



Johns Creek

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Warren Hutmacher, City Manager
Date: February 26, 2018
Subject: **Monthly City Manager Report to Elected Officials – January 2018**

Presented within the framework of the Council's six strategic goals, this report provides progress updates and efforts for the month of January 2018. As requested by Council, a section has been added for noise abatement projects as well as several new or re-activated initiatives (such as the Taylor Road lighting installation). Additionally, to increase the functionality of the report, where feasible staff has added forecasts of major milestones to preview February's efforts in addition to January's accomplishments.

Transportation: Provide a comprehensive transportation network that facilitates ease of movement throughout the City.

Efforts to improve the City's transportation network and movement throughout the City included construction projects to fix operational and capacity issues that cause congestion, planning for potential construction projects, and planning for long-term improvements. Highlights/accomplishments include:

Active Construction:

- **Abbotts Bridge** (from Jones to Parsons):
 - What: this project widens Abbotts Bridge from Jones Bridge Road to Parsons Road
 - December Update: Contractor continued to work on the retaining wall, sidewalk, and curb.
 - January Update: Contractor C.W. Matthews completed the main retaining wall and poured sidewalks along the length of the project.
 - February Forecast: Contractor anticipates pouring concrete medians, resurfacing travel lanes, and beginning to add stacked stone face to main retaining wall.

- **Brumbelow Road** (from Mackinac Drive to Stoney River Drive):
 - What: this project adds a sidewalk and pedestrian bridge along Brumbelow Road filling in a gap from Mackinac Drive to Stoney River Drive and finishing a continuous sidewalk connection from

- Nesbit Ferry Road to Old Alabama Road and Newtown Park.
- November update: Contractor installed silt fencing (protecting the adjoining properties from runoff).
 - December Update: Contractor began to assemble the pedestrian bridge (off site).
 - January Update: Contractor completed the pedestrian bridge (off site).
 - February Forecast: Contractor CMES is anticipated to deliver the pedestrian bridge to the site.
- **Kimball Bridge Road** (from State Bridge Road to Jones Bridge):
 - What: this project widens Kimball Bridge Road (from State Bridge and Jones Bridge) from two to four lanes and also includes adding turn lanes and sidewalks.
 - November update: Contractor installed silt fence (protecting the adjoining properties from runoff).
 - December Update: Contractor began clearing trees and utility relocations.
 - January Update: Contractor began relocating utilities and installing new drainage.
 - February Forecast: Contractor Vertical Earth will continue to relocate utilities and installing new drainage. Some traffic shifts will be necessary as subsurface piping crosses travel lanes.
 - **Medlock Bridge at Abbotts Bridge** (turn lane extension)
 - What: this GDOT-managed project lengthens the turning lane from Medlock Bridge on to Abbotts
 - November update: Contractor Baldwin Paving contractor completed the paving and is waiting the striping contractor to install the final pavement markings.
 - December Update: Final pavement markings were installed; project complete.
 - **Parsons Road Sidewalks** (from Abbotts Bridge Road to Highgate Manor Court):
 - What: this project adds a sidewalk by filling in five gaps to create a continuous sidewalk connection along Parson Road from Abbotts Bridge Road to Highgate Manor Court.
 - December Update: Contractor installed silt fence (protecting the adjoining properties from runoff)
 - January Update: Contractor installed curb and gutter and sidewalk on first section of the project.
 - February Forecast: Contractor D & H Construction will continue to install curb and gutter and sidewalk on next section and install drainage pipe.
 - **Taylor Road Lighting**
 - What: This pilot project for improving pedestrian safety, added pedestrian lighting on the south side of Taylor Road from Edgemont Drive to Anclote Drive.
 - January Update: Georgia Power installed the lights (9 fixtures, 15 foot tall poles, full cutoff fixtures) and transformer. The lights were powered the final week of January. Project complete.

Planning for Potential Construction:

- **Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge Road**
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project would improve the intersection of Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge Road. Presently the engineering and design phase has been authorized.

- November update: Staff submitted preliminary design and environmental documentation to GDOT for review.
- December Update: GDOT requested additional information.
- January Update: Staff provided the requested information to GDOT.
- February Forecast: Staff will meet with GDOT and hope to receive approval to hold Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) on the project in March.

