

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Cumberland CID considers new exit ramp at Akers Mill Road



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A new exit/entrance ramp at an existing overpass at Akers Mill Road is being considered by the Cumberland CID. The reason is safety concerns with the new managed lanes along I-75, said Malaika Rivers, CID executive director.

Working closely with the state, the **Cumberland Community Improvement District** is pursuing the addition of an entrance/exit ramp at an existing overpass (Akers Mill Road).



Malaika Rivers

Its location in the market and proximity to the managed lanes addresses safety concerns and provides better access for millions of Georgia drivers,

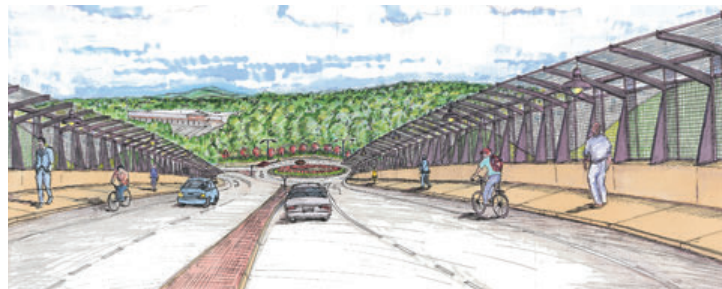
according to Malaika Rivers, executive director of the Cumberland CID.

To accommodate the rapid growth taking place along the whole

corridor, Gov. Nathan Deal and the **Georgia Department of Transportation** are undertaking one of the biggest public infrastructure investments in the state's history, the \$900 million northwest managed lanes, she said. A high priority of the state, this 27-mile reversible toll lane project is scheduled to open to traffic in 2018 and will significantly benefit those who travel Interstate 75 and Interstate 575, be it for business or personal purposes, she added.

Although it will be a tremendous improvement over current traffic conditions, the managed lanes as designed and currently under construction do not accommodate direct, safe access for the 100,000-plus daily commuters traveling to and from the Cumberland market, Rivers said.

Town Center CID: Reducing traffic on Barrett Parkway a priority



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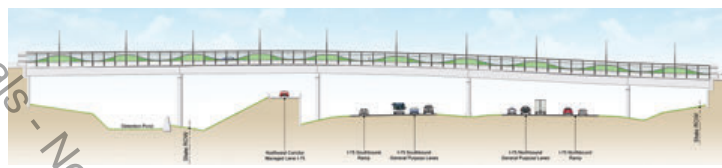
The South Barrett Reliever project will give drivers an alternate route to Barrett Parkway. A rendering of the proposed bridge, in a later phase, is below.

The **Town Center Community Improvement District** is currently working on one of its biggest projects to date – the South Barrett Reliever.

This project increases accessibility to the Town Center community by providing drivers with an alternate route to its busiest road, Barrett Parkway, said Tracy Rathbone, executive director of the Town Center CID.

Well underway, Phase II construction provides critical safety improvements, including a two-lane roundabout at the intersection of Barrett Lakes Boulevard

and Shiloh Valley Drive with new sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting and landscaping. Phase III will add a new bridge that will span Interstate 75 just south of Barrett Parkway on Shiloh Valley Drive. The **Cobb County Board of Commissioners** has approved Phase III concepts and preliminary engineering has begun. When completed, the South Barrett Reliever is expected to reduce traffic on Barrett Parkway during peak hours by 22 percent. The investment for the first three phases of this project will be approximately \$36.6 million.



I-20, Fulton Industrial Boulevard to get streetscaping



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Boulevard CID wants to improve the area surrounding I-20 and Fulton Industrial Boulevard.

Boulevard Community Improvement District is working to improve the area around Interstate 20 and Fulton Industrial Boulevard.

"Our most exciting project is the \$1.4 million streetscapes and landscaping project of the I-20 and Fulton Industrial Boulevard interchange and surrounding area," said Gil Prado, executive director of Boulevard CID. The project will be funded by \$1 million in TSPLOST funds and the remainder will be funded through the CID, he said.

Gwinnett Village CID partners with others for redevelopment



Gwinnett Village CID and its partners aim for key redevelopments.

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Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District's most innovative project is its partnerships to redevelop several areas in Gwinnett County.

Early in 2016, The Gwinnett Village CID partnered with **Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District**, **Explore Gwinnett** and Gwinnett County to consolidate the various planning studies that had been conducted for the three key redevelopment areas at Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Interstate 85, the Gwinnett Place Mall area and the area surrounding the Infinite Energy Center. The partnership wants to reimagine them as stops along a multimodal corridor with a distinct identity, said Joel Wascher, communications director of Gwinnett Village CID.

East Metro DeKalb CID focused on public safety



Public safety is a top priority for East Metro DeKalb CID.

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The **East Metro DeKalb Community Improvement District** continues to focus on public safety, beautification, and infrastructure initiatives.

"Public safety is our No. 1 priority," says Executive Director Christopher Sanders. "Our members want safer commercial corridors. Since July 2016, we have invested 16 percent of our budget into public safety. We expect to invest another 32 percent by the end of 2017. We are tackling this issue head on." The initiative to improve the aesthetic appeal of the area began with the installation and maintenance of the lane medians on Wesley Chapel Road towards the Interstate 20 intersection. In order to assist with the long-term planning of the CID, East Metro enlisted help from the **Urban Land Institute**.