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## **PAVING THE WAY FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Metro South Community Improvement District Executive Director Larry Kaiser was joined by DeKalb County Commissioners Larry Johnson, Ted Terry, and Members of the Civic and Business Communities to Announce Progress on Constitution Road Freight Corridor Improvement Project: Realizing a Unified and Interconnected Route 23 and Interstate 285 Corridor.*

Metro South CID's Executive Director, Larry Kaiser, was joined today by DeKalb County Commissioners Larry Johnson, Ted Terry, neighborhood associations and local business leaders to announce that the conceptual design plan phase of the Constitution Road Freight Corridor Improvement Corridor project is underway.

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc was selected as the engineering firm to prepare a set of construction and right-of-way plans for Phase I of this freight corridor logistics project, which begins at the Moreland at Bailey intersection with a proposed traffic signal and ends with a 5-legged roundabout at the intersection of Constitution Road, Woodstock Road, Fayetteville Road, Bailey Street, and Fleetwood Road

This transformational project will improve trucking operations and vehicular safety through the installation of a traffic signal and truck roundabout. Other improvements will include improving pedestrian safety with the construction of a sidewalk on one-side of the road, roadway lighting, correcting drainage deficiencies, ADA ramps and access to MARTA bus stops.

This Phase I project, slated for completion in late 2024, with future phases of construction improvements to Constitution in the planning stages currently.

Initial design of the project is as follows:



"Home to some of the largest logistics companies in the country, the Constitution Road Freight Corridor is a crucial arterial that connects the southwest DeKalb County community," **said DeKalb County Commissioner Larry Johnson.** "These improvements will benefit our residents, businesses, and visitors for decades to come, and I am grateful for the strong partnership between Metro South Community Improvement District, DeKalb County SPLOST, and the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank to accomplish this important work"

"Investments in infrastructure are making a difference in communities large and small," **added DeKalb County Commissioner Ted Terry.** "The new roundabout at this busy intersection will help ensure that products get to market, make it easier for neighbors to get to where they need to go, and keep our manufacturing and logistics economy strong. This project is yet another example of the transformative work

undertaken by the Metro South Community Improvement District on behalf of commercial developers and residents alike.”

“We’re proud to support these great projects that will vastly improve the crucial infrastructure needed for future growth and investment, to strengthen the supply chains, and make the roads safer for all who use them,” **echoed State Road and Tollway Authority Executive Director and Board Secretary Christopher Tomlinson.** “This collective effort spearheaded by the Metro South CID is an example of the great things that can be accomplished when work together through a shared vision and for a better community”

**Conley Area Business Association President J. Wayne Smith** remarked, "We appreciate the ongoing work of our Metro South Community Improvement District as its partners undertake these critical infrastructure projects across the region. This investment in DeKalb County will greatly improve driver safety, ease the flow of traffic for area residents, and help enhance the overall quality of our role in our economy’s supply-chain."

"Now more than ever our communities, motorists, and taxpayers deserve a strong commitment to build our transportation infrastructure into a well-thought, interconnected 21<sup>st</sup> century system," **said Larry Kaiser, President of Metro South Community Improvement District.** “The new roundabout is a first priority in providing the safe and reliable roadway conditions for our residents, industry partners, first responders, and all who travel these roads."

North Carolina based, Kimley-Horn was selected as the developing firm after a highly competitive requests for proposal process which welcomed submissions from of some of the regions most awarded firms to advance the vision of a unified and interconnected Constitution Road Freight Corridor.

### **More about Kimley-Horn**

Kimley-Horn is a national engineering, design, and planning consultant that has been serving governmental agencies, private developers, and various institutions in the Atlanta area for 30 years. Locally, Kimley-Horn is known for exceptional client service and quality deliverables in disciplines such as traffic and transportation, roadway planning and design, site development services, land planning and landscape architecture, structural engineering, water and wastewater services, and environmental, among others.

### **More about Metro South Community Improvement District**

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. 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 attracted Blackhall Studios, one of the larger film and entertainment studios in metro Atlanta.

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