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## U.S. Rep. John Linder meets with CID leaders

*Republican Congressman hears from district organizers*

Duluth, (Jan. 11) - U.S. Rep. John Linder on Wednesday received a personal overview of the efforts to revitalize Gwinnett's central business district, which is one of the larger commercial segments in his Congressional territory.

During a meeting with leaders of the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID), Congressman Linder and district organizers discussed immediate and future needs for the district.

CID board members expressed a desire for Linder's assistance to secure a slip road to more easily access the Gwinnett Place area from the expressway. Such a configuration would accompany the redesign of the I-85/Highway 316 interchange.

"I can definitely see the value in having such a road. It could be a tremendous relief to the traffic pressure on 85 and Pleasant Hill Road," Linder told the board.

Additionally, the Congressman discussed funding options such as grant programs that could help the CID with such efforts as upgrading streetlights to accompany the installation of sidewalks throughout the district.

Linder is the co-author of the bestselling *The FairTax Book*. He serves on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax, tariff and trade laws, among other issues.

Gwinnett County Commissioner Kevin Kencrly and County Planning Commissioner Peggy Boydston also attended the meeting and offered their continued support for the district efforts.

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