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## Meeting to examine N. Gwinnett transportation, land use, urban design

DULUTH - The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) plans an open house next month on its Gwinnett Livable Centers Initiative (LCI).

It will give the public a chance to comment on a draft of a plan focusing on the area around Gwinnett Place Mall as well as areas near Discover Mills, Gwinnett Center, Gwinnett Tech and McDaniel Farm Park.

The final LCI report will be used to help spur private development and redevelopment in the study area and garner regional, state and federal funding to support recommended public improvements.

A primary goal of the 10-year update is achieving eligibility for Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) transportation improvements funding. Eligibility will be granted upon adoption of the Study and its recommendations by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and approval by ARC.

The LCI Study is a program of the ARC and encourages the coordinated planning of transportation, land use and urban design needs to accommodate all, including drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

It focuses on the area around Gwinnett Place as well as areas near Discover Mills, Gwinnett Center, Gwinnett Technical College and McDaniel Farm Park. Major roadways in the study area including I-85, SR 316, Pleasant Hill Road, SR 120, and Satellite Boulevard.

The study process for the update began in August 2011 and is anticipated to extend through March 2012. The effort is led by the Gwinnett Place CID and its consultant team of Jacobs Engineering and Bleakly Advisors in partnership with Gwinnett County and ARC.

The meeting will be January 19 from 5:30-7:30 at Gwinnett Place Mall.

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