Pleasant Hill Road at I-85 Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date:

August 31, 2010

Location:

Gwinnett Place CID office at 5:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

See attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting began with introduction of all attendees. Joe Allen gave a brief summary of the history of the project. Then Erick Fry gave a summary of the Diverging Diamond Project, operational details, and project schedule.

Kristen Wescott provided an overview of the steering committee's roles which is to:

- ✓ Build consensus within the community for the project;
- ✓ Further educate the surrounding community about the DDI;
- ✓ Develop aesthetic treatments for the bridge that enhance the Gwinnett Place area; and
- ✓ Garner excitement within the community for the potential project and what it could mean for the community.

Mickey O'Brien then gave a brief overview of what the steering committee can do with a bridge to enhance its appearance. Mickey led a facilitated discussion and asked three questions to garner ideas for the bridge rehabilitation. The following is a summary of the ideas and comments received from the session:

- 1) Provide a one word description of future Gwinnett Place area:
 - Progress; From old to new; renewal, transition, redevelopment, opportunity, refocus
 - Function, mobility, flow, safety
 - Innovation/Symbol for community, identity, pace maker/bring people/growth back, monumental, eases pain, pleasant, international gateway, inclusive, GA patent, beacon, incorporate technology
- 2) How would you define the area's style? classical or modern
 - 5 modern (comments include: progress, tasteful, little more risk due to renovation, clean proportions, modern style, simple)
 - 9 blend of both (comments include: art deco, timeless, clean modern, timeless, build off existing CID brand, set trend for future development, diverging point of county)
- 3) In review of photos and field visit of the Springfield, MO DDI, what would you do different?
 - Less utilitarian (not standard DOT)
 - Soften
 - Landscape, use a lot of plants
 - Seating (maybe in median)
 - Decorative railing
 - Decorative mast arms
 - Lighting
 - Crosswalk treatments (LED lights)

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The meeting then concluded. The next meeting was scheduled for November 4, 2010 at 4:00 PM. This meeting will include more hands on interaction. The attendees were encouraged to bring ideas or email them to the project team.

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