

# Gwinnett Place CID Championing New Pleasant Hill Bridge



Leaders with the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) have named the re-engineering and reconstruction of Pleasant Hill Road's crossing over Interstate 85 the highest-priority project.

The vision is to have what is known as a single-point urban interchange replace the existing bottlenecked bridge. Through substantive upgrades and construction, the crossing would allow simultaneous left turns from Pleasant Hill Road onto I-85 north and south.

Studies indicate that a single-point urban interchange, along with other associated changes, could eliminate as much as 30 percent of Pleasant Hill's interchange traffic congestion.

"Our shareholders have identified relieving traffic congestion as the top priority for Gwinnett Place," said CID Board Chairman Mark Williams. "We know that to get people moving again and keep this area attractive for businesses and residents, we must see dramatic change come to Pleasant Hill."



Frequent meetings are occurring with local, state and federal representatives to move the bridge overhaul closer to completion.

Additionally, the CID is working with Gwinnett County transportation authorities and the Atlanta Regional Commission to ensure the new Pleasant Hill bridge project is added to regional improvement plans.

The CID is also committed to securing funds to cover the costs of preliminary planning studies. Georgia Department of Transportation, Gwinnett County Department of Transportation and the CID are beginning a year-long Interchange Modification Report review that will justify to federal authorities the need to upgrade the Pleasant Hill Road bridge.

## Kiwanis Golfers Tee Off for Children's Charities

On Tuesday, May 8, 2007, more than 100 golfers had the opportunity to "swing" for a good cause at the Kiwanis Club of Duluth's 18th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser. The event, which took place at St. Marlo Country Club in Duluth, Georgia, raised more than \$16,000 for charity. Participants were challenged by the scenic eighteen-hole golf course which features nine holes with artistic waterfalls. Prior to tee off, golfers were treated to a barbeque lunch provided by Longhorn Steakhouse, and after the event, BB&T hosted an appreciation banquet for the players. Individual golfers and teams with the highest scores were recognized at the dinner.

"The Kiwanis Club of Duluth does many important works. Through our time, talent and financial contributions, we support many agencies in the Duluth and north metro Atlanta area that serve and protect children, some of the most vulnerable citizens of our society. Thanks to our golfers, sponsors and volunteers who made our golf tournament a great success, we will be able to continue our mission another year," said Dave Cook, club member and golf tournament chairperson. The tournament is the club's largest fundraising event each year. All of the money raised goes directly to support children's charities.

Cook, a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Duluth, credited the fundraiser's success to the generous support it received from Kiwanis Club members and local businesses, including Longhorn Steakhouse, BB&T, the Duluth Merchants Association and HavenTrust Bank. To learn more about the event and to see a complete list of sponsors, visit [www.duluthkiwanis.org](http://www.duluthkiwanis.org).



*Under the watchful eyes of Keith Arnett, Tom Patrick and Nadeem Khatir, Dave Cook (right) prepares to putt at the Kiwanis Club of Duluth's Golf Tournament. Photo courtesy of Bill Eppright, [www.photosruslandscraped.com](http://www.photosruslandscraped.com)*