

Public meeting 4: recap

May 24, 2017



Fourth public meeting

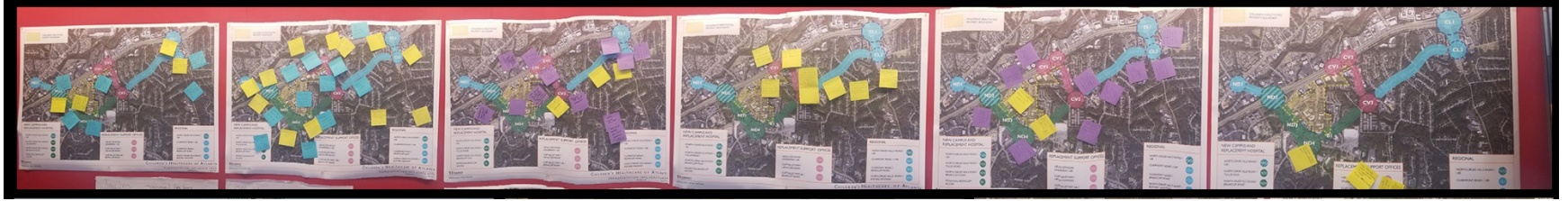
- **DATE:** March 24th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- **GOAL:** Discuss potential traffic improvements for Support Building; listen to community on broader traffic concerns
- **PARTICIPANTS:** 28



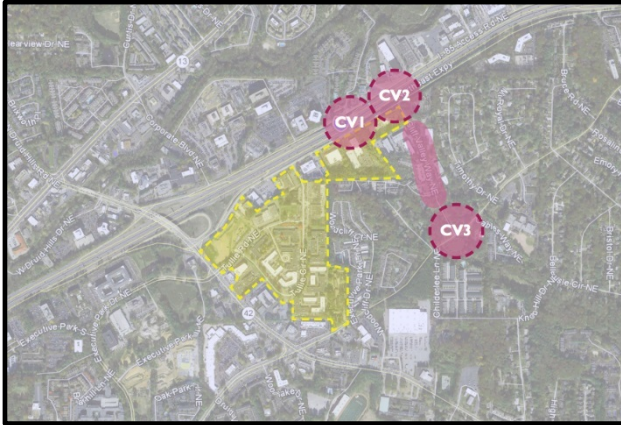
Fourth public meeting: discussion



Interactive public feedback



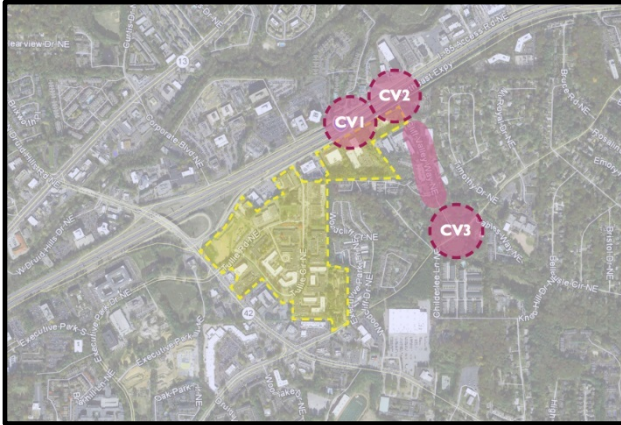
Discussion: Support Center



Participants were updated on proposed transportation improvements that will be suggested as a part of our submittal to the Brookhaven Planning Commission and City Council. They were provided with an overview of each of those proposed improvements (CV1, CV2, and CV3), many of which were based on community input at our previous public meeting.

