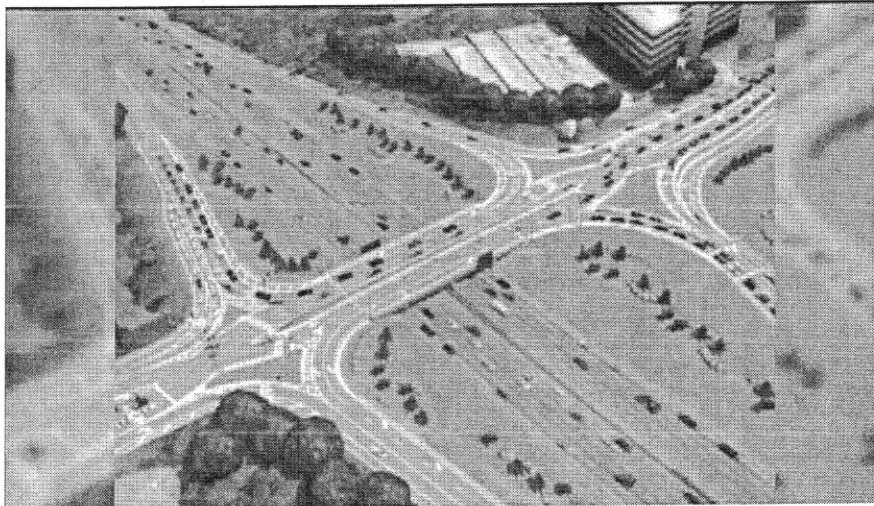


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Duluth, Ga. - Pleasant Hill road has now joined Ashford-Dunwoody with a new Diverging Diamond Interchange. Only the second in the state, it opened ahead of schedule Sunday at noon. Billed as a safer more efficient way to route cars through an intersection, traffic briefly switches sides as it continues over the Pleasant Hill Bridge.

"It's not something people are used to, veering left as they cross a bridge," said Gwinnett DOT engineer Alan Chapman. "But that's what they'll need to do now, and they just need to take it slowly and pay attention to the signage and the traffic signals."

The overhaul had been planned for five years at a cost of less than \$7 million. It was paid for by a local SPLOST fund, state money and the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District.

"When we do focus groups and survey groups, and people say the number one challenge of the Gwinnett Place area is congestion on Pleasant Hill bridge," said Joe Allen of the Gwinnett Place CID. "I think we'll see significant improvement over time."



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