

**Vinings Vision Plan  
Public Meeting #4  
March 13, 2012**

The fourth and final public meeting for the Vinings Vision Plan took place on March 12, 2012 at the Cochise Club from 7:00-8:30 p.m. There were approximately 150 people present.

Mr. Dana Johnson, Planning Division Manager for Cobb County Community Development, began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the community. Commissioner Bob Ott also offered a welcome.

Additional Cobb County staff present were: Ms. Mandy Elliott and Ms. Sharon Qin both with Community Development, and Mr. Jason Gaines, Mr. Chris Pruitt and Mr. Bryan Ricks with the Cobb County Department of Transportation.

Mr. Ricks began the meeting with a presentation on the Woodland Brook Drive project, which will cause road closures during the summer. There will be another public meeting just on this project.

Ms. Elliott gave a summary of what happened at the previous public meetings. It included some of the results from the survey conducted at the third public meeting. The presentation also included information on the proposed vision maps and a summary of the plan highlights. Mr. Gaines then provided an overview of all the transportation concepts that had been considered for the Paces Ferry and Paces Mill intersection. (Note – The one-way pairs concept presented previously at the third public is no longer being considered.) The second option, a new left turn lane from Paces Mill Road to Paces Ferry Road, has too much of an impact on historic structures and the character of Vinings. The third option, a new left turn lane from Paces Ferry Road to New Paces Ferry Road, has the least impact on the existing physical environment and is the least expensive. According to traffic counts conducted by Cobb County Department of Transportation traffic counts, approximately 70 cars would make that left turn during peak evening rush hour.

Mr. Johnson and Commissioner Ott then took questions from those attending the meeting. Some of the questions were as follows:

1. Can you put up “Do Not Block Intersection” signs at the Paces Ferry and Paces Mill intersection?

*Cobb County DOT will look into the request.*

2. The traffic light at Paces Ferry and New Paces Ferry is not long enough. Can something be done?

*Cobb County DOT will look into the request.*

3. With the new left turn from Paces Ferry to New Paces Ferry, won't you be putting commercial traffic into a residential area?

*The traffic analysis indicates that this solution will only add approximately 75 additional rush hour trips onto New Paces Ferry, which will have a minimal impact on the residential community.*

4. Will there be pedestrian improvements at Paces Mill and Paces Ferry?

*Yes, that is a main project in the bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure recommendations.*

5. Will you be prioritizing the county projects that are part of the plan?

*Yes, all the projects will be identified as short-term, mid-term and long-term.*

6. With the new left turn from Paces Ferry to New Paces Ferry, will you get back-up from people making a left turn into Vinings Jubilee?

*There are two entrances into Vinings Jubilee off New Paces Ferry and traffic back-up because of those left turns would likely be minimal.*

7. Will the new left turn from Paces Ferry to New Paces Ferry help alleviate cut-through traffic on Ranch Road?

*It likely will help, because the through traffic on Paces Mill and Paces Ferry will flow a little better. The problems with the traffic congestions because of left turns from Paces Mill to Paces Ferry would be eliminated during peak rush hours.*

8. Why don't you change the rotation of the light at Paces Mill and Paces Ferry to help with people getting turning off Mountain Street?

*Cobb County DOT will look into that request.*

9. How will the people on Cochise Drive get home at rush hour?

*Residents in the Cochise Drive neighborhood can take New Paces Ferry Road to Paces Ferry Road.*

10. Why don't you just put a left arrow at the Paces Ferry and Paces Mill intersection heading west on Paces Mill?

*A left arrow for left turns from Paces Mill to Paces Ferry would block oncoming traffic going east on Paces Ferry. This would back up traffic going east board. A left turn arrow would also not address larger flow issues.*

11. Will the roundabout at Woodland Brook and Paces Ferry be safe for pedestrians?

*Yes, a roundabout can be designed with pedestrian islands or refuges between lanes of traffic, allowing pedestrians to only cross one lane of traffic at a time. Crosswalks would also be moved down away from the roundabout making pedestrian crossings easier.*

The meeting concluded with time for attendees to review the displayed maps and recommendations.