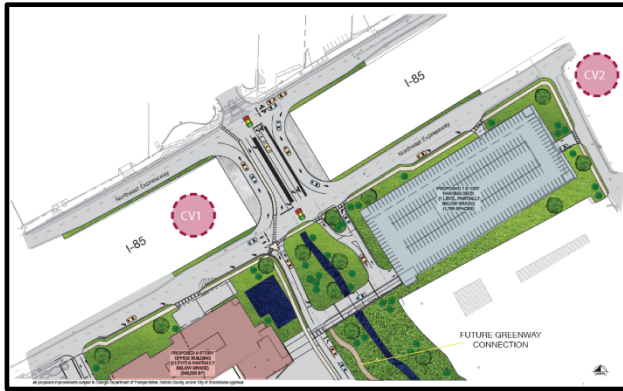
After the overview, discussion ensued about the planned improvements and various transportation options related to the replacement support building.

Discussion: Support Center



- Provided overview of planned improvements
- Noted improvements would require a variety of signoffs from FHWA, GDOT, DeKalb, and Brookhaven
- Meeting attendees asked about providing flexible office hours to support staff (*Noted that this is an existing condition*)
- Discussion of number of parking spaces and number of exits from deck (3 exits)
- Discussion of replacement nature of facility – residents asked about anticipated growth of support staff. (*Noted that we are designing solutions to solve for today’s needs and anticipated future needs*)
- Discussion of approval timeline (*Updated guests on meeting schedule in July*)
- Discussion of approach to improving existing traffic problems prior to replacement hospital completion (*Acknowledged that we will be focused on significant traffic mitigation in advance of 2025 potential completion date, while noting that some improvements are regional and multi-jurisdictional in nature and will take considerable time and funds*)

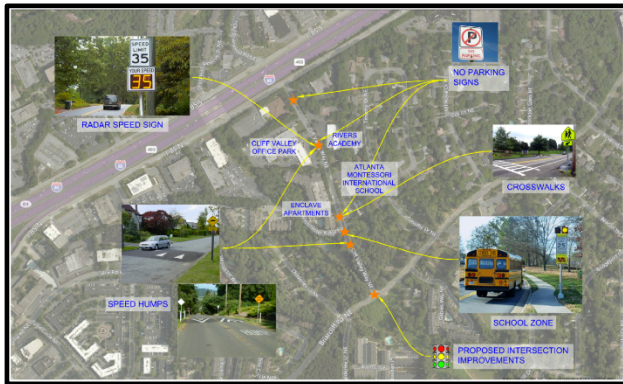
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SUMMARY

- Discussed functionality of underpass improvements
- Discussion of number of parking spaces and number of exits from deck (3 exits)
- Proposed location could create more concentration of vehicles on the frontage road. *(Noted frontage road is designed to handle additional traffic).*
- Approach could create more pressure on Clairmont but relieve pressure at North Druid Hills
- Are there northbound traffic options to avoid Clairmont? *(Noted support of significant improvements at Clairmont)*
- Could there be a dedicated entrance? *(Noted that the underpass allows for this)*
- Could the frontage road be two directions? *(Noted ongoing conversations)*
- How to prevent southbound traffic arriving from taking the U-turn in? *(Noted that the light provides a break and allows direct entry)*

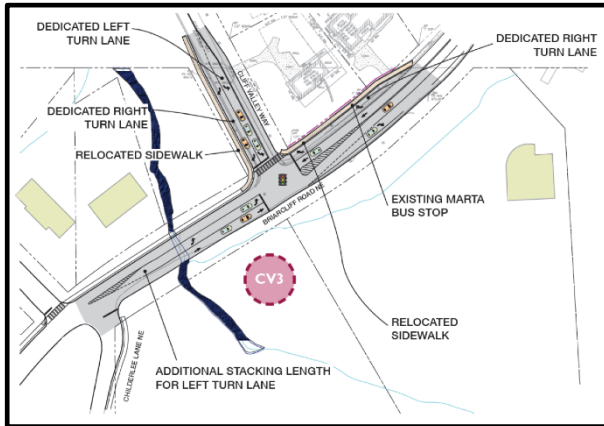
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SUMMARY

- Discussed proposed improvements to Cliff Valley Way
- Residents felt that speeding is less of a problem than volume
- Residents felt that speed humps are not needed on Cliff Valley Way
- Residents expressed concern about parking deck exit onto Cliff Valley and requested flexible work hours for Children's employees (*Discussed that flexible work hours are an existing condition*)
- One resident requested that Cliff Valley be a one-way street towards I-85 (*We discussed a variety of reasons this may not be practical*)