- **Bell/Boles Corridor**
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project would improve the Bell/Boles corridor with operational and safety improvements such as turn lanes, roundabouts, bridge improvements, and sidewalks. Council authorized only the engineering and design phase of this project.
 - November update: Staff received the 2017 traffic data and is awaiting the Cauley Creek concept designs to determine the traffic demand from the park to complete the future years.
 - December Update: Consultant received the concept design information for Cauley Creek and began finalizing the traffic study with that information.
 - January Update: Draft traffic study was submitted to staff and the information related to the park was shared as part of the January 30, 2018 Cauley Creek Park community meeting.
 - February Forecast: Staff will provide comments to revise and finalize the Traffic Study.

- **Haynes Bridge Road (from Mansell to Old Alabama)**
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project would widen Haynes Bridge (from Mansell to Old Alabama), add a median, and bicycle facilities.
 - January Update: Council authorized the engineering and design portion of this project at the January 22, 2018 Council Meeting.
 - February Forecast: Staff will meet with the engineering consultant to begin applying lessons learned from McGinnis Ferry project such as the need for solid concept renderings and options before meetings with neighborhoods and surrounding businesses (and before adopting the IGA with Alpharetta)

- **McGinnis Ferry (from Union Hill to Sargent)**
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project would widen McGinnis Ferry Road from Sargent to GA-400; the Johns Creek portion of the project is from Sargent to Union Hill Road. Council authorized only the engineering and design phase of the project at the September 25, 2017 Council Meeting
 - December Update: Staff submitted comments (to improve drainage plans to limit impacts on Johns Creek) to Forsyth County and their consultant Moreland Altobelli.
 - January Update: Staff awaited response from Forsyth.
 - February Forecast: Staff anticipates receiving a response from Forsyth.

- **New Road (from Bell Road to Johns Creek Parkway)**
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project would add a local connection from Bell Road to Johns

Creek Parkway. Council authorized only the engineering and design phase of the project at the November 27, 2017 Council Meeting.

- December Update: Staff met with Alcon and is evaluating suggestions they presented.
 - January Update: Staff met with Alcon again to discuss the incorporation of Alcon's suggestions.
 - February Forecast: Staff will analyze feedback received from Alcon and prior feedback received from the adjacent neighborhood to determine a balance between the different perspectives and priorities of these two major stakeholder groups.
- **Rogers Bridge** (pedestrian bridge/trail across the Chattahoochee River)
 - What: this Parks Bond funded project would replace the existing structurally unsound bridge with a replica that looks like the existing bridge but is structurally sound. An application for \$5M in federal funding was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission by the City of Duluth in May 2017.
 - December Update: ARC announced preliminary funding award of \$3.68M (official ARC vote on funding finalizes award amount and is expected in mid-March 2018)
 - January Updates: On January 16, ARC closed public comment on the preliminary funding without changing the funding award for Rogers Bridge. On January 25 staff met with project partners to discuss the construction logistics and overall plan. GDOT approved the concept.
 - February Forecast: Construction schedule and major milestones will be reviewed and construction project schedule will begin to take shape. Engineering is anticipated to begin in March.
 - **State Bridge** (from Medlock Bridge to the Chattahoochee River)
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project would widen State Bridge Road from the Whole Foods entrance to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett with a pedestrian bridge over the Chattahoochee. Council authorized only the engineering and design phase of this project at the September 25, 2017 Council Meeting
 - November update: Council authorized a contract with Michael Baker International for the engineering at the November 27, 2017 Council Meeting.
 - December Update: Consultant Michael Baker International began surveying for the project.
 - January Update: On January 22, 2018, Council approved an IGA with Gwinnett County allowing Johns Creek to lead the engineering effort on the pedestrian bridge that crosses the River with Gwinnett reimbursing the City for 50% of the costs (up to \$750K) for the pedestrian bridge.
 - February Forecast: Initial concept drawings will be prepared and public meetings will be scheduled for March.

Traffic Calming Improvements:

- **Falls at Autry Mill Subdivision**
 - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Falls at Autry Mill subdivision.

