

March 2, 2008

Britt Perry
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Room 321
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Dear Ms. Perry,

We the undersigned neighborhood associations are sending this official open records request for all documents related to Project NH-0085-02(153) so that we, as concerned and impacted citizens, may examine the data gathered by GDOT thus far. The proposed Project NH-0085-02(153), Fulton County, PI no. 762380-SR400/I-85 Connector Ramps is being advanced to deal with the obvious design deficiencies of SR 400. The lack of connectivity between these two highways reduces the efficacy of SR 400 in conveying its design capacity at appropriate speeds, especially during peak use periods.

We are encouraged by and active participants in two of the City of Atlanta's transportation planning initiatives including the City's first Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and the BeltLine. Both of these projects fall within the southern portion of the proposed study area map for the Connector Ramp project. We commend the unprecedented stakeholder involvement evident for both of these planning initiatives, and wish to see it continued with GDOT's planning process for the Connector Ramp Project.

The Briarcliff/North Druid Hills Area Collaborative Plan was completed in conjunction with DeKalb County, Alex Garvin and Associates, and the Livable Communities Coalition and lies within the northern portion of the study area map. The residents of LaVista Park, who participated in this study exercise, certainly do not want to see its recommendations overlooked. It is our desire that GDOT work cooperatively with the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County in designing a proposal consistent with these models and that incorporates their ideals.

Furthermore, the potential for significant negative environmental impact on the North Fork of Peachtree Creek exists should this project advance as proposed. It would also potentially destroy Armand Park located in the Lindridge Martin Manor neighborhood along with several residences within the community. We desire an alignment that will not result in the destruction of our neighborhoods and their green spaces.

We look forward to working with GDOT and its consultants, officials from the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County, along with our appropriate representatives in achieving a design that meets the needs of all parties involved and is consistent with the Comprehensive Transportation Plans of both the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County.

Respectfully,

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