

## Overview & Need

The Cumberland Community Improvement District (CID) is a major commercial activity center and economic engine in Georgia which annually impacts more than five percent of the State's total economy. Located along I-75 in the thriving northwest corridor in the greater Atlanta Region, the Cumberland CID is experiencing tremendous growth, including six class A office towers, 65,200+ jobs, 17,700+ residents, and the Atlanta Braves' \$1.3b stadium and mixed-use development.

To accommodate the rapid growth taking place along the whole corridor, former Governor Deal and the Georgia Department of Transportation undertook and delivered one of the biggest public infrastructure investments in the State's history; the \$900 million Northwest Express Lanes system. This 29.7 mile reversible toll lane project opened to traffic in September 2018 and has significantly benefited those who travel I-75 and I-575, be it for business or personal purposes.



The Cumberland CID covers 6.5 square miles in the Atlanta metropolitan area's northwest market

In the first year, more than 4.2 million trips have been registered posting travel speeds 30% faster than the general purpose lanes. However, the Northwest Express Lanes do not accommodate direct, safe access for the 100,000+ daily commuters traveling to and from the bustling Cumberland market.

As designed, drivers who wish to access the Express Lanes at the closest point in Cumberland are required to quickly maneuver four to five lane changes in I-75 traffic in a very short distance. Given I-75's traffic volumes, this presents an unsafe condition. Drivers in search of a safer alternative are forced to drive to a different access point several miles to the north, south, east, or west of Cumberland, further hampering traffic conditions along the surface streets.

On July 25, 2019, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chao announced \$856 million in grants for state and local infrastructure projects through the INFRA discretionary grant program. Through the Congressional release process Cobb County in partnership with the Cumberland CID was awarded \$5 million for the Akers Mill Ramp Phase II project.

Phase I, the footprint of the I-285 Bridge over I-75 was widened to accommodate the ramp, and was completed in 2018. This phase was funded through GDOT's existing Northwest Express Lanes construction contract. The second phase, the ramp, will go to construction in 2021.

The estimated total project cost is \$44.2 million. The funding includes:

Phase 1: Funds completely assembled; project completed September 2018

\$2.8m	Cumberland CID
\$11.0m	Cobb County (via SPLOST)
\$2.0m	State Road & Tollway Authority (via GTIB)
\$4.4m	Georgia DOT (via waived fees)
\$4.0m	Atlanta Regional Commission (via STP)
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\$24.2m	Total Commitments & Sources

Phase 2: Construction scheduled to begin in 2021

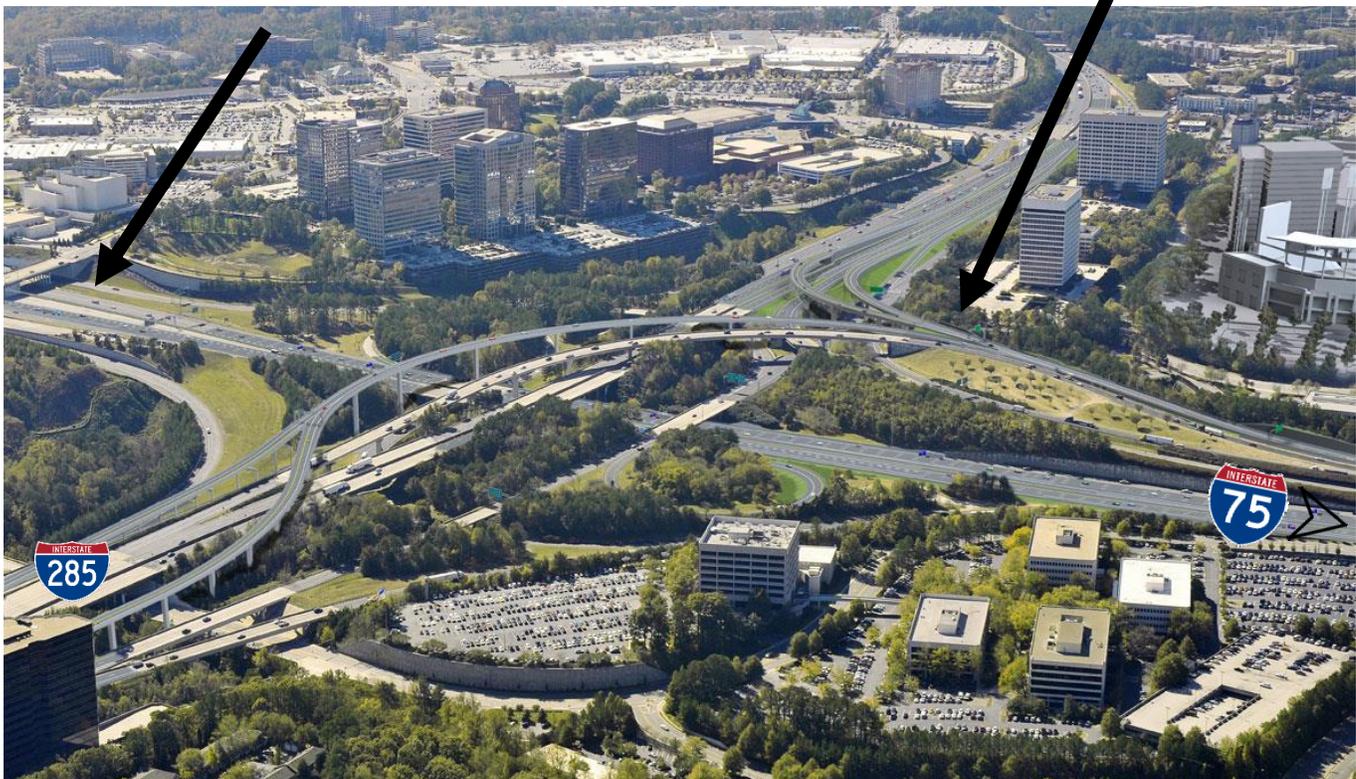
\$3.5m	Cumberland CID	<i>committed</i>
\$4.0m	Cobb County (via SPLOST)	<i>committed</i>
\$1.5m	State Road & Tollway Authority (via GTIB)	<i>committed</i>
\$6.0m	Atlanta Regional Commission (via STP)	<i>committed</i>
\$5.0m	U.S. DOT (via INFRA)	<i>committed</i>
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\$20.0m	Total Commitments & Sources	

### Senate & Congressional Districts

The Akers Mill Ramp project impacts U.S. Senate Districts (Sen. Johnny Isakson & Sen. David Perdue). The project is located in U.S. Congressional Districts 11 (Rep. Barry Loudermilk) and 6 (Rep. Lucy McBath), and also impacts 13 (Rep. David Scott). It is in Georgia Districts 43 (Rep. Sharon Cooper) and 40 (Rep. Erick E. Allen), as well as Georgia Senate District 6 (Sen. Jennifer Jordon).

*Location of proposed ramp on the north side of Akers Mill Road which feeds into the Managed Lanes System*

*Rendering of the Managed Lanes System upon completion in 2018*



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