectives are to improve mobility, enhance safety and provide interconnectivity for property owners along the U.S. 78 corridor.

The community identified the project through the Highway 78 Livable Centers Initiative Corridor Study completed with significant public input in December 2005. In addition to a new roadway alignment (approximately 0.91 mile) that will terminate at Britt Drive, the project would also encourage pedestrian safety by providing sidewalks and pedestrian crossings.

Based on the public input received at the earlier open house, Georgia DOT added the following to the project:

- Sidewalk removal from the residential side of connector street and replaced with landscaped screening buffer (after construction)
- Intersection of connector at Parkwood shifted approx 200 feet for adequate sight distance for vehicles entering Parkwood Road