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NHS-0001-00(758) & MSL-0003-00(534), Cobb, Fulton & DeKalb Counties
I-285 from I-75 to I-85 for HOV
& I-285 BRT from Cumberland to Perimeter
PI #'s: 0001758 & 0003534

Subject: **revive285 top end** Public Information Open House

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the **revive285 top end**. This meeting is part of the fourth round of meetings designed to provide up-to-date project information, to gather public feedback, and to initiate the transit station area planning effort for the project. As you enter the room, you will see three informational stations. **Station 1** is designed to provide newcomers with the background information necessary to get up to speed on the project. **Station 2** provides information on the alternatives selected for study. **Station 3** outlines the next steps. Team members are available at each station to discuss the project and answer your questions. **There will be no formal presentation.**

Attached to this letter, you will find a project location map and two surveys. The *Help Us Develop the Concepts* survey printed on yellow paper includes information on the alternatives as well as questions regarding transit routes, transit station locations, and the location of access points for the managed lane system. Hard copies of the alternatives displays from Station 2 have been placed on the tables at the Comment Station to facilitate your completion of this survey. If you prefer to take this survey electronically, please visit our website (www.revive285.com). Comment cards are also located on the Comment Station tables and a court reporter is present to record additional thoughts.

Please deposit completed surveys/comments cards in the opinion boxes provided on the tables. Completed surveys and written comments may also be mailed to the **revive285 top end** Project Team, 2849 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. Written comments regarding the information presented at this meeting will be accepted until Friday, October 10, 2008. All comments will be made a part of the project record.

The information presented this evening will be available for review for 10 days after the open house at the offices of ARCADIS, 2849 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. You can arrange a time to view the information by calling Brandy McDow at 770.431.8666. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336 as soon as compilation is completed. Copies of this information can also be downloaded from the project website (www.revive285.com).

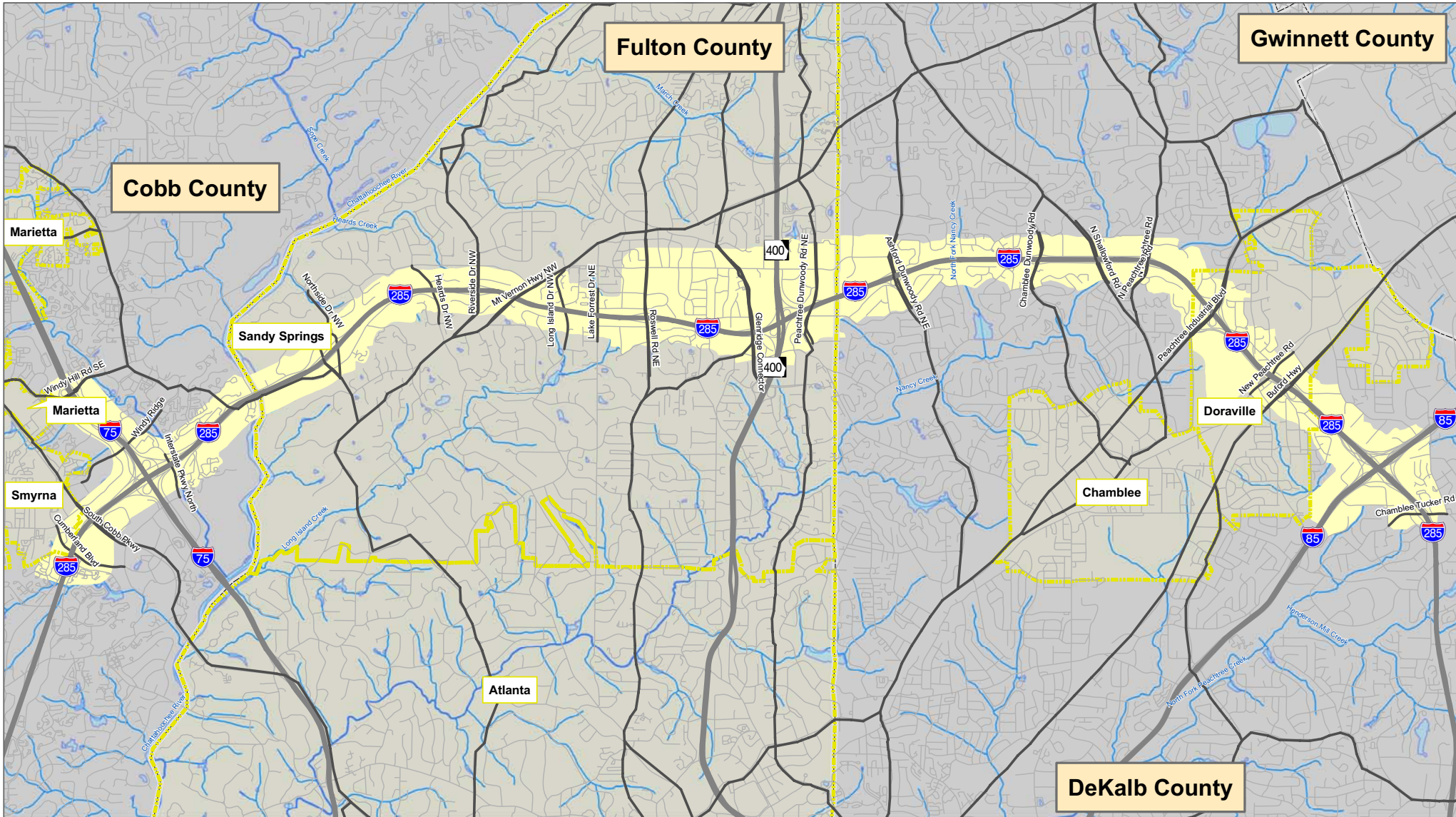
Again, thank you for attending this open house and for giving us your comments.

