



Johns Creek

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Warren Hutmacher, City Manager
Date: May 21, 2018
Subject: **Monthly City Manager Report to Elected Officials – April 2018**

Presented within the framework of the Council's six strategic goals, this report provides progress updates and efforts for the month of April 2018. Additionally, where feasible staff has added forecasts of major milestones to preview May's efforts.

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: Contractor C.W. Matthews is widening Abbotts Bridge from Jones Bridge to Parsons Road
 - March Update: Contractor completed the stacked stone face on the main retaining wall, continued to pour sidewalk and curb, and installed storm drains and sod.
 - April Update: Contractor installed roughly 100 Leyland cypress trees and continued to pour sidewalk and curb.
 - May Forecast: Contractor will begin storm drain work along the median, continue sidewalk and curb work, and resurface the outer travel lanes.

- **Brumbelow Road** (from Mackinac Drive to Stoney River Drive):
 - What: Contractor CMES is adding sidewalk and a pedestrian bridge along Brumbelow Road filling in a gap from Mackinac Drive to Stoney River Drive. This completes a continuous sidewalk connection from Nesbit Ferry Road to Old Alabama Road and Newtown Park.

- March Update: Contractor poured concrete for the headwall; relocated and repaired water meters; and graded for the sidewalk leading up to where the pedestrian bridge would be placed.
- April Update: Contractor placed the pedestrian bridge, installed guardrails and handrails.
- May Forecast: Contractor will pour curb and sidewalk up to the placed bridge and install new catch basins and pipe.

- **Kimball Bridge Road** (from State Bridge Road to Jones Bridge):
 - What: Contractor Vertical Earth is widening Kimball Bridge Road (from State Bridge and Jones Bridge) from two to four lanes and adding turn lanes and sidewalks.
 - March Update: Contractor began pouring curb and median, backfilled on curb areas, built storm drain boxes, and installed pipe.
 - April Update: Contractor coordinated with Fulton County to swap over water service to the new mainline, installed conduit for lighting, and formed / poured footings for walls.
 - May Forecast: Contractor will build a retaining wall along the Ashlee Oaks neighborhood and add structural crushed concrete fill to level the roadbed for the new lane.

- **Parsons Road Sidewalks** (from Abbots Bridge Road to Highgate Manor Court):
 - What: Contractor D & H Construction is adding sidewalk to fill in five existing gaps along Parsons Road, creating a continuous sidewalk connection from Abbots Bridge to Highgate Manor Court.
 - March Update: Contractor installed stormwater lines and structures, began grading for sidewalk, and placed forms for concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk.
 - April Update: Contractor installed permanent handrail and began the midblock crossing.
 - May Forecast: Contractor will form and pour the mid-block crossing.

- **Rogers Circle Sidewalk** (from Bell Road to Shakerag Park):
 - What: Contractor D & H Construction is adding sidewalk to fill the gap along Rogers Circle, creating a continuous sidewalk connection from Bell Road to Shakerag Park and Schools.
 - April Update: Contractor installed silt fence and began drainage work.
 - May Forecast: Contractor will form and pour curb and gutter.

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

- **Barnwell Road and Holcomb Bridge Road Re-Use Water Line**
 - What: for this Fulton-managed project, contractor Reynolds Construction is installing a reuse water main on Boles Road, Barnwell Road, and Old Alabama Road for reactivation of the reuse water system.
 - March Update: Crews adjusted valves, installed bridge screening and monument signs, graded shoulders, and backfilled pavement.
 - April Update: Contractor adjusted manholes, installed locks for the truss bridge, and replaced tuff curb.
 - May Forecast: The project will reach substantial completion and minor punch list items will be addressed.

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. Council has authorized the engineering and design phase.
 - March Update: Staff scheduled the Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) meeting with GDOT.
 - April Update: Staff held the Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) meeting with GDOT on April 12, 2018. GDOT visited the site with staff, reviewed the engineering plans, and verified issues were addressed in the construction documents.
 - May Forecast: Staff will receive preliminary right-of-way plans from the consultant.

- **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 has authorized the engineering and design phase of this project.
 - March Update: Staff received the traffic study for the corridor.
 - April Update: Staff prepared an explanatory memo to help summarize the results of the traffic study and outline the overall approach for the corridor improvements.
 - May Forecast: Staff will publish the memo and traffic study and begin to gather community feedback by scheduling a neighborhood meeting for the corridor project.