- January Update: Staff installed speed signs to gather data and collect information. The 85th percentile speed for drivers was 28 miles per hour (higher than the posted 25 mph but not excessive to the point of triggering the need for traffic calming per the adopted policy thresholds).
- February Forecast: Staff will meet with the neighborhood to review the collected information and findings.

- **Long Indian Creek Subdivision**
 - What: Residents reported issues with speeding and cut-through traffic on Long Indian Creek. After studying speed and volume, staff installed a number of interim traffic control measures (traffic circle, chicane, center island, intersection medians) in different configurations and then surveyed the residents regarding effectiveness.
 - December Update: The December Work Session discussion was postponed to January 2018.
 - January Update: Considering a majority of negative feedback to all interim traffic control measures except curve reflectors, all interim traffic calming measures (except curve reflectors) were removed from Long Indian Creek and the holes were patched/repared. At the January 8, 2018 Work Session, Council requested options for sidewalks and additional information about vertical traffic calming options used in surrounding communities.
 - February Forecast: Council will discuss both sidewalk options to improve pedestrian safety as well as vertical (speed bumps, humps, cushions, etc.) traffic calming mechanisms that could be added to the Traffic Calming Policy.

- **River Farm Subdivision**
 - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the River Farm subdivision.
 - January Update: No speed signs were available, but once data collection completed in other neighborhoods will be installed in River Farm.
 - February Forecast: Speed signs will be reinstalled to gather data and collect information.

- **Wellington Subdivision**
 - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Wellington subdivision.
 - December update: Staff installed speed signs and received feedback from the neighborhood that the location was less than ideal so the signs were removed and will be reinstalled.
 - January Update: Speed signs were reinstalled and additional data was collected.
 - February Forecast: Staff will pull the data from the collection and analyze the information.

Noise Abatement / Improvement Projects

- **Abbotts Bridge** (from Jones to Parsons):
 - What: This active construction project widens Abbotts Bridge (from Jones Bridge Road to Parsons Road). The majority of construction is anticipated to be completed in spring 2018. As a GDOT project, limited landscaping and no sound abatement is planned or budgeted at this time.

- January Update: At the January 22, 2018 Work Session, Council reviewed staff's recommendation for a double-sided wooden fence with acoustic matting and a mixture of landscaping trees on the outside of the road and median. Council indicated a consensus to invest in sound abatement and landscaping, and asked staff to begin design and prepare for a neighborhood engagement process.
- February Forecast: Staff will review the existing FY2018 Budget to find the needed \$50K for design funds and engage a consultant for design work.

- **McGinnis Ferry** (from Union Hill to Sargent)
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project is currently in engineering and design phase but preliminary meetings and discussions have indicated a potential need for noise abatement / improvement project.
 - Current Status: As reported above (on page 6), staff is awaiting feedback to drainage plans to refine the concept. Settling the concept for the road is a necessary precursor to a noise abatement / improvement project.

Planning Studies for Long-Term Improvements:

- **Master Transportation Plan**
 - What: companion document to the Comprehensive Plan – focused on projects within Johns Creek that can improve the transportation network.
 - November update: Staff/internal review between Community Development and Public Works
 - December Update: Public Works provided feedback to Community Development for incorporation.
 - January Update: Community Development staff worked on including the Master Transportation Plan in its entirety as an Appendix to the Comprehensive Plan.
 - February Forecast: The Master Transportation Plan will be released with the draft Comprehensive Plan on February 26, 2018.

- **North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan**
 - What: regional planning effort updates the 2010 plan between Sandy Springs, Roswell, Alpharetta, Milton, and Johns Creek; layers on top of the Master Transportation Plan as traffic does not follow city boundaries.
 - December Update: KHA began meeting with Councilors to further understand the feedback received in reaction to the draft plan presentation at the November 13, 2017 Mini Retreat.
 - January Update: KHA met with additional Councilors to gather feedback and comments.
 - February Forecast: Consultant Kimley Horn and Associates will return to the February 12, 2018 Work Session to review how the requested changes have been incorporated into the plan. At the February 26, 2018 Work Session, Council will review and discuss the Johns Creek projects within the NFCTP.

