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Johnson Ferry Urban Design

Public Meeting – IV January 24, 2011 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Fourth Public meeting was conducted in an Open House format on January 24, 2011 in East Cobb Library. Approximately 100 members of the public were in attendance. Cobb County staff members present were Dana Johnson, Sharon Qin, Mandy Elliott, Phillip Westbrook, Bradley Gordon, and Larry Stokes. Commissioner Bob Ott, JoAnn Birrell attended the meeting as well. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the final urban design plan developed for the Johnson Ferry Road area and to gather feedback on them in order to finalizing the urban design plan and the plan report.

Two sets of design plan maps were aligned on the both side of the room. During the first 45minutes of the meeting, the public reviewed presentation boards with maps and discussed questions with county staff. Planning Division and DOT staff was on hand to provide the relevant information and answer questions.

Dana Johnson, Planning Division Manager in Community Development summarized the work done on the project to date with a presentation which included a summary of public comments from third meeting, proposed final design concept, proposed phased street section design, and the content for both short term and long term implementation.

The following summarizes questions & comments written on the boards during the Open House time from participants and those asked during the presentation.

Written Questions/Comments

- I like the concept of trolley cars included.
- Please rethink the bike lane (future street design – right side). The bikers will not be visible to a driver backing out of the diagonal parking space . . . maybe move the bike lane next to the sidewalk or thru traffic lane. (The left side shows the bike lane next to the sidewalk – ok.)
- Concerned about how to get on/off access roads. Major potential for traffic backing up on access road while on car waits for the ideal parking place. Remember, this is East Cobb and someone will always feel entitled to that perfect parking place.
- What will happen to the houses that front Johnson Ferry? The neighborhood entrances (walls/plants) that front Johnson Ferry? Will the county purchase X number of feet? Will the homeowners have input on the proposed fencing?

- Some sort of transportation to Sandy Springs Marta station.
- Lower Roswell Road east of Johnson Ferry by Flagstar Bank has a dangerous dip in west bound lane.
- Very nice overall. One unifying element on a main road in Roswell (where Target and other big box stores are) is white split rail fences. It looks inviting and gracious, and perhaps not as expensive as stone or brick fences. Something to think about for here?
- It's hard to tell from the design boards – is there a possibility of more park land or public spaces?
- We have hot summers and cold winters. Landscaping material should provide shade in the summer and allow the sun to get thru in the winter.
- So much asphalt and hard surface. Please consider BMP's for rain and storm water, i.e. install rain gardens.
- There are lots of existing large, old trees at the Riverhill neighborhood frontage. These trees need to be preserved during construction (and considered during the design process).
- Wow! You're asking residents of Riverhill/Hampton Farms to lose 15'-25' of their front yards? Good luck.
- Bike lanes are much appreciated!!! They need to link with the trails at the River.
- The photos do not show any overhead utilities. That should be a goal long term. Trees get sheared and misshaped to make sure they don't interfere with utilities – which make them ugly and dangerous. A tree with limbs on only one side will fall in an ice storm.
- Inter-parcel links should be used to help eliminate traffic lights the purpose of which is access to retail.
- Larger parking lots should include trees and other vegetation to soften them and provide shade.
- Incorporate a sign ordinance; match lighting in parcels (commercial/industrial) on properties that front main drags (JF/Roswell Rd.).

Questions/Comments During Presentation

- The proposed work on Johnson Ferry needs to be extended to the secondary streets (i.e. Roswell and Lower Roswell Roads).
- What is the timeframe? Why is it divided into short-term and long-term?
- How much is this going to cost?
- Woodlawn needs to be aligned with Princeton Lakes.
- The intersection with Woodlawn needs to be improved.
- What about working with Fulton County to continue improvements and timing traffic lights?