- **Haynes Bridge Road (from Mansell to Old Alabama)**
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project would widen Haynes Bridge (Mansell to Old Alabama) and may accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. Council has authorized the engineering and design phase of this project. An IGA with Alpharetta has not yet been considered. Lowe Engineers has been contracted to assist with the engineering phase.
 - March Update: Contractor began gathering traffic data and field survey information.
 - April Update: Contractor completed the initial gathering of traffic data and field survey information to use in preparing the preliminary concept.
 - May Forecast: Contractor will prepare the preliminary concept based on the traffic data, field survey, and project components.

- **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 the engineering and design phase of this project.
 - March Update: Staff received updated plans from Forsyth, which incorporated the comments in relation to footprint of the roadway, but have yet to address drainage comments. Staff reviewed the updated plans and prepared additional comments.
 - April Update: The City Manager met with the County Manager on April 19, 2018 to reiterate the partnership and confirm Forsyth agreed to Johns Creek's design changes. As a result of the meeting, the design plans were updated on the County's website and the original concept plan was removed to reduce confusion. Work continued on drainage plans for the project.

- May Forecast: Forsyth County's contractor Moreland Altobelli will continue to work on the drainage plans and Forsyth will continue to push Moreland Altobelli to incorporate Johns Creek's drainage comments into the drainage plans. GDOT will complete the Value Engineering study and a meeting will be scheduled between Forsyth, Alpharetta, and Johns Creek to determine which recommendations will be incorporated in the final concept.

- **New Road** (from Bell Road to Technology Park)
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project would add a local connection from Bell Road to Technology Park. Council authorized the engineering / design phase of this project.
 - March Update: Staff met with Alcon to discuss the incorporation of their feedback.
 - April Update: Staff revised the concept and evaluated alternatives to balance the needs of Alcon and the adjacent neighborhood.
 - May Forecast: Staff will meet with Alcon again to discuss the incorporation of their feedback. Staff will schedule a meeting with the adjacent neighborhood to discuss preliminary concepts.

- **Rogers Bridge** (pedestrian bridge/trail across the Chattahoochee River)
 - What: In partnership with Duluth, Gwinnett, Fulton, and the National Park Service, this project will replace the existing structurally unsound bridge with a structurally sound replica.
 - March Update: The State Historic Preservation Office reviewed findings from GDOT's Office of Environmental Services and determined the existing bridge is historically eligible.
 - April Update: Staff and project partners revisited the project to begin determining how the timeline, scope, and costs are extended by the new historical designation.
 - May Forecast: Staff and project partners will begin the Federal Highway Administration permitting process codified in 23 U.S.C. § 138 and 49 U.S.C. § 303 or more commonly referred to as 4F (for its origination in Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966).

- **State Bridge** (from Medlock Bridge to the Chattahoochee River)
 - What: this TSPLOST funded project will widen State Bridge Road from four lanes to six lanes (from the Whole Foods entrance to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett) with a pedestrian bridge over the Chattahoochee. Council authorized the engineering / design phase of this project.
 - March Update: Staff reviewed the preliminary concept with the adjacent Ammersee neighborhood on March 21, 2018 and gathered feedback to improve the concept.
 - April Update: Staff met with Macy's (closest business) on April 18, 2018 to review the preliminary concept and gather feedback.
 - May Forecast: Staff will refine the preliminary concept based on the initial feedback received from the Ammersee neighborhood and Macy's.

Traffic Calming Improvements:

- **Traffic Calming Policy**
 - What: To provide a consistent approach and add clarity to the process to address speeding in neighborhoods, on March 13, 2017 the City adopted a Traffic Calming Policy. Although Council's

discussion included a “toolbox” of appropriate traffic calming devices, the “toolbox” of traffic calming devices was inadvertently left out of the policy upon adoption.

- March Update: Based on Council's February discussion of traffic calming measures, staff prepared an amendment to the list of traffic calming options to accompany the Traffic Calming Policy.
- April Update: Considering Council feedback at the April 9, 2018 Work Session to a preliminary draft, at the April 23, 2018 Work Session, staff presented a version of the Traffic Calming Policy correcting minor Scrivener's errors and incorporating a list of traffic calming devices.
- May Forecast: Council will consider the revised Traffic Calming Policy incorporating a list of traffic calming devices at the May 9, 2018 Council Meeting.