- **Fulton Transit Plan**

- What: larger regional planning effort – all of Fulton (outside the City of Atlanta) to consider transit (in its many forms) and regional transit picture. The plan recommends a mix of bus rapid transit and arterial rapid transit in both the northern and southern parts of the county.
- December Update: First draft released on December 14, 2017 at the monthly Fulton County Mayors Meeting and public input meetings scheduled in January.
- January Update: After four public input meetings to gather feedback to the draft plan, on January 29, 2018, Fulton County Commissioners met with Mayors and, with the notable exception of Johns Creek, expressed consensus in asking the General Assembly to call for a referendum to increase the sales tax to pay for the improvements. On January 30, 2018, Mayor Bodker released a statement imploring other Fulton County leaders to determine if the investments would deliver a measurable return on investment (in the form of congestion relief) before calling for a referendum and asking citizens to invest billions in a tax increase.
- February Forecast: Council is anticipated to discuss at a Work Session in February and potentially take formal action in terms of adopting a Resolution against taxation to expand transit in Fulton County.

Recreation and Parks: Ensure a complete recreation and parks system that aligns to the goals and needs of the community.

Efforts to ensure a complete recreation and parks system included a combination of recreation programming, park improvement project construction, and planning for future park construction projects. Highlights/accomplishments include:

Programming

- Park Place Programming* - 73 Classes/Programs offered, 755 participants
- Adaptive Recreation: Adaptive Recreation Bocce Ball – three events, 27 combined attendance
- Clubhouse Fitness Program - 8 weekly classes, 74 participants registered and 4 free classes (beginning of the year push to get more people participating) with 34 participants
- Rentals: 10 rentals of athletic fields, 10 rentals of pavilions, 2 rentals of tennis courts and 6 rentals of Newtown Clubhouse

*majority of programming held at the Newtown Clubhouse due to pipe bursting at Park Place (see below for renovation progress)

Renovation Project

- **Park Place – Renovation following flooding**
 - What: On January 18, 2018 a fire sprinkler/water line burst and flooded Park Place overnight.
 - January Update: Standing water was removed, floors dried, and damage remediated but the main meeting room floors buckled and had to be replaced. In the meantime, as many activities and programs as possible have been relocated to the Newtown Community Clubhouse.
 - February Forecast: Aiming for re-opening Park Place in late February.

Park Pre-Construction Projects

- **Autrey Mill – Farm Museum**
 - What: this renovation to Farm Museum addresses both asset maintenance of the historic structure as well as additions to open the building to the public as a working museum.
 - December Update: At the December 4, 2017 Council Meeting, Council approved expanding the project scope beyond asset maintenance using funding from the Parks Bond.
 - January Update: Bid documents were finalized with the approved project components.
 - February Forecast: The invitation to bid will be released on February 2 and bids will be due back on March 2, 2018.

- **Newtown Park – Trail Lighting Improvements**
 - What: this lighting installation would improve the visibility along the existing perimeter loop trail at Newtown Park from Field One to the Newtown Pond. The final lighting placement and shielding will be improved with feedback and involvement from the adjoining neighborhood (Chartwell).
 - December Update: Based on the feedback to the lighting demonstration (part of the 11/30/17 Tree and Dreidel Lighting), design began on the preliminary light placement and shielding.
 - January Update: Staff reviewed light specifications and discussed preliminary light placement with lighting consultant Musco.
 - February Forecast: Mid-February meeting anticipated with Musco to refine preliminary light placement. Anticipate schedule a meeting with Chartwell in March to finalize light placement.

- **Ocee Park – Additional Restroom**
 - What: this additional restroom would serve the lower fields at Ocee Park.
 - December Update: Hydrant flow test was conducted in early December.
 - January Update: Hydrant flow test was conducted for a second time as the original data from December was bad. Construction bid documents were finalized.
 - February Forecast: Invitation for bids will be released in February with bids due in March.

Planning for Future Park Construction:

- **Bell/Boles Pocket Park**
 - What: this 2-acre future park at the Bell-Boles Road roundabout is envisioned as a pastoral, orchard-themed passive park with a small parking lot, community garden, shade structures/pavilion, small playground area and small restroom facility
 - December Update: Construction documents approximately 40% complete.
 - January Update: Staff met with consultant Pond on January 26, 2018 to review the approximately 45% complete construction documents.
 - February Forecast: Anticipate documents to be 50% complete by the end of February.

