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### **Metro South CID moves forward with major infrastructure improvement**

CONLEY, GA., Jan. 5, 2022 -- Following the recommendations of the Freight Cluster Study undertaken by the Metro South CID, the organization is moving forward with many recommendations to consider. But the number one project according to the board is the Constitution Corridor project.

On September 28, DeKalb approved a \$3,614,622 SPLOST to be utilized on the "Constitution Corridor Operational & Safety" project as a local match for the State Road and Tollway Authority grant known as the Georgia Transportation Investment Bank (GTIB), which was awarded to the CID. The funding for this process comes from a variety of key players to improve commercial and residential traffic flow in the Conley Area. Match funding is coming from GTIB in the amount of \$1 million and \$200,000 will come from the MSCID for the engineering and construction phases of the project. The \$3,614,622 from the county will be utilized for the right-of-way and construction phases for this exciting project. "This great victory has been made due in large part to the hard work of county commissioners Larry Johnson and Ted Terry. We cannot thank them enough for their generous investment of time and energy to get this through the process," according to Larry Kaiser, the president of the MSCID. The project limits begin at the intersection and Moreland Ave and Bailey Street to the 5-leg intersection of Fayetteville, West Fayetteville, Fleetwood Road, Woodstock and Bailey Street. The improvements will generally consist of a roundabout at this 5-leg intersection, a traffic signal at Moreland and Bailey St, sidewalks, streetlights and other roadway enhancements.

Future phases of improvement will occur from the roundabout to Bouldercrest and Constitution as other funding sources become available over the next several years. The effort will primarily help move traffic along Constitution Way.

According to Kaiser, "We knew that the Constitution Corridor Operational & Safety project was a priority. Although this is a long-term project our most important project is this one. Therefore, we are pleased that our RFP has produced excellent response with some of the areas most talented and experienced engineering firms."

Four finalists were chosen:



- Heath & Lineback Engineers Inc.
- Keck & Wood
- Kimley-Horn
- Volkert

An evaluation committee comprised of board members, Kaiser and a representative from DeKalb County Department of Transportation will identify the highest ranked firm and forward its recommendation to the Metro South Board of Directors. This project is the largest infrastructure funded project undertaken by the CID since its formation.

This project will help transform portions of Southwest DeKalb supporting the growth of the trucking industry, logistics, and supply chain, along with the film and TV industry through Blackhall Studios.

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#### **About the Metro South Community Improvement District (MSCID)**

The Metro South Community Improvement District was organized for the purpose of assisting property owners, businesses and individuals to promote common interests in enhancing the safety, general appearance and suitability for owners and businesses in the Conley, Georgia environs while operating as a non-profit organization. The Metro South CID, formerly the Greater Conley CID and formed by the Conley Area Business Association (CABA), is known as “Truckers Alley” and is home to some of the largest logistics and transportation companies in the world. In addition, the area is home to Blackhall Studios, which will become the largest film studio in Georgia. Learn more about the Metro South CID at [metrosouthcid.org](http://metrosouthcid.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).