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## Open House for LCI 10-Year Update

Feedback sought on draft LCI plan for area around Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth. December 30, 2011

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Gwinnett citizens are invited to look ahead 10 years and provide feedback on an update to the Livable Centers Initiative that will guide future growth and public improvements around Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth.

The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) announced it is hosting an open house for the <u>Gwinnett Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)</u> 10-year Update from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19.

The open house will occur inside <u>Gwinnett Place Mall</u> along the lower level of the Belk wing between JCPenney and Belk. Everyone is encouraged to provide feedback on the draft LCI concept plan and recommendations.

The study 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 include Interstate 85, GA. Hwy. 316, Pleasant Hill Road, Ga. Hwy. 120, and Satellite Boulevard.

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

Development of a 10-year update is necessary to achieve eligibility for Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) funding for transportation improvements, according to the announcement. Eligibility will be granted upon adoption of the study and its recommendations by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and approval by ARC.

A program of the ARC, the LCI study encourages the coordinated planning of transportation, land use and urban design needs to accommodate residents including drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

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

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