

WHEREAS: The Central Perimeter Market is the largest office market in Metro Atlanta with 29 million-square-feet of space and is also one of the largest employment centers in the Southeast with more than 123,000 workers; and

WHEREAS: The heart of the Central Perimeter Market is the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs), which contain \$3.8 billion in real estate development that generates \$306.6 million a year in tax revenues for the State of Georgia with \$77 million more expected annually by 2018; and

WHEREAS: Serious traffic congestion in the I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange has a major impact on the Perimeter market and its ability to retain and attract jobs; and

WHEREAS: An adjacent portion of Georgia 400 was named the most unreliable commute in the nation in the Texas Transportation Institute's 2011 Congested Corridors Report and the adjacent top end portion of I-285 was cited in the report for having some of the worst congestion problems in the nation; and

WHEREAS: The I-285 top end corridor connects the two major Cumberland and Perimeter job markets with the former General Motors site in Doraville, a potential third major jobs market, and I-285 is the only east to west connection between the two major I-75 and I-85 interstate corridors in the northern Atlanta area; and

WHEREAS: In order to meet current and projected future demand that includes 35,000 more jobs within the PCIDs by 2018, and 6.2 million additional square feet of office space and 6 million additional square feet of retail space by 2021, it is crucial that traffic congestion and safety be improved to better prepare the market, maximize transportation alternatives and connect people to jobs; and

WHEREAS: To facilitate traffic flow and safety, current cost estimates for the interchange total \$450 million for a major reconstruction of the I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange; and

WHEREAS: The I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange project is already included in the comprehensive solutions developed for the Revive285 top end project; and

WHEREAS: The I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange is a regional project of significance, serves a major corporate center of the Southeast, will provide opportunities for public-private partnership, strategic delivery and building public trust of its importance; and

WHEREAS: On the 25th day of January 2012 the PCIDs (Central DeKalb and Fulton) signed a resolution of support naming the I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange as the priority capacity project for the northern quadrant regional economic development center to continue its strength and quality growth as part of the Transportation Investment Act (TIA); and

WHEREAS: On the 19th day of September 2012 the PCIDs (Central DeKalb and Fulton) reaffirmed their support of the I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange as the top priority project of regional significance and committed their support to the formation of the cross-jurisdictional public/private "Top-End Perimeter Collaborative" to support the I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange improvements and the strategies to move the project forward as a top priority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia that they support the I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange as the top priority project of regional significance and commit their support to the formation of the cross-jurisdictional public/private "Top-End Perimeter Collaborative" to support the I-285 at Georgia 400 Interchange improvements and the strategies to move the project forward as a top priority.

Approved:

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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