DVM:MLC:bm

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darryl D. VanMeter".

Darryl D. VanMeter, P.E.
Office of Innovative Program Delivery



PROJECT CORRIDOR



Help Us Develop the Concepts

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)/Light Rail Transit (LRT) routes and station locations, as well as the access points for the Managed Lanes System displayed at Station 2, were identified in previous plans and studies. This information will serve as a starting point for the team in developing the alternatives for **revive285 top end**. The sources for this information include:

- Atlanta Regional Commission's I-285 Transit Corridor Study (for Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Alignment/Station Locations)
- Georgia DOT's Managed Lane System Plan (for Managed Lane System Access Points)

Your input from this survey will be used during alternatives development. Specifically, the results of this survey will be used to help determine transit routes and station locations as well as the location of access points for the managed lane system. **Hard copies of all Station 2 displays have been placed on the comment station tables to facilitate your completion of this survey.**

If you prefer to take this survey electronically, please visit our website (www.revive285.com).

If you prefer to complete this survey at home, please mail your completed survey to revive285 top end Project Team, 2849 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30339.

Managed Lanes System (Alternatives 5, 6, and 8)

Georgia DOT's Managed Lanes System Plan identifies locations along the **revive285 top end** corridor where access will be provided for travelers to enter and exit the managed lanes system via dedicated lanes. These access points include:

- I-75/I-285 Interchange
- Mount Vernon Drive
- GA 400/I-285 Interchange
- Perimeter Center Parkway
- North Shallowford Road
- Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
- I-85/I-285 Interchange

Please use the space below to list **additional locations** where access to managed lanes should be provided as well as any locations where access points should be removed. Also, briefly explain your **reason** for these suggestions.

Additional Locations

Locations for Removal

Reason

Bus Rapid Transit/Light Rail Transit (Alternatives 3, 5, 7, & 8)

Recommended Route and Station Locations (from ARC's I-285 Transit Corridor Study)

The recommended BRT/LRT route in ARC's I-285 Transit Corridor Study runs adjacent to or in close proximity to the I-285 corridor. In the western half of the corridor, the route runs along the south side of I-285 until reaching Lake Forrest Drive, where it crosses I-285 and runs north along Sandy Springs Circle to Hammond Drive. The route continues along Hammond Drive, shifting slightly to the south at Ravinia Drive to run along the north side of I-285 until crossing to the south side at the existing Doraville MARTA Station. The following stations were identified along this route.