Discussion: Support Center



SUMMARY

- Discussed proposed improvements at intersection
- Main concern getting onto Briarcliff off Woodcliff Rd.
- Residents suggested evaluating location of MARTA stop (*We discussed coordinating with MARTA*)
- Residents worry that pressure on light at intersection could result in back ups to North Druid Hills intersection
- Residents noted that Cliff Valley Way sometimes backs up from Briarcliff to the frontage road, with cars stopped on frontage road (*We noted that intersection improvements are designed to help alleviate some of this back up*)

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Guests were informed that while Children’s will perform exhaustive traffic studies as governed by the entitlements and DRI process and review previous studies, our goal was to hear from those who drive the area each day. “What do you see are improvements that need to be made today, what simple changes do you think could produce improvements?”

To assist in understanding the nature of where any potential improvements might lay, maps which reflected the general location of issues outlined in previous meetings and identified by Children’s consulting teams were prepared and placed at each table. The color coding related to regional issues, areas adjacent to the future hospital site and areas associated with the new Replacement Support Office Building. Participants used sticky notes to identify challenges and each table had a Children’s team member present to review and discuss the feedback.

By understanding each concern Children’s can understand if there are specific improvements which might be made in association with the new Support and Replacement Hospital components or where Children’s might be able to help be a catalyst for larger regional improvements.

Discussion: North Druid Hills campus




While many comments were made by the attendees many reflected similar thoughts or potential improvements. All comments, notes and ideas suggested by attendees were recorded and will be reviewed as a part of our planning process.

- Discussion of connectivity – mixed input on number of access points
- Collaboration with Executive Park development is important (*Noted ongoing conversations*)
- Requested fly over ramps and/or direct access to I-85 for to hospital & support if possible (*Conversations with GDOT were noted*)
- Residents requested hospital access off the frontage road (*We noted that it is likely there will be access from the frontage road*)
- Need MARTA light rail on campus (*Noted proximity to Brookhaven station and that we are open to shuttles, but regional rail is beyond our purview*)
- Concern about construction traffic in the neighborhood (*Noted that contracts do not allow construction traffic in the neighborhood*)

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NORTH DRUID HILLS ROAD /
1-85 

NORTH DRUID HILLS ROAD /
TULLIE ROAD 

NORTH DRUID HILLS ROAD /
BRIARCLIFF ROAD 

POTENTIAL BRIARCLIFF ACCESS 

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- Unrestricted left turns along North Druid Hills and Briarcliff impede flow and create unsafe conditions – particularly in the retail areas near the intersection of Briarcliff and North Druid Hills
- Adequate lanes and consistent lanes need to be provided on Briarcliff
- Location of Tullie Rd/Executive Park Dr/North Druid Hills Rd intersection too close to on/off ramps (I-85) creates backups and issues that slow traffic flow
- Traffic on Briarcliff backs up (*Noted needs for Briarcliff improvements*)
- Consider circulation improvements at North Druid Hills and Briarcliff intersection

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NORTH DRUID HILLS ROAD /
I-85



CLAIRMONT ROAD /
I-85



CLAIRMONT ROAD /
BRIARCLIFF ROAD



NORTH DRUID HILLS ROAD /
BUFORD HIGHWAY



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- Timing modifications for the signal at Briarcliff and Clairmont would improve the flow and reduce backups on Briarcliff
- GDOT should look carefully at light timing on the Clairmont corridor
- Improve Briarcliff/La Vista intersection (*Noted that this was not previously mentioned and is likely beyond the scope our project impact*)
- Noted unsafe conditions and backups due to weaving at the frontage road and I-85 ramps at Clairmont intersection (*Noted Children's support for GDOT to make significant improvements at that intersection*)
- Briarcliff improvements/widening necessary to improve traffic flow in area