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## CID takes Major Step Forward with Pleasant Hill Bridge Project

*Funds approved for required study justifying a revamp of the Interstate crossing*

Duluth (July 11, 2007) — The process of dramatically revising the Pleasant Hill Road bridge is now closer to commencement following today's action from the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID).

CID Board members approved \$150,000 to fund an Interstate Modification Report (IMR) for the District's highest-priority project — reconstruction of the Pleasant Hill Road from a traditional crossing into a versatile single-point urban interchange.

The Federal Highway Administration requires an IMR to justify to Federal officials the need for replacing bridges over Interstates, and the complex details of the analysis require 12 to 18 months to complete. Receiving IMR approval from county, state and federal authorities is a critical step to eventually create engineering documents and begin construction for the Pleasant Hill Road project.

County Commissioners are expected to vote on an agreement to initiate the IMR process during their July 17 meeting. The CID will be working in partnership with the county and state Departments of Transportation to complete the IMR.

"Without a successfully completed Interstate Modification Report, we stand little chance of ever overcoming the bottleneck on Pleasant Hill Road," said Joe Allen, the CID's Executive Director. "Traffic congestion relief for greater Gwinnett Place is a vital part of maintaining our area's attractiveness to the businesses community."

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