

To: Members
Dunwoody City Council

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Re: I-285 Managed Lane Project Requests

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Staff wishes the full City Council to offer guidance concerning aspects of the I-285 Top End managed lane project that are most important to the city. This discussion will result in a definitive list for Council Members and/or the city's lobbyist in talking to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) or other state officials.

It is the city's understanding that GDOT has committed to the following project enhancements in Dunwoody:

1. Extend the Georgetown shared-use path across I-285 on the new Chamblee Dunwoody Road bridge
2. Enter into an intergovernmental agreement to add aesthetic enhancements to the Chamblee Dunwoody Road bridge
3. Build the Cotillion to Savoy return access bridge as part of the same project as the Chamblee Dunwoody Road bridge replacement
4. Add a shared-use path on Cotillion Drive (minimum 10-foot width, 12-foot preferable)
5. Allow for future bus rapid transit as envisioned by the I-285 Top End Transit Study
6. Include a return access lane from Savoy to Cotillion at North Peachtree Road
7. Allow for future widening of the Ashford Dunwoody Road bridge and addition of a separate shared-use path bridge parallel to Ashford Dunwoody Road

Staff has compiled the following list of requests raised by the Council in previous discussions that do not have firm commitments from GDOT:

Managed Lane Access

- Add Peachtree Industrial Boulevard direct access to I-285 managed lanes- GDOT has previously stated that their policy is not to have general purpose lane and managed lane access at the same interchange but that access could be added here if the project developer determines that it is economically beneficial
- Include Mount Vernon Road managed lane access at S.R. 400- included in previous version of plans but subject to project developer evaluation
- Include Johnson Ferry Road managed lane access at S.R. 400- included in previous version of plans but subject to project developer evaluation
- Add a managed lane interchange on I-285 between S.R. 400 and the Cumberland CID- currently a direct merge from the general purpose lanes is proposed in this area

Path Connections

- Include shared-use path connections at North Shallowford Road and North Peachtree Road underpasses- GDOT has indicated that they would evaluate the feasibility
- Allow for a path connection between Georgetown path and bridge to Perimeter-city currently evaluating feasibility

Other

- Include bus rapid transit station infrastructure in the managed lane construction project- no funding has been identified for the bus rapid transit implementation
- Add sidewalk and pedestrian friendly features on Savoy Drive- GDOT to evaluate
- Avoid right of way encroachment at the Madison Square condominiums- GDOT has indicated that the final design for this area has not been determined yet
- Construct sound walls early in the project- GDOT encourages sound wall installation as early as practical
- Incorporate aesthetic treatments on the managed lane bridges- the Perimeter Community Improvement District is developing plans

Staff requests Council confirmation of these requests as well as any others that may have arisen as of late. There will be no presentation by staff nor the state for this item.