- Cumberland Station: Located on Cobb Parkway in front of Cumberland Mall, near the existing pedestrian bridge spanning Cobb Parkway.
- Galleria Station: Located on Akers Mill Road just east of Cobb Galleria Parkway, near Galleria Office Park and the Cobb Energy Center
- Powers Ferry Road Station: Located on Akers Mill Road perpendicular to Powers Ferry Road.
- Northside Drive Station: Located at the intersection of Powers Ferry Road and Northside Drive inside the Perimeter, near Suntrust Bank
- Roswell Road Station: Located on Hammond Drive between Sandy Springs Circle and Roswell Road.
- Hammond/GA 400 Station: Location on Hammond Drive near Concourse Office Park.
- Dunwoody Station: Located on Hammond Drive near the Hammond Shopping Center.
- Perimeter East Station: Located between Ravinia Parkway and I-285 near the Crowne Plaza Hotel.
- Shallowford Road Station: Located off Cotillion Drive (north of I-285).
- Doraville Station: Located off of Motors Industrial Way near the former General Motors Assembly Plant.

Alternate BRT/LRT Route and Station Locations

The alternate route identified in ARC's I-285 Transit Corridor Study runs along the south side of I-285 for the entire length of the corridor. Just past GA 400, the route shifts slightly south to run just north of St. John's Hospital. The same stations would be located on this route, except for the following changes:

- Roswell Road Station: Two potential station locations were identified—one along Roswell Road between I-285 and Hammond Drive and one South I-285 between Northwood Drive and I-285.
- Glenridge Drive/GA400 Station: Located south of I-258 near Glenridge Drive. This station would replace the Hammond/GA 400 Station described above.
- Medical Center Station: Located just north of St. Joseph's Hospital near MARTA's Medical Center Station. This station would replace the Dunwoody Station described above.
- Perimeter East Station: Located between I-285 and the Perimeter Summit Office Park.
- Shallowford Road Station: Located off Savoy Drive (south of I-285).

Reason

Use the space below to make additional comments regarding the alternatives.

Alternative 1: No Build

Alternative 2: Transportation System Management

Alternative 3: BRT and Operational Improvements

Alternative 5: BRT, Operational Improvements, and Managed Lanes

Alternative 6: Express Bus, Operational Improvements, and Managed Lanes

Alternative 7: Light Rail Transit and Operational Improvements

Alternative 8: Light Rail Transit, Operational Improvements, and Managed Lanes

1. The Information provided by the Public Involvement Team is clear and easy for me to understand (circle the answer the best applies).

True False

2. How can we best provide you with future **project** information (circle all answers that apply)?

Website

Mailers

Kiosks

Public Meetings

Briefings

Speakers Bureau

E-mail

Other _____

3. How can we best notify you of upcoming public meetings and participation opportunities (circle all the answers that apply)?

Website Calendar

Email Notification

Hotline Message

U.S. Mailer

Signs (along roadways)

Posters in Local Businesses

Kiosks

Other _____

4. What is the best way to get your input?

Online Survey

U.S. Mail Surveys

Public Meetings

Interviews

Telephone Survey

Leave it to me (free comment via e-mail, hotline, website, or U.S. mail)

Other _____

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5. How would you rate the Public Involvement Team outreach efforts overall (circle the answer that best reflects your opinion)?

Very Good

Good

Average

Poor

Very Poor

6. How would you rate this meeting overall (circle the answer that best reflects your opinion)?

Very Good

Good

Average

Poor

Very Poor

7. Meeting times and locations convenient for me (circle the answer that applies).

True

False

If not, please use the space below to suggest additional meeting times and locations.

8. Can we do better? Use the space below to suggest ways the Public Involvement Team can improve.