- **Azure Drive Neighborhood**

- What: Residents reported issues with speeding on Azure Drive.
- March Update: Speed signs were installed to gather data and collect information. Information was collected in stealth mode from March 27 – April 3.
- April Update: Data was gathered in active mode from April 3 – April 11. The 85th percentile speed for drivers was 26 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). Staff sent a letter to the neighborhood with the results.
- May Forecast: Staff will await feedback from the neighborhood.

- **Buice Road – Speed Table Removal**

- What: Prior to incorporation, speed tables were installed on Buice Road (from Jones Bridge to Kimball Bridge) for traffic calming. The speed tables do not meet design standards; vehicles traveling the posted speed limit (25 mph) may incur damage. Speed advisory signs recommending 20 mph are posted. Following discussion with Council in December 2017, staff gathered feedback from the Pinewalk neighborhood and then worked with a consultant for a preliminary design (textured concrete, chicanes, and mini-roundabouts).
- March Update: Staff received the preliminary concept based on neighborhood feedback and cost estimate of \$450K - \$950K (depending if textured concrete is included).
- April Update: Staff reached out to the City of Alpharetta (as the Pinewalk neighborhood is in Alpharetta) to gauge the possibility of sharing the cost for the project.
- May Forecast: The City Manager will meet with the City Manager of Alpharetta to discuss the project and potential cost sharing on May 16, 2018.

- **Cameron Forrest**

- What: Residents reported issues with speeding in Cameron Forrest.
- April Update: Speed signs were installed to gather data and collect information but one of the solar panels was stolen from a sign. Staff ordered a replacement solar panel.
- May Forecast: Staff will repair the sign and re-install them to gather data and collect information.

- **Falls at Autry Mill Subdivision**

- What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Falls at Autry Mill subdivision.
- March Update: Data gathered from the second posting of the speed signs again showed 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).
- April Update: Staff sent a letter to the neighborhood with the results.
- May Forecast: Staff will await feedback from the neighborhood.

- **Foxworth Subdivision**
 - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Foxworth subdivision.
 - February Update: Speed signs were installed to gather data and collect information.
 - March Update: The 85th percentile speed for drivers was 29 miles per hour (higher than the posted 25 mph but not excessive to the point of triggering the need for traffic calming per the policy).
 - April Update: Staff sent a letter to the neighborhood with the results.
 - May Forecast: Staff will await feedback from the neighborhood.

- **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. Interim measures were removed in January.
 - March Update: Based on Council's February discussion of sidewalk options and vertical traffic calming to improve pedestrian safety, staff prepared an amendment to Traffic Calming Policy.
 - April Update: Staff reached out to Kennesaw State University for assistance in drafting a survey that could be used to gather feedback from the neighborhood related to sidewalk options.
 - May Forecast: Staff anticipates receiving a draft survey from Kennesaw State University.

- **River Farm Subdivision**
 - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the River Farm subdivision.
 - March Update: Speed signs will gather data and collect in active mode from March 23-March 30.
 - April Update: Data gathered from the signs indicated 85th percentile speed for drivers was 29 miles per hour (higher than the posted 25 mph but not excessive to the point of triggering the need for traffic calming per the policy).
 - May Forecast: Staff will send a letter to the neighborhood with the results.

- **Silver Ridge Subdivision**
 - What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Silver Ridge subdivision.
 - March Update: Staff sent in for parts to repair three damaged speed signs (other signs out in neighborhoods).
 - April Update: Staff received chargers and other necessary parts to repair the damaged signs and installed the repaired signs in the Silver Ridge subdivision from April 3 – April 26, 2018.
 - May Forecast: Staff will collect the data from the speed signs and analyze the results.

- **Wellington Subdivision**

- What: Residents reported issues with speeding in the Wellington subdivision.
- March Update: The data collected from the speed sign showed the 85th percentile speed for drivers was 31 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). Staff prepared a letter for the neighborhood.
- April Update: A letter was sent out to the neighborhood with the results.
- May Forecast: Staff will await feedback from the neighborhood.

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.
- March Update: Consultant Lowe Engineers began reviewing surveys and road construction plans to draw concepts for sound abatement and landscaping along this state route.
- April Update: Construction contractor C.W. Matthews installed roughly 100 Leyland cypress trees (the limited landscaping included in the active construction project).
- May Forecast: Staff will schedule a neighborhood meeting to discuss the preliminary concepts with the eleven neighborhoods along the project.

