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To: CobbRecords; Duncan, Todd (CMG-Atlanta)
Cc: Dance, Deborah; Matthews, Karyn; Wilgus, Jim; Kell, Sheri
Subject: Bridge issues

Linda, et al:

Can you please provide me an update on the status of the documents listed below, which were not a part of the responsive records provided to me as a result of my ORR related to the I-285 multi-use bridge. Those documents were requested last Thursday and Friday.

- Attached document 2015-10 FTA Project Information Sheet. It was attached to a 10/26 email from Karyn Matthews to Abby Evans.
- Attached document E4210 Revised Right-of-way_151022. It was attached to a 10/23 email from Karyn Matthews to Margaret Brown.
- On Dec. 31, Julie emailed Jim Wilgus asking for “a list of all projects that will assist transportation in the SunTrust Park area and the amount of county funds spent or budgeted on those projects.”

One additional item, and a bit of an explanation to go with it.

It is interesting to me what is missing in the 950 pages or so pages of documents released to the AJC. There is no budget information, except for an estimated field plan review that was submitted to the state last year – a document which the AJC has had since September and wrote about in October. So no new budget documentation, despite the fact that the field plan budget is \$9 million for Bridge 1 and \$2.2 million for Bridge 2 and the North End Plaza).

Those figures compare to the representation made to the BOC that the new bridge budget is \$9.8 million (and there is a document in the latest batch that says the budget is between \$9.8 and \$10.5 million).

So I wonder, how can an official bridge estimate exist without any documentation showing those costs, and how they changed from the preliminary field review budget.

So I'm going to make this request again, and be clear that all budgets and cost estimated must be released to the newspaper, regardless of whether they are in the possession of the county government or any of the county's contractors on the project:

Please provide to me any and all budgets for the I-285 bridge, including but not limited to documents that show the entire budget, and the component costs related to the bridges – both Bridge 1, Bridge 2 and the North End Plaza.

This should also include any and all estimates of right-of-way costs associated with the bridge, as well as any and all construction costs.

And I have a question for Jim. Sir, I asked you a few weeks ago, at the hearing in which the BOC approved the bridge design, if the \$9.8 million estimate included both Bridge 1 and Bridge 2. You said it did. Fair enough.

But I need to understand that more – perhaps the budgets will provide the clarity. But as anyone can tell from a simple review of the field review budget, Bridge 1 had a \$9 million budget and Bridge 2 and the North End Plaza had a budget of \$2.2 million. Can you please tell me if all three of those component parts are in the county's new \$9.8 million budget and, if so, how those costs were reduced?

I look forward to your responses.

Thank you,

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