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Happy New Year from Metro South CID!



The Metro South CID board of directors and staff hope you had a wonderful New Year! We have come far since 2019 and can't wait to see what's in store for 2020.

In 2019, the CID rebranded from the Greater Conley CID to the Metro South CID. The rebrand, which included a new logo and website, took place because the CID board wanted to showcase the CID's benefits and be more representative of the district. Metro South CID was chosen as the new name because the CID is well-known for its accessibility, the surrounding I-675 and I-285 interchanges, and is minutes away from some of Atlanta's most prime locations.

[Visit the website here!](#) Let us know if you think it's more user-friendly!

The CID also made progress on a number of projects within the district. One major project was tire removal throughout the area. In September 2019, the CID collected more than 150 tires and donated them to DeKalb County for recycling. In addition, the CID and Keep DeKalb Beautiful removed 1,100 tires along Lancaster and Old McDonough Roads, which is equivalent to almost two African forest elephants that weigh 6,000 pounds each.

The CID also worked closely with Russell Landscaping to beautify the area and clean up trash on a weekly-basis.

As for 2019 projects, the CID completed multiple pavement projects and partnered with Flock Security, the only automatic license plate reading (ALPR) camera system built specifically for neighborhoods, businesses and law enforcement, to install multiple cameras throughout the district.

Moving forward in 2020, the CID hopes to continue its beautification efforts and begin on new projects!

Flock Cameras Reminder

Are you a business owner in the Metro South CID and looking to maximize security in 2020? Look no further! Consider investing in a Flock Safety Security Camera. If you're interested, visit [Flock Safety's website](#).

The Metro South CID highly recommends these safety cameras and will be installing added locations throughout the district this year.

Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Grant

As a part of the CID's 2020 resolutions, the board submitted a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) grant application to receive funding for Constitution Road Freight Corridor Operational and Safety Improvements project, which is contained within three county roads, including Bailey Street, Fayetteville Road and Constitution Road, with project limits from US 23/SR 42 to 500 feet west of Bouldercrest Road.

This project will provide a wide-variety of improvements, including (this is not the project's full scope of work):

- Intersection improvements and signalization at Bailey St./SR 42, including mast arms and overhead LED street signs
- ADA-compliant crosswalks to be incorporated throughout project corridor
- Modified road profile and cross-section and replacement of deficient storm infrastructure at intersection of Fayetteville Rd. and Constitution Ave.
- Reconstruction of existing corridor roadway ditch/shoulder section to an urban section (curb and gutter) on the entire 1.58 mile corridor. Pavement width to be increased from 20 feet to 26 feet with curb and gutter
- Re-alignment of Fayetteville Rd. at Constitution Ave.

Stay tuned for updates!

Spotlight on DeKalb Chief of Police Mirtha Ramos



Photo Credit: DeKalb County

Mirtha Ramos initially had no idea that she wanted to leave Miami, Florida and take on the new DeKalb Chief of Police position until DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond reached out to her and gave her the job description. Once she learned of the need, she knew that she wanted to be a part of making a difference in DeKalb.

Chief Ramos is still acclimating to the difference in dynamics and resources from Miami to DeKalb (from an agency of 5,000 to 1,000), but she feels that her communication skills will equally work in attracting and returning the trust of her officers and the community. Her goal is to strengthen relationships with the community, businesses and schools — by having everyone get to know their officers and being comfortable enough to call with issues and ask for them by name.

Chief Ramos wants the community to know that no matter how busy she may be, she will always be available to answer any questions or address community concerns.

The Metro South CID is thrilled to have a dedicated Chief of Police in the County and looks forward to working with her to continue to decrease crime in the area.

Need Graffiti Removed? We can help!



If you see graffiti around your business and would like it removed, please take a picture and notify the Metro South CID by contacting Emory Morsberger at emory@metrosouthcid.com.

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