- **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.
- Current Status: Staff is continues to work with Forsyth County to ensure the City's feedback to drainage plans will be incorporated (see page 3). Settling the concept for the road and drainage is a necessary precursor to scoping the noise abatement project.

- **Medlock Bridge** (from Medlock Crossing Parkway to St. Ives Country Club Parkway)

- What: Capacity improvements on Medlock Bridge is a TSPLOST funded project that Council has not authorized for concept/engineering. In February 2017, Council discussed a first phase of this larger project (restriping the section of Medlock Bridge from Medlock Crossing Parkway to St. Ives Country Club Parkway) and reached consensus for a sound study to be done of current conditions to set a baseline. Sound measurement were taken in the spring of 2017 to set a baseline.
- Current Status: Project is currently on hold pending further discussion by Council. Engineering will not begin without further Council authorization.

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 and is included as an Appendix to the redrafted

Comprehensive Plan.

- March Update: Five of the eight additional community area meetings were held in March (Tech Park, River Estates, Medlock, Autrey Mill, and Johns Creek North) gathering feedback on transportation elements in the Comprehensive Plan.
 - April Update: Three additional community area meetings and one overall meetings took place in April (Ocee, Shakerag, Newtown).
 - May Forecast: The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet to review the community input to the draft Comprehensive Plan including a significant amount of feedback related to transportation.
- **North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan**
 - What: regional planning effort updates the 2010 plan between Sandy Springs, Roswell, Alpharetta, Milton, Mountain Park, and Johns Creek; layers on top of the Master Transportation Plan and considers regional significance of major transportation corridors.
 - March Update: At both Work Sessions in March 2018 Council adjusted the Johns Creek project list – replacing “widening” with “capacity improvements” and removing several projects.
 - April Update: At the April 23, 2018 Council Meeting Council approved the Plan with the original project list and modifications to the project descriptions (replacing the term “widening” with “capacity improvements”).
 - May Forecast: The adopted Plan and adopting Resolutions from each of the partner cities will be transmitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission.
 - **Fulton Transit Plan / HB 930**
 - 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. Council adopted a Resolution against taxation to expand transit in Fulton County on March 12, 2018.
 - March Update: HB 930 created an Atlanta-region Transit Link “ATL” Authority and allows Fulton to call for a referendum, if cities constituting 70% of the population agree, the voters would decide on up to 0.2% sales tax in 0.05% increments over 10-30 years for transit projects.
 - April Update: The bill was be sent to Governor Deal and his office announced plans for a signing ceremony on May 3, 2018.
 - May Forecast: Representatives from Fulton County and MARTA agreed to attend the May 9, 2018 Work Session to discuss the Fulton Transit Plan and HB 930 with the Council.

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:

Special Events

- Pitch, Hit & Run – April 14, 2018 at Ocee Park. Approximately 18 attendees participated in the different competitions. Winners were recognized at the April 23, 2018 Council Meeting.

Programming

- Park Place Programming: 123 classes/programs offered, 1,195 participants
- Adaptive Recreation: Adaptive Recreation Bocce Ball: 2 events, 23 combined attendance
- Clubhouse Fitness Program: 10 weekly classes, 91 participants registered
- Free Outdoor Fitness: 3 classes, 73 participants
- Rentals: 37 rentals of athletic (grass) fields, 22 rentals of athletic (turf) fields, 39 rentals of pavilions, 5 rentals of tennis courts and 9 rentals of Newtown Clubhouse

Renovation and Construction Projects

- **Park Place – Renovation following flooding**
 - What: On January 18, 2018, a fire sprinkler/water line burst and flooded Park Place overnight. During the ensuing renovation, as many activities and programs as possible were relocated to the Newtown Community Clubhouse. Renovations were completed in February.
 - March Update: Full detailed clean of the building completed mid-March with soft opening of Park Place on March 21, 2018 with full re-opening at the end of March.
 - April Update: Normal operations resumed.
- **Autrey Mill – Farm Museum**
 - What: this renovation to Farm Museum addresses both asset maintenance of the historic structure as well as improvements to open the building to the public as a working museum.
 - March Update: Bids were received on March 2, 2018 and Council awarded the construction contract to Peachtree Construction Services at the March 12, 2018 Council Meeting.
 - April Update: By the end of April the project was 50% complete including framing and roofing.
 - May Forecast: The contractor will install windows, insulation, and drywall. By the end of May the project is expected to be 90% complete.

