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### ***From the Mayor's Desk***

## **Updates on Traffic Signals, Town Center, New Post Office Signage and More**

I am proud of the accomplishments the City has completed since it was incorporated just six years ago. Let me give you a short status report on some of the construction projects, traffic and other improvements we'll be seeing in the near future.

### **Town Center News:**

Despite the rainy spring, several of the restaurants and other eateries are planning to open by Thanksgiving. Expect an update from the City by mid-November with a list of openings. The remainder of the restaurants and retail shops are expected to open by spring 2019.

Construction on the 2-acre town green has begun and is expected to be complete by next spring. It will feature an open-air pavilion, amphitheater, open lawn, children's area, a veterans' monument and more. It will be a wonderful community gathering area.

The interior streets and parking deck, with 700+ parking spaces is complete. Next spring construction will begin on the 72 townhomes, some will overlook the town green.

### **Traffic Signals, Road and Intersection Improvements:**

New Traffic Monitoring System on S.R. 141: This heavily traveled state road has been selected by Georgia D.O.T. for its Regional Traffic Operation Program (RTOP). The program actively monitors, manages and maintains traffic signals by assigning consultant, traffic engineers and technicians to maintain and monitor the signal operations for this corridor. The program provides a full-time traffic engineer who actively monitors the corridor. Cameras will be added for traffic monitoring at key intersections. The upgrades are expected to be installed in 2019.

Roundabout at Medlock Bridge and Peachtree Corners Circle: In lieu of a standard traffic signal, a roundabout will be constructed to relieve the traffic congestion at this busy intersection.

Construction on the traffic roundabout is expected to begin by November and will take approximately 16 – 18 months to complete.

Bush Road-Medlock Bridge Road: Improvements to this busy intersection will encompass traffic signal upgrades and pedestrian signal improvements and a turn lane extension. A slip ramp from Bush Road onto northbound S.R. 141 is included in this project. The work is expected to begin spring 2019 with construction expected to be complete in 9 – 12 months.

### **Intelligent Mobility Corridor**

Technology Parkway will soon be the site of an Intelligent Mobility Corridor designed to provide an adaptive testing environment for advanced vehicle research and innovative transportation technology development. Use of this 1.4-mile corridor by autonomous and advanced driver-assisted vehicles will allow researchers to test new technologies under real world conditions. The corridor, which will run through the heart of Technology Park Atlanta, will be configured to include a test track giving advanced vehicle innovators a site to design, develop, and test various advanced vehicle technologies such as sensors, cameras, radar, high-performance GPS and other related hardware and software. The economic implications of investing in advanced vehicle technology is far-reaching, with the goal for this project being economic development that is centered around future technology. The corridor design is expected to be complete by the end of the year and construction to begin spring 2019.

### **“Peachtree Corners” Signs Show Up Around Town**

It was a two-year process, but finally the signage on S.R. 400 northbound at the S.R. 140 exit (7A) now reads: Holcomb Bridge Rd, Peachtree Corners. Thanks to Public Works Director Greg Ramsey for his persistence in working with Georgia D.O.T. to have the sign updated.

Another sign change: The next time you stop by the U.S. Post Office on Spalding Drive, be sure to notice the new signage on the front of the building. It took our communications director, Judy Putnam, 10 months of working through government officials to make the arrangements to have the old “Norcross” lettering replaced with “Peachtree Corners.” Our thanks to Judy for her diligence in getting the signage changed.

These are just some of the projects going on around your city. We’ve made tremendous progress since the city’s incorporation, and we will continue working on your behalf to make Peachtree Corners a city in which you can be proud to call home. We always welcome your input and comments.

***Mike Mason, Mayor***

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