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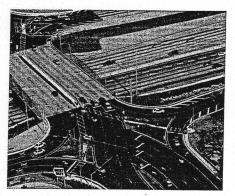
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Pleasant Hill Road over I-85 Diverging Diamond Interchange Gwinnett County, GA **URS** Corporation

One of Gwinnett County's busiest interchanges - Pleasant Hill Road at I-85 - needed help: a way to not only move more traffic, but also improve safety and create a "gateway" to provide an attractive welcome to the community. High goals, but consultant URS Corporation not only met them, but saved the client \$49 million.

The solution: an innovative Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) that is the first operating DDI in Gwinnett County, the second operating DDI in the state of Georgia and one of only a dozen that have been constructed in the United States. The Pleasant Hill Road DDI is also the first eight-lane DDI in the nation.



This DDI has not only improved the interchange's operational deficiencies, but has also increased capacity and provided safety improvements for both pedestrians and vehicles.

And it saved money.

An interchange modification report, completed in 2007, recommended a single point urban interchange as the preferred alternative. This alternative had a conceptual cost estimate of \$56 million. The DDI was \$7 million. The project saved Georgia taxpayers \$49 million while providing a 35 percent improvement in the level of service, and improved safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.

In its role as project manager, URS was responsible for road design, signal design, environmental permitting, bridge design. public outreach, traffic engineering and signal timing. Professional services included overall project management; design; extensive coordination with Gwinnett County Department of Transportation; utility companies and other stakeholders; and construction management.