Park Pre-Construction Projects

- **Trail Lighting Pilot Project**
 - What: the FY2018 Budget included \$80K for a trail lighting pilot project. Originally proposed to improve visibility along the existing perimeter loop trail at Newtown Park, the project currently under investigation is for trail lighting in Ocee Park.
 - March Update: Staff met with Musco on March 22, 2018 to review the refined preliminary light placement and scheduled a meeting with the adjoining Chartwell neighborhood.
 - April Update: A meeting with the adjacent Chartwell neighborhood was held on April 11, 2018 to gather feedback. At the April 23, 2018 Work Session, the Council reached consensus to not pursue the project any further at Newtown but shift to a pilot trail lighting project in another park.

- May Forecast: Staff will investigate a pilot trail lighting improvement project at Ocee Park by conducting a site visit and requesting a preliminary light placement from Musco.
- **Ocee Park – Additional Restroom**
 - What: this additional restroom would serve the lower fields at Ocee Park. The scope is divided between site construction (water, sewer connections, site preparation) and restroom construction.
 - March Update: Bids were received in March but due to the low number of responses, staff combined the two project elements and re-released for bids.
 - April Update: No bids were received by the deadline (April 26, 2018).
 - May Forecast: Staff will approach the low bidder to the initial ITB – Precision Landscape Management.

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
 - March Update: End of March, construction documents were approximately 60% complete.
 - April Update: The consultant began to update the cost estimates for the park build out.
 - May Forecast: Consultant Pond will complete the cost estimates to accompany the 60% construction documents.
- **Cauley Creek / Quail Hollow**
 - What: this combined roughly 200-acre future park off Bell Road (with direct frontage to the Chattahoochee River) was acquired with a combination of accumulated General Fund dollars and park bond funds. The City has hired Barge Design (formerly BWSC) to assist with the process. The initial concept was presented at a community meeting on January 30, 2018.
 - March Update: The first neighborhood outreach meeting was scheduled for March 19, 2018 but cancelled at the last minute by the HOA.
 - April Update: Two neighborhood outreach meetings (Quail Hollow and Old Taylor Farms) were conducted in April to gather additional feedback to the preliminary concept plan.
 - May Forecast: A community meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018 to review and discuss the revised concept. The revisions to the concept are based on feedback from the initial community meeting in January and the subsequent neighborhood 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.
 - March Update: End of March, construction documents were approximately 35% complete.
 - April Update: End of April, construction documents were approximately 45% complete.

- May Forecast: Staff will meet with consultant Clark Patterson Lee again in May to review progress.
- **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.
 - March Update: End of March, construction documents were approximately 60% complete.
 - April Update: The consultant began to update the cost estimates for the park build out.
 - May Forecast: Consultant Pond will complete the cost estimates to accompany the 60% construction documents.
- **State Bridge Pocket Park**
 - What: this 4-acre future park at State Bridge, (south of Windsor Park Drive) is envisioned as a passive, nature-themed park with elevated walkways including a canopy walk and picnic areas.
 - March Update: End of March, construction documents were approximately 60% complete.
 - April Update: The consultant began to update the cost estimates for the park build out.
 - May Forecast: Consultant Pond will complete the cost estimates to accompany the 60% construction documents.
- **Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee**
 - What: this 15-member committee of citizens was appointed at the February 12, 2018 Council Meeting to serve as a sounding board for regular community feedback on planned improvements to the recreation and parks system.
 - March Update: The committee was welcomed with a letter from the Mayor and staff set up a regular monthly meeting date (third Wednesday of the month).
 - April Update: The inaugural meeting of the committee was held on April 18, 2018. Chris Jackson was elected chairman and the committee decided over the next several meetings they would tour the park system and learn about the planned improvements and new parks.
 - May Forecast: A committee meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2018 at the Chapman House at Quail Hollow. The committee will tour Quail Hollow and Cauley Creek if weather permits.

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 2017, the City purchased 11360 Lakefield Drive and began preparing for the renovation, which will allow the building 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.

