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| **South Fulton CID Board Members & Staff Present:** | **Guests:** |
| Todd Ward  Jim Sams  Elijah Thompson  Joddie Gray, CID Executive Director  Lynn Rainey, Rainey & Vaughan, LLC  Mark Sanders, Sr., Sanders and Assoc. | Mayor Vince Williams, Union City  Lester Thompson, City of Fairburn  Ryan Calvert, DHL  Spencer Edwards, Kimley-Horn  **Via Teleconference:**  Kent Mason, Chairman  Wade Carroll, Pond and Company  Jeffrey Elsey, Kimley-Horn  Denise London  **Minutes by:** Joddie Gray |
| **CID Board Members Not Present:**  Matt Luellen, Vice-Chair  Mark Phillips  Mark Shugart, Secretary/Treasurer  Lisa Pittman  Monica Miller  **Date/Meeting Location:** |
| February 28, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.  DHL: 7250 Graham Road, Union City GA 30291 and Video Teleconference |
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# **Call to Order**

Chairman Mason called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m., and a quorum was not present. The public was provided information on attending the meeting via teleconference prior to the meeting.

# **Meeting Minutes**

There was not a quorum at the start of the meeting, so meeting Minutes were deferred to the following month.

# **Call for Caucus of Electors**

Mr. Rainey noted that May 23, 2025 there will be elections for Posts 5 and 6 due to expiring terms, and 7 and 8 due to pending vacancies.

# **Legislative and Economic Development Updates**

Mr. Sanders provided an update on the office of the Governor and legislative session. January tax revenues up 0.1%; adjusted YTD down 0.9%. Georgia is outpacing national average in exports in 2024 and experiencing rises in total trade. He discussed the impact of potential tariff impacts on the state. He also announced that Duracell selected Atlanta for new R&D Headquarters on the westside of Georgia Tech and PBS Aerospace established North American HQ in Metro Atlanta.

Crossover Day is scheduled for March 6 and the most recent adjournment resolution indicates the session will conclude by April 4.

Mr. Sanders also discussed the state budget’s transportation and infrastructure priorities, which include allocations of $530 million to promote freight and logistics efficiency and safety. The proposed budget allocates $60 million for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB).

Mr. Sanders and Mr. Rainey discussed recently introduced legislation that would allow creation of development districts for workforce housing but would not interfere with CIDs.

Last, Mr. Sanders noted that the South Metro Development Outlook on February 19 was informative and showcased a healthy regional economy.

The South Fulton CID Legislative Reception will be held Thursday, March 27 from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Capitol in Room 230. Ms. Gray sent out invites to the Board.

**Project Updates**

**SR 74 at I-85 Interchange**

Ms. Gray provided an update on the SR 74 at I-85 interchange. There is a Project website: [https://sr-74-i-85-interchange-improvements-0007841-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/](https://url.us.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/dySfCOYG67ClVnPlcvhATGqLYa?domain=linkprotect.cudasvc.com). The traffic shift on I-85 Southbound was installed and these traffic shifts will be put in place during overnight (10 p.m. – 5 a.m.) work hours to minimize traffic impacts. The dates scheduled are dependent on weather and on-site conditions.

GDOT is working on getting date for the next quarterly status meeting.

**Freight and Sustainability Plan**

Ms. Gray received ARC comments on RFP for the Freight and Sustainability plan to ARC for review. She expects the contract with GDOT for the funds in Q1 2025. The goal is to go out to bid at the end of Q1 or early Q2.

**SC Johnson Turn Lane**

Ms. Gray reported Fairburn paid $3,606.75 into the GDOT “Beautification Fund” to cover the tree recompense and that we expect the GDOT Permit approval in 1 to 2 weeks. The bid documents will then be completed within 2 weeks with a goal of going out to bid by April 2nd, 2025 and the bid opening by May 2nd, 2025. Depending on costs, the Contract Award should be able to be issued by May 16th, 2025 and the Notice to Proceed (NTP) with Construction by June 9th, 2025. If all goes to plan, the project will be completed by January 31st, 2026.

**Gullatt Road Interchange Justification Report (IJR)**

Ms. Gray reported on the February 17 meeting with GDOT. Several intersection upgrades more than one mile from interchange proposed. The most difficult is the CSX at-Grade Railroad Crossing on Gullatt.

The consultant team provided three interchange alternatives:

* + Alternative 1: Roundabout interchange with bridge widening
  + Alternative 2: Roundabout interchange with bridge replacement
  + Alternative 3a: Signalized interchange with bridge widening
  + Alternative 3b: signalized interchange with bridge replacement

**OIB Extension to Gullatt Road**

Ms. Gray reported that the 60 percent plans were submitted to Mr. Thompson for review. Once comments are addressed a second utility request will be submitted and right of way acquisition will begin.

# **Expansion**

Ms. Gray provided the progress on the expansion efforts. The outreach materials are being updated and in conjunction with the district survey, a digital district map will allow stakeholders to pinpoint areas of issue and opportunity across a variety of topics from transportation to community development to economic development. Results will help pinpoint new services for the expansion zones.

The mayor suggested using the Mercedez Benz facility for Union City expansion efforts.

# **MARTA Bus Network Design**

Ms. Gray reminded the Board that Route 188 will be replaced by on-demand transportation services in late 2025. MARTA is currently soliciting feedback in both surveys and meetings.

# **South Fulton CID Survey**

Ms. Gray sent draft questions for review. She will follow up with the survey distribution plan and the social pinpoint site. The survey will be finalized and launched end of March.

**Financials and 2025 Budget**

Ms. Gray noted that the Chair and Treasurer approved using the existing auditor and she got CPA quotes, but Mark Shugart will be presenting on switching accountants and the audit is starting. The Board agreed to wait until later in the year to further review any accounting changes.

# **Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The next Board meeting will be March 28, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. at DHL – 7250 Graham Road, Union City, GA 30291. The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

*Meeting Minutes approved by the South Fulton Community Improvement District Board of Directors this day of , 2025.*

, *Secretary*