

**The Boulevard CID Restores Renowned Sculpture on Fulton Industrial**  
Atlanta Gateway Sculpture Restoration Signals Area Resurgence

**(ATLANTA)** April 15, 2015 – The Board of the Fulton Industrial Community Improvement District (Boulevard CID) recently approved the renovation of the Atlanta Gateway sculpture. Restoration began April 7 and will be completed in May. Several local companies have expressed interest in sponsoring the project.

“The revitalization of the Gateway is symbolic of the CID’s efforts to return Fulton Industrial Boulevard to its stature as a catalyst for economic development both regionally and internationally,” said Kent Walker, Boulevard CID board secretary and vice president at Selig Enterprises.

The Gateway sculpture, created by world-renowned American artist Peter Forakis, is one of the largest examples of modern geometric sculpture in the world measuring 180’ X 90’ X 90’. It was built in 1967 as part of a master-planned industrial park when the Fulton Industrial Boulevard area was first established. Texas-based developer Angus Gilchrist, who also developed Six Flags Over Georgia in Cobb County, developed the Great Southwest Industrial Park, which sits off of Fulton Industrial Boulevard. According to newspaper articles from 1981, the park included the Gateway sculpture and 30 other sculptures by notable 1960s artists creating “the largest public collection of monumental contemporary sculptures in the world.”

With the passage of time, commercial activity declined at the park, as did the public art, and most of the sculptures either disappeared or found their way into private collections. The Gateway sculpture is the only remaining piece of public art from the area’s inception.

Fast-forward to 2015, the Boulevard CID, under the guidance of its Public Arts Subcommittee, will restore the sculpture to its original glory as part of its long-term Master Plan to turn Fulton Industrial Boulevard into an economic powerhouse surrounded by a vibrant community. The project will also include painting the sculpture its original Sunrise Red.

“The original developer of the Great Southwest Parkway Industrial Park was innovative because he sought to differentiate his project from the competition and create a public amenity by incorporating public art. Today, we are utilizing the same principles he used in the 60s, this time, part of a comprehensive revitalization effort to make the industrial district clean, safe, beautiful and vibrant and announce to the world Fulton Industrial is back once again,” said Gil Prado, Executive Director of the Boulevard CID.

**About The Boulevard CID / Fulton Industrial District**

The Fulton Industrial Community Improvement District (Boulevard CID) was established in 2010 as self-taxing organization to revitalize the Fulton Industrial District through a multi-point approach focused on public safety, landscaping and beautification, transportation infrastructure improvement and economic development. The Fulton Industrial District is known as the largest industrial corridor in the Eastern United States with over 553 warehouses and 46 million s.f. of industrial space and approximately 20,000 workers. For more information visit [www.boulevardcid.org](http://www.boulevardcid.org) or contact Gil Prado at [gil@boulevardcid.org](mailto:gil@boulevardcid.org) or (404) 368-4929.

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