- March Update: Staff worked with the construction manager and architect on exterior façade and schematic pricing components for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).
- April Update: Staff posted the exterior façade elevations to the website and social media to gather feedback to the concept renderings. Pricing components were finalized for the GMP.
- May Forecast: Staff will discuss the GMP and overall project budget at the May 9, 2018 Work Session.

- **iHeartJohnsCreek Initiative**
 - What: a citizen-led initiative to focus implementation of the Strategic Economic Development Plan through the lens of healthcare and wellness led the Council to adopt a Resolution embracing that as part of the City's identity at the February 26, 2018 Council Meeting.
 - March Update: Staff met with Anand Thacker and others involved in iHeartJohnsCreek initiative to map out how to incorporate the iHeartJohnsCreek identity into economic development efforts.
 - April Update: Staff met with Emory Johns Creek to discuss the iHeartJohnsCreek initiative.
 - May Forecast: Staff will continue to explore partnerships to implement the initiative.

- **Johns Creek Advantage**
 - What: Johns Creek Advantage (JCA) has served as the City's economic development arm since 2013. For 2018, the JCA Board contracted with the Pendleton Group for economic development assistance on an interim basis (following the departure of the Executive Director in late 2017).
 - March Update: JCA conducted their monthly Board Meeting on March 22, 2018 and reached consensus to request the Council consider implementing a Johns Creek Development Authority.
 - April Update: Council discussion of a Johns Creek Development Authority began at the April 23, 2018 Work Session and Council reached consensus for further discussion.
 - May Forecast: Additional Council discussion is anticipated at a Work Session in May.

- **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.
 - Current Status: A majority of SEDP initiatives hinge upon adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan. The Citizens Advisory Commission will pass the draft plan to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing at their June 5, 2018 meeting.

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:

- **Ask Johns Creek - Alexa Skill**
 - What: The City created its own Amazon Alexa skill in an effort to make its DataHub more accessible to

- residents. The skill uses open data to answer city-related questions via virtual assistant.
- March Update: Staff worked to program over 200 questions as well as the website's Frequently Asked Questions database into the new Alexa skill to prepare it for its launch.
 - April Update: Staff demonstrated the new Alexa skill at the April 23, 2018 Council Meeting.
 - May Forecast: Amazon Alexa users will be able to download the City of Johns Creek skill.
- **Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures**
 - What: Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM) is the gathering of data from signal controllers and detection devices in the field. Johns Creek began gathering ATSPM data in 2012 (with the installation of the CentraCS signal system) and subsequent Intelligent Traffic System upgrades have improved our traffic signal performance. GDOT began gathering ATSPM data in 2017. Their system can be accessed online: <https://traffic.dot.ga.gov/ATSPM/>.
 - March Update: Staff coordinated with GDOT to schedule a representative from their Regional Transportation Operations Program (RTOP) to discuss with Council at an April Work Session.
 - April Update: Representatives from RTOP presented at the April 9, 2018 Council Meeting and answered questions of Council.
 - May Forecast: The Johns Creek Traffic Control Center continues to gather ATSPM data and uses it to improve traffic signal performance.
 - **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 Financial Model with budget and scenario testing to consider long-range impacts of policy decisions and alternatives. Programming and development of the Model continues with new policy choices.
 - March Update: Staff worked to update the 10-year model to include sound abatement and landscaping projects related to on-going or proposed road widening.
 - April Update: Staff maintained the 10-year model.
 - May Forecast: As plans for the new parks increase in certainty the 10-year model will be updated related to operational and maintenance costs.
 - **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) which will relay information to the Travel Safety Application.

- March Update: Improvements to the application were introduced related to the “preparing for green” feature and beta testing continued on other features such as alerting drivers to pedestrians.
- April Update: Improvements to the information relay from the signal monitoring devices were implemented including reports related to battery life/health.
- May Forecast: The beta stage application will be pushed to the Public Works staff team as a testing group.

