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Merchants consider tax allocation district

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Business owners in the Gwinnett Place Mall area say they're likely to seek the creation of a tax allocation district by the end of the year, the second such district now under consideration in unincorporated Gwinnett County.

The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District said it will work with consultants to identify projects and locations in time for fall consideration by the County Commission.

One main goal: transportation projects to reduce congestion, according to CID director Joe Allen.

Tax allocation districts freeze property tax collections for local government and divert revenues generated by rising property values to a special fund used to pay for redevelopment work.

The Gwinnett Village CID, located along Jimmy Carter Boulevard, is also studying the viability of a tax allocation district and hopes to bring a proposal to the county this fall.

Voters approved use of the taxing districts and other redevelopment powers in the July primary election. On Tuesday, the County Commission created a redevelopment authority that will draft plans for using TADS and provide first-line review of proposed projects.

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