- **Cauley Creek / Quail Hollow**
 - What: this combined roughly 200-acre future park off of Bell Road has direct frontage to the Chattahoochee River, adjacency to Rogers Bridge Trail and to-be-replaced bridge over the

Chattahoochee, and is situated between two National Park Service properties. Park planning remains in the preliminary concept/design stage. The City has hired Barge Design (formerly BWSC) to assist with the process.

- December Update: Staff worked with consultant BWSC to review the preliminary concept and plan for meaningful engagement with the community.
- January Update: A community meeting was held on January 30, 2018 to solicit input and community feedback to the preliminary concept for Cauley Creek combined with Quail Hollow. The preliminary concept includes four multi-purpose (rectangular) fields, two baseball diamonds, passive open play fields, a 3.1 mile trail (perfect 5K loop), a disc golf course, a dog park, pickleball and futsal courts, and other elements. The traffic study and analysis recommended installation of a roundabout at the park entrance and shielding to limit light trespass from proposed lighting. Approximately 65 residents attended the meeting and shared verbal and written feedback with staff and the consultants.
- February Forecast: Additional outreach will be conducted with neighborhoods adjacent and nearby Cauley Creek / Quail Hollow as well as citywide outreach through the website. Staff will reach out to HOA presidents and contacts in the area to set up additional meetings.

- **Linear Park**
 - What: this 20-acre linear park in Technology Park is anchored by two significant lakes that serve as retention facilities. The future park will lower the water level in the lakes in order to reclaim needed passive play areas that could be utilized for festivals, free play and other activities.
 - December Update: The purchase order for consultant was issued and contracts signed.
 - January Update: A kickoff meeting with consultant Clark Patterson Lee was held on January 9, 2018 and work on construction documents. The construction documents were approximately 20% complete at the end of January.
 - February Forecast: Staff will meet with Clark Patterson Lee in early February to review progress and anticipates meeting again in late February. Construction documents are anticipated to be 30% complete by the end of February.

- **Morton Road Neighborhood Park**
 - What: this 4-acre future park at East Morton Road, east of the northerly intersection with State Bridge, is envisioned as a neighborhood park with a small splash pad, pavilion, picnic shelters, rubber-surfaced earth mounds, open play area, multi-use path and half-court basketball.
 - December Update: Construction documents approximately 30% complete.
 - January Update: Staff met with consultant Pond on January 26, 2018 to review the approximately 40% complete construction documents.
 - February Forecast: Hydrology study will be conducted to determine what, if any, water detention facilities are needed within the park and advance the construction documents.

- **State Bridge Pocket Park**
 - What: this 4-acre future park at State Bridge, south of the intersection with Windsor Park Drive is

envisioned as a passive, nature-themed park with elevated walkways including a canopy walk and picnic areas.

- December Update: Construction documents were approximately 20% complete in December.
- January Update: Staff met with consultant Pond on January 26, 2018 to review the approximately 30% complete construction documents.
- February Forecast: Construction documents are anticipated to be 35% complete by the end of February.

- **Parks Advisory Committee**

- What: this 15 member committee of citizens is envisioned as a sounding board for regular community feedback on planned improvements to the recreation and parks system.
- November Update: At the November 13, 2017 Council reached consensus the Mayor should not wait any longer for final nominees from Councilors and propose a full committee for confirmation.
- December Update: Mayor reviewing nominations for committee members.
- January Update: Mayor finalized his nominees for the committee.
- February Forecast: Appointments to be made at the February 12, 2018 Council Meeting.

Economic Development: Implement a holistic economic development plan approach that addresses infrastructure, workforce, community, and land development needs.