- **Waze and Responding to Incidents**

- What: In 2015, the City partnered with Waze (crowd-sourced traffic navigation application). The City shares real-time road closure and construction information with Waze to help drivers improve their commute. In 2016, the City started sharing business locations so that Waze users could also search and navigate to businesses in Johns Creek.
- March Update: To improve the city use of Waze data, using the existing Geographic Information Services (GIS) platform, staff created a Waze dashboard map – similar to GDOT's GA511 but just Johns Creek based on information reported by Waze users to display active traffic reports and average traffic delays citywide: <https://gis.johnscreekga.gov/webapps/wazedata.html>. In addition to accidents and signal issues, the tool helps the City to be more aware of other issues such as reports of potholes and roadkill that Waze users might not otherwise directly report.
- April Update: In a pilot program to raise awareness of the program, the city posted twelve signs.
- May Forecast: The Traffic Control Center will continue to use Waze reported incidents and accidents to improve our response to issues.

Cost-Effective Efforts for Service Delivery:

- **\$100K Grant Award for Abbotts Bridge** (Parsons to Primrose Parkway)
 - What: The widening of Abbotts Bridge is currently in the right-of-way phase (Council authorized the right-of-way Project Framework Agreement with GDOT in January 2017).
 - March Update: As ARC prepares to close out its Fiscal Year, \$100K was available for an active project. ARC has agreed to award the \$100K to the City for this Abbotts Bridge project (an Amendment to the Project Framework Agreement will be necessary).
 - April Update: Staff received the Amendment to the Project Framework Agreement and prepared and agenda report for Council.
 - May Forecast: Council Work Session discussion is anticipated on May 21, 2018.
- **\$3.68M Grant Award for Rogers Bridge** (pedestrian bridge/trail across the Chattahoochee River)
 - What: this project is a partnership between Johns Creek, Duluth, National Park Service, Gwinnett, and Fulton to replace the existing structurally unsound bridge with a replica that looks like the existing bridge but is structurally sound. The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) announced a \$3.68M grant award for the project in December 2017. The required 20% match will be split by the project partners and less than the funds budgeted in Parks Bond for the project.

- March Update: ARC updated the Regional Transportation Plan (2018-2023) Transportation Improvement Project List to reflect the grant award.
- Current Status: In light of the change in historical designation (see Rogers Bridge project on page 3), staff and project partners will begin determining what shifts are necessary related to the funding.

- **\$5.6M Grant Award for Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge Road**
 - What: this project would improve the intersection of Barnwell Road at Holcomb Bridge Road. The ARC announced award of \$1.6 M in right-of-way funds in ARC FY2019 (starts July 1, 2018) and \$4 M in construction funds in ARC FY2021. The required 20% match will be less than the funds budgeted in TSPLOST for the project.
 - February Update: ARC committees (Transportation Coordinating Committee, Transportation & Air Quality Committee) voted affirmatively on grant award.
 - March Update: ARC will updated the Regional Transportation Plan (2018-2023) Transportation Improvement Project List to reflect the grant award
 - Current Status: Funds will be available in July (GDOT Fiscal Year) for the right-of-way phase.

- **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.
 - March Update: Building Permit Summit was held on March 5, 2018. Staff gave an introductory presentation and gathered feedback to each of the currently required permit types. Following the summit the information was posted to the website to gather additional feedback.
 - April Update: Staff began summarizing the collected information and feedback.
 - May Forecast: Staff will prepare an item for future Council discussion and consideration.

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 – Station #64**
 - What: To improve response time in northern and central Johns Creek, Council reached consensus to add a fourth fire station. The FY2018 Budget included \$392,514 for land acquisition and \$250,000 for design and engineering for the proposed station. In January 2018, Council entered a contract for 1.8 acres at 4795 Kimball Bridge Road for \$379,000.
 - March Update: All due diligence activities were completed on or before March 12, 2018. The purchase closed on March 30, 2018.
 - April Update: Staff secured the single-family home located on the premise.
 - May Forecast: Staff will coordinate with the active road project along Kimball Bridge related to fill dirt for leveling of the property.

- **Fire Ladder Truck Replacement with Tiller Truck**

- What: In FY2017, the City budgeted for the replacement of an original (roughly ten years old) ladder truck with a tiller truck. Unlike the traditional ladder truck, the tiller truck's front and rear wheels are controlled by separate steering wheels, which increases the maneuverability – allowing the truck to navigate narrow streets, curvilinear streets, and tight commercial areas. After roughly a year of assembly and manufacturing, the 58-foot long custom Pierce Enforcer weighs more than 71,000 pounds and comes equipped with 50-foot ground ladders.
- March Update: The Fire Apparatus Operators will begin training on the new tiller truck and practicing the different navigation style required (coordinating between the front and back drivers and learning the new maneuverability).
- April Update: The required training was completed by the end of April
- May Forecast: The “push-in” ceremony for the new fire engine is scheduled for May 24, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (at Station #61).

