



**From the Mayor's Desk**

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## **City Continues Efforts to Improve Transportation**

When the city incorporated five years ago, it inherited traffic congestion problems, intersections that needed improvements, insufficient means for pedestrians to safely cross some streets and a lack of sidewalks making it unsafe for pedestrians to get around our city.

One of the benefits of incorporation has allowed the city to collect SPLOST dollars and invest those monies in transportation improvements within our city. Before incorporation the SPLOST money collected by Gwinnett County was spread throughout the county on numerous projects, not all directly benefiting Peachtree Corners.

Several transportation projects have already been funded through SPLOST. The 2014 SPLOST dollars have been used on two major projects that were designed to improve safety and traffic. S.R. 141 southbound between Holcomb Bridge Road and Jimmy Carter Boulevard was widened to accommodate an additional lane onto S.R. 141. The additional merge lane has reduced congestion at this intersection. The second major project is an intersection improvement at S.R. 140 (Holcomb Bridge Road) and Jimmy Carter Boulevard, which will improve the safety of the turning movements at this location and adjacent intersections, as well as reduce wait times and congestion.

We all know there was a tremendous need to address the issues facing transportation in the city; since incorporation I and the City Council have made reducing traffic congestion throughout the city and pedestrian safety for our residents a top priority.

Here is a look at what we've accomplished in the short five years since cityhood:

- 12 linear miles of sidewalks have been installed
- 12.5 linear miles of sidewalks are under construction or currently proposed
- 9.9 lane miles of city streets have been resurfaced
- In addition 9.4 lane miles of street resurfacing are planned
- Pedestrian crossing at Peachtree Corners Circle has been completed
- Pedestrian crossings at East Jones Bridge Road and Winters Chapel Road that will soon be under construction

In addition, the city has:

- Adopted a Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Two studies, the S.R. 141 Corridor Study and Innovative District Trails Study are currently underway

- Improvements on Holcomb Bridge Road at Jimmy Carter Boulevard has been substantially completed
- Roundabout at Peachtree Corners Circle and Medlock Bridge is under right-of-way acquisition and should be under construction in 2018

The 2017 SPLOST program will include several major traffic improvements:

1. Widening S.R. 141 between S.R. 140 and Winters Chapel Road from three lanes to four which will greatly increase capacity
2. Widening Spalding Drive between Winters Chapel Road and S.R. 140 (Holcomb Bridge Road)
3. Intersection improvements to reduce congestion and improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians at Bush Road and Medlock Bridge Road, which could include a separate Bush Road right-turn lane to northbound S.R. 141 and improved traffic operations.

We will continue our transportation improvement efforts with information gleaned from the recent comprehensive Transportation Plan and the S.R. 141 Corridor Study. The city is also working on a multimodal transportation plan that will study the most practical transportation methods and look into the feasibility of autonomous vehicles, bike sharing and other modes of transportation.

Stay tuned for transportation updates as we strive to continue reducing congestion throughout our city.

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