Efforts to implement the economic development plan were co-led by City staff and Johns Creek Advantage. Highlights/accomplishments include:

- **City Hall (Lakefield Drive)**

- What: in February 2017, the City announced the purchase of address Lakefield Drive to serve as a City Hall / Municipal Complex – combining the current leased spaces for City Hall, fire administration, police, and court – into a single owned building. Based on the experiences of surrounding cities, investment into a City Hall building will have a positive halo effect type of economic development in the surrounding area (in this case – Technology Park).
- December Update: Council hired Balfour-Beatty as construction manager at-risk to oversee and manage the construction at the December 4, 2017 Council Meeting.
- January Update: Staff worked with the construction manager and architect on the floor plan, building façade, and construction schedule. At the end of January the floor plan was approximately 50% complete.
- February Forecast: Floor plan will be finalized. Staff will work with construction manager and architect on exterior façade and schematic pricing components for the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

- **iHeartJohnsCreek Initiative**

- What: a citizen-led initiative to focus implementation of the Strategic Economic Development Plan

through the lens of healthcare and wellness and embrace that as part of the City's identity.

- December Update: Councilman Broadbent worked with Anand Thacker, the citizen leading the iHeartJC initiative, to address feedback from Council to the June 2017 presentation and led a Council discussion at the December Work Session.
- January Update: Councilman Broadbent and Councilwoman Endres worked with Mr. Thacker to draft a Resolution by which the Council could formally support focusing economic development efforts through the lens of health and wellness.
- February Forecast: Council will discuss at a Work Session in February and potentially adopt at the second Council Meeting in February.

- **Johns Creek Advantage**

- What: Johns Creek Advantage has served as the City's economic development arm since 2013.
- November Update: Johns Creek Advantage CEO, Courtney Bernardi submitted her resignation and her last day is November 30, 2017.
- December Update: In light of the Executive Director of JCA leaving, City staff is working to ensure continuation of day-to-day operations (recruitment and retention of businesses).
- January Update: On January 25, 2018 the JCA Board of Directors conducted their Board Retreat.
- February Forecast: The JCA Board will contract with the Pendleton Group for economic development assistance on an interim basis.

- **Strategic Economic Development Plan (SEDP) Implementation**

- What: in February 2016 Council adopted the Strategic Economic Development Plan (SEDP) to help the city identify and implement strategies to foster a successful business environment.
- November Update: At the November 13, 2017 Mini Retreat/ Work Shop, staff provided Council an update on progress SEDP plan implementation.
- December Update: majority of SEDP initiatives hinge upon adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan (re-draft released to the Citizen Advisory Committee in January).
- January Update: Comprehensive Plan re-draft released to the Citizen Advisory Committee.
- February Forecast: Comprehensive Plan re-draft anticipated to be presented to Council in February.

Additionally, Fulton County continues work on the re-use water project.

- **Barnwell Road and Holcomb Bridge Road Re-Use Water Line**

- What: this Fulton-managed project installs a reuse water main on Boles Road, Barnwell Road, and Old Alabama Road to allow for reactivation of the reuse water system.
- November Update: Contractor Reynolds Construction shifted to night work along Barnwell and Holcomb Bridge to lessen the impact of delays on the traveling public.
- December Update: Ductile iron pipe is being installed at night with paving occurring during the day.
- January Update: Fulton County concluded overnight work installing pipe on Barnwell and Holcomb Bridge roads and approximately 80% of the resurfacing of the roadways was completed.
- February Forecast: Crews will resurface Barnwell Road (which will cause lane closures and delays on Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Right of way will be returned to preconstruction

conditions and the City is working with adjacent homeowners on attractive screening and landscaping for the exposed above ground pipe crossing a roadside creek.

Government Efficiency: Develop an innovative and cost-effective approach to exceptional service delivery.

Efforts to develop an innovative and cost-effective approach to exceptional service delivery cross departments and can be seen throughout the City's service areas. Highlights/accomplishments include:

Innovations for Exceptional Service Delivery:

• **Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures**

- What: Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM) is the gathering of high-resolution data from advanced signal controllers and detection devices in the field. GDOT began doing ATSPM in 2017 as an effort to better regulate, manage, and evaluate the system. Their system can be accessed online at: <https://traffic.dot.ga.gov/ATSPM/>. Johns Creek has been gathering ATSPM data since 2012 with the Council's approval of the Centrac system purchase and subsequent Intelligent Traffic System upgrades as a tool to improve our traffic signal performance.
- January Update: The North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan (NFCTP) includes mention of the ATSPM effort and encourages coordinated efforts.
- February Forecast: As part of the February 12, 2018 Council discussion of the NFCTP, Council requested additional information about the ATSPM program.

• **Budget – GFOA Presentation**

- What: Rather than just check the box with the adopted FY2018 Budget, the Communications Department took the adopted FY2018 Budget and reformatted to address GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) criteria and add context within the City's broader goals and efforts.
- December Update: Staff completed the GFOA Budget presentation and submitted it for judging.
- Current Status: GFOA takes an average of four to six months to review a GFOA Budget submission. Results are anticipated between April and June 2018.

• **Finance Innovation – 10-Year Financial Model**

- What: In 2016 Council challenged staff to think beyond annual budgets and develop a 10-year forecast which with budget and scenario testing could be completed to consider long-range impacts of policy decisions and alternatives. Programming, development, and integration of the 10-Year Financial Model continues as Council considers new policy choices.
- January Update: The 10-year financial model has been updated related to operational and maintenance costs for future parks based on the preliminary concepts/drafts. As plans for the parks are finalized the model will be updated further.
- February Forecast: With the January 22, 2018 contract for land for a fourth fire station, the construction, operational, and maintenance costs will be revisited and updated within the 10-year

model.

- **Traffic Signal Monitoring Improvements – Pilot Project on State Bridge Road**

- What: Staff is working with company Applied Information to conduct a pilot program to test automated/connected vehicle technology along State Bridge Road. The intersection status and monitoring system devices were installed on three intersections along State Bridge (intersections of State Bridge/Medlock Bridge, State Bridge/Target/Publix, and State Bridge/Medlock Bridge Crossing).
- December Update: Staff is working with Applied Information to test the signal monitoring capabilities and related connected vehicle applications.
- January Update: The signal monitoring devices began broadcasting signal timing information to the Travel Safety Application. The broadcasting is in beta stage for testing and fine tuning will follow.
- February Forecast: Beta testing and fine tuning on the application expected throughout February.

- **Waze and Responding to Incidents**

- What: In 2015 the City partnered with Waze, the world's largest crowd-sourced traffic navigation application. The City continues to share real-time road closure and construction information with Waze to help drivers improve their commute. In 2016 the City shared business locations so that Waze users could also search and navigate to businesses in Johns Creek.
- Current Status: A newer innovation in the Waze partnership is as drivers report accidents and incidents, the Traffic Control Center now receives an e-mail alert allowing the City to pull up the area on the screens at the Traffic Control Center and dispatch the Traffic Response Vehicle to assist. Similarly, as drivers report potholes or roadway challenges, the Traffic Control Center receives an e-mail alert so we can address those issues with our maintenance efforts.

Cost-Effective Efforts for Service Delivery:

- **Building Permit Requirements**

- What: As a feedback loop to further inform potential changes to building permit and fee requirements, at the October 16 Work Session staff agreed to Council's suggestion of hosting a community summit to gather additional feedback as to which projects should or should not require a building permit.
- November Update: Council requested the summit not be held until after the 2017 holiday season.
- January Update: Staff began planning for a summit in early February but to allow for additional advertising settled on March 5, 2018.
- February Forecast: Staff will refocus advertising efforts, prepare the introductory presentation, and plan for feedback mechanism and opportunities.

- **Insourcing Community Development**

- What: Effective October 1, 2017 the City insourced the Community Development Department (previously provided by contract) in an effort to increase continuity, match the City's strategic direction, and to achieve cost savings.
- November Update: Three of the new employees (Planner III and two Land Development Inspectors) started in November.

- December Update: The final two team members (a Planner II position and a Planning Coordinator) started in December. As of December 11, 2017 the Department was fully staffed.
- January Update: Our new Land Development Manager started on January 31, 2018; Department is again fully staffed.

Public Safety: Provide leading levels of public safety.

Efforts to provide leading levels of public safety are led by the Fire Department and Police Department.

• **Fire Engine Push-in Ceremony**

- What: In FY2017 the City budgeted for its first replacement on a fire engine (all current engines and trucks were purchased with the original department and are ten years old). After roughly a year of assembly and manufacturing, the 32-foot long custom Pierce Enforcer Pumper has 2,000 gallons per minute pump capacity and weighs more than 38,000 pounds.
- January Update: Straight from the Pierce manufacturer, the Fire Department received the engine and completed an intense final delivery inspection.
- February Forecast: On February 15, 2018 a “push-in” ceremony (tradition of Fire Department personnel moving the truck into the fire station) before the new fire engine is put into service.

