CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

The road to success is always under construction. Well maybe not always, but it can seem that way. We understand that all the recent roadwork in the Cumberland Improvement District has been an inconvenience. But, progress is being made, and when it’s finished it’s going to make travel through the area much easier.

We want to give you as much information as possible to help you navigate some of the tough spots.

**Windy Hill Road at I-75 Diverging Diamond Interchange thoroughfare improvements**

This interchange will be converted to a DDI. This change will allow for more efficient and safer travel because cars will no longer have to make left-hand turns to access the interstate.

Upcoming work includes erosion control, traffic control, utility relocation, grading and placing graded aggregate base in ramp C and Interstate North Parkway, placing curb and gutter, installing sidewalk on Interstate North, signal work, paving ramp D, D1 and Interstate North Parkway and continuing construction.

This project is expected to be completed by **June**.

**Windy Ridge Parkway bridge pedestrian improvements**

The existing bridge is being widened to provide easier pedestrian access and green space.

Upcoming work includes erosion control, traffic control, complete manually stabilized earth wall construction, set beams and begin decking for bridge.

This project is expected to be completed by the **fall**.

**Cobb Parkway at I-285 westbound off-ramp and Spring Road/ Circle 75 Parkway thoroughfare improvements**

Existing dual left turn lanes from Cobb Parkway to westbound Spring Road will be widened to create triple left turn lanes. The turn lanes on the I-285 westbound ramp will be lengthened and an additional barrier separated turn lane from the I-285 westbound off-ramp to Circle 75 Parkway will be added. Wider sidewalks will also be constructed.

Upcoming work includes erosion control, traffic control, utility relocations, continuing storm drain installation, continuing wall construction, asphalt paving and curb and gutter placement.

The project is expected to be completed by **March**.

**I-285 multi-use bridge thoroughfare improvements**

A bridge spanning Galleria Drive, I-285 and Circle 75 Parkway connecting the Cumberland Galleria area with the new Battery Atlanta Development is being constructed.

Upcoming work includes traffic control, erosion control, continue MSE wall number one construction, set beams for spans two, three, four, five and six on bridge one, begin metal decking on bridge one, begin CIP wall one construction, complete transition of bent at the Galleria, drive pile at bent one bridge one at the Galleria and remove a portion of the Galleria Parkway structure.

This project is expected to be completed by **August**.

For more information on CID construction projects, please visit cumberlandcid.org. And, for more information about other projects around the county, including weekly construction updates, visit cobbcounty.org/dot. We have also developed Cobb Commute, and easy-to-use web tool to help users navigate traffic. The tool, which is available on both desktop and mobile devices, is accessible at cobbcommute.org
New Commission Chairman

During his nearly 30 years in the Marine Corps, Mike Boyce commanded a Marine Air Group with more than 800 Marines, was deputy commander of a Marine Base with mayor-like responsibilities for more than 10,000 military and civilian personnel, supervised a Pentagon team handling a budget of more than $22 billion, and directed a business of more than 400 employees and revenues exceeding $50 million. After retiring from the military, he worked for the two large international companies of Booz Allen and Grant Thornton on budget projects in Macedonia and Iraq.

His broad understanding of issues in Cobb is a result of his membership on the SPLOST Oversight Committee, as a member and/or officer in the American Legion, Marine Corps League and other veterans groups, active involvement with his church community at Mt Bethel UMC including Director of Men’s Ministry, and grassroots work with the Cobb Republican Party.

Mike has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame, a Master of Arts degree from Pepperdine University and is a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College. His wife Judy is a retired Delta flight attendant. They have three children and four grandchildren.

MLK Day

Honor the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The theme is “One race, the human race…change begins with you.”

The event, sponsored by the Cobb County Branch of the NAACP and Cobb County Government will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16 at the Turner Chapel AME Church, 492 North Marietta Parkway.

A reception will be held after the program in the Fellowship Hall.

New assistive technology lab

Cobb Senior Services is opening a lab that provides resources for those who need a little help with daily activities regardless of age or ability.

The lab gives you the chance to try before you buy devices for your home, car or work. Local experts will be available with additional items and information.

Don’t miss the open house from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Feb. 14 at Cobb Senior Services, 1150 Powder Springs St., Marietta 30064.

To rsvp call 770-528-5350.

Weather siren tests

Cobb EMA performs a monthly siren test every first Wednesday of the month at noon, unless weather conditions are unfavorable. If that is the case, then a second attempt will occur on the following Thursday at noon. A silent test will be conducted should inclement weather occur on both days.

For more information visit cobbcounty.org/ema.

Special event parking

As of Dec. 3, Cobb County has a new special event parking registration procedure.

Applications are available at cobbcounty.org/comdev and there is a $55 registration fee that must be renewed annually.

Parking must be on a paved lot. Patrons cannot park on grass or right-of-way. There must be a parking attendant on duty to ensure safety and manage traffic. The exchange of money for parking may not impede traffic. And, the lot must be on commercial property and not residential property.

Operators must:
- Clean lots
- Follow traffic and pedestrian plans set forth by public safety
- Provide a point of contact for updates to traffic management
- Display a temporary sandwich board. (For specifications call 770-528-8410.)
- Have a standardized and consistent pricing structure.