- **Fire Multi-Year Plan**

- What: Last revised in August 2016, the Fire Department maintains a multi-year plan for staffing, apparatus, and service delivery.
- March Update: Staff began updating the Multi-Year Plan to reflect both the proposed strategy for staffing and maintaining Station 64 as well as with updated population data and forecasts from the Comprehensive Plan and updated call statistics from calendar year 2017.
- April Update: The draft update to the Multi-Year Plan will be provided to the City Manager for review.
- May Forecast: Staff continued to refine and improve the Multi-Year Plan.

- **Hands Free Device Legislation**

- What: Distracted driving is a contributing factor in the rise of traffic fatalities in Georgia. State law prohibits texting while driving but in practice, it is difficult for law enforcement to tell whether a driver is texting or just making a phone call. House Bill (HB) 673 (passed by the General Assembly) sets statewide parameters for prohibiting the use of handheld devices while operating a motor vehicle.
- March Update: HB 673 was passed by the Senate and sent to the Governor for signature.
- April Update: Both Smyrna and Marietta indicated they plan to rescind their local ordinances to make way for the state law which would take effect July 1, 2018 (if signed by the Governor).
- May Forecast: The Governor's signing ceremony is scheduled for May 2, 2018.

- **Staffing**

- Fire: One vacant firefighter I position. Firefighters Paul Wessling and Derek Rock started April 9, 2018 (after completing the City's screening process which included interview, written test, background test, physical, drug test, and psychological examination).
- Police: Four sworn vacancies and one civilian vacancy (records clerk). Several Police Officer candidates are in the interview phase and it is anticipated another hiring process will begin in June.

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 often spearheaded by the Community Development Department and Communications Department but multiple departments host events that enhance our community. Highlights/accomplishments include:

- **Citizens Fire Academy**

- What: To give residents a detailed look at how the department operates, the Fire Department offers a Citizen Fire Academy. The classes include instruction, demonstrations, and practical exercises.
- March Update: The academy met five times in March including a CPR/AED certification class, triage and first aid class, ChatComm tour, apparatus familiarization night, and swift water rescue/boat demonstration.
- April Update: The academy met twice in April including a light search and rescue / disaster exercise and live burn drill in Dawson County.
- May Forecast: The 18 residents will graduate from the Citizens Fire Academy at the graduation ceremony on May 1, 2018.

- **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 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). In October, staff began re-drafting the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the public comments and CAC feedback received to the original draft. The re-drafted Comprehensive Plan was presented to the Mayor and Council at the February 26, 2018 Council Meeting
- March Update: Five of the eight additional community area meetings occurred in March (Tech Park, River Estates, Medlock, Autrey Mill, and Johns Creek North).
- April Update: Three additional community area meetings (Ocee, Shakerag, and Newtown), an overall meeting, and an interactive booth at the International Festival were conducted to gather community feedback.
- May Forecast: The CAC will meet on May 2, 2018 to review the 146 pages of consolidated comments (including those received from the 282 attendees at community area meetings, over 500 comments through the website, and 20 through direct e-mail to staff).

- **International Festival**

- What: The International Festival is a celebration of the best traditional food, music, and art from around the world. The Communications Department worked with Leadership Johns Creek and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to plan for the International Festival.

- March Update: The performance and vendor line-up was finalized and the layout and logistics were determined to ensure for a positive festival experience.
- April Update: The inaugural event was held on April 21, 2018 at the Atlanta Athletic Club's Heisman Field. An estimated 20,000 festival goers enjoyed an array of food vendors (including Indian, German, Puerto Rican, Hungary, Greek, Irish, Japanese, Chinese, Cajun, Brazilian, French, and Italian), cultural displays, and 30 performers including Caribbean/Cuban Salsa dancers, Indian Yoga, Chinese musicians, Korean K Pop groups, Persian folk dancing, a yo-yo group, Irish dancers, a cricket demonstration and others.
- May Forecast: Festival organizer will meet to de-brief and discussion lessons learned and plans for a 2019 festival.

- **Student Leadership Johns Creek**
 - What: Student Leadership Johns Creek is a two-year program for emerging leaders in their sophomore and junior years. Students apply