• **Fire – Station #64**

- What: Council reached consensus in 2017 to move forward with efforts to add a fourth fire station in an effort to improve response time. The FY2018 Budget was adopted with \$392,514 for land acquisition and \$250,000 for design and engineering for the proposed station.
- January Update: On January 22, 2018 Council approved entering a Purchase and Sale Agreement which put 1.8 acres at 4795 Kimball Bridge Road under contract for \$379,000. During the 60-day “free look” the City will conduct the necessary due diligence.
- February Forecast: Due diligence activities started including the phase I, survey, title insurance, appraisal, engineering feasibility and financial modeling for capital and operations.

• **Staffing**

- Police: Two vacancies exist. 2 Police Officer candidates are in the final stages of recruitment.
- Fire: One vacancy. Interviews to be conducted in February.

• **Hands Free Device Legislation**

- Staff reviewed the City of Smyrna ordinance prohibiting the use of handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle
- HB 673 in the Georgia General Assembly is moving through the legislative process. This is a statewide bill that would set the parameters for prohibiting the use of handheld devices will operating a motor vehicle. Staff recommends holding off on any local ordinances until the General Assembly either takes action or does not move forward.

Sense of Community: Preserve our residential character and enhance our sense of community.

Efforts to preserve the residential character and enhance the sense of community are mostly spearheaded by the Community Development Department and Communications Department. Highlights/accomplishments include:

- **Car Seat Check-up**

- What: Children under eight must ride in an approved child restraint system. Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that 59 percent of car seats are not installed correctly. In an effort to keep kids safe, for years the Johns Creek Fire Department has had at least one certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (currently has 17) and offered car seat check-ups to demonstrate and educate parents on proper car seat installation.
- January Update: Interested parents or caregivers scheduled appointments through the website (<https://www.johnscreekgov.com/Services-Resources/Forms/Fire/Install-Car-Seat.aspx>) to meet with a certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians and learn about proper installation.
- February Forecast: The Fire Department will host a Car Seat Check-up event on Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Fire Station 61, 10265 Medlock Bridge Parkway.

- **Comprehensive Plan Update**

- What: The Comprehensive Plan is the foundational planning document for the City – setting a vision of what the community wants to be like for the next ten years. The Community Development Department is leading the process to update the original 2008 Comprehensive Plan the assistance of community feedback and guidance from the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). In October staff began re-drafting the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the public comments and CAC feedback received since the original draft was released in June 2017.
- December Update: Staff completed the body of the redrafted Comprehensive Plan and circulated for internal review.
- January Update: The draft was presented to the Citizen Advisory Committee and further refined to reflect their comments and feedback.
- February Forecast: presentation to the Mayor and Council is anticipated at the February 26, 2018 Council Meeting to discuss releasing the draft for public feedback and further community involvement.

- **International Festival**

- What: The International Festival is a celebration of the best traditional food, music, and art from around the world. The inaugural event will be held on April 21, 2018 at the Atlanta Athletic Club's Heisman Field. The Communications Department is working with Leadership Johns Creek and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to plan for the International Festival.
- December Update: First sponsorships were received for the festival.

- January Update: 19 food vendors (including Indian, Japanese, Hungarian, Mexican, American, Irish, Mediterranean, Thai, and Cajun), 49 performers, 23 retail vendors, and 11 sponsors have been secured.
- February Forecast: With the deadline for applications for performers on March 2, deadline for food vendors on March 9, and deadline for sponsorships on March 16, additional applications are anticipated in February.

- **Walk to School Wednesday**
 - What: Walking and biking to school can be correlated with healthier students, quieter streets, and more connected neighborhoods. Starting as a pilot program at Dolvin and Ocee Elementary Schools, with a vision to grow throughout Johns Creek, students have been participating in “Walk to School Wednesdays.”
 - January Update: To identify walking barriers and potential improvements, Walk Audits were conducted at both Dolvin and Ocee Elementary.
 - February Forecast: “Walk to School Wednesdays” are anticipated to continue in February and for the rest of the school year. The City will help spread the word on Facebook and other social media outlets.