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Officials Pleased With Community Bridge Meeting

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, April 7, 2016 – It was standing room only with over 200 people in attendance at a recent meeting hosted by the City of Peachtree Corners to review five design options for the proposed Peachtree Parkway Pedestrian Bridge.

Community Development Director Diana Wheeler explained the safety and economic development benefits of the bridge and then presented five distinctive designs that ranged from a traditional stone bridge with bell towers to a contemporary cable suspension structure. Attendees were then invited to share their comments and preferences by responding to a questionnaire. City Staff members and engineer consultants were present to explain the different options and answer questions.

A preliminary concept for the bridge was first presented to the community in January and additional meetings are anticipated over the next several months in order to gather more community input. “We’re delighted by the large turnout and excited to see so many people interested in providing their input on this landmark project,” said Mayor Mike Mason.

The bridge, a project recommended in the City’s 2014 Town Center LCI study conducted by Lord, Aeck, Sargent, will be funded by SPLOST revenues and will not increase taxes.

In the next 10 years, traffic on Peachtree Parkway is anticipated to increase to over 50,000 vehicles per day. And officials indicated that being able to safely cross this six lane roadway is an important motivator for wanting to connect Peachtree Corner’s planned Town Center with the existing Forum Shopping Center.

In addition to safety considerations, the proposed bridge has also received praise from business leaders who expect it to have significant economic development benefits. Adam Jones-Keeley, President of Conway, Inc. says, “As the president of an international company headquartered in Peachtree Corners and a resident of the city, I’m a strong advocate for the construction of an iconic symbol for our community. We need a landmark structure so that we can be remembered, known for something more than that new city that used to be Norcross.”

Nancy Minor, a leader in the real estate community, wholeheartedly concurs, "This bridge will have a tremendously positive impact on residential property values. It will immediately identify Peachtree Corners and make it a very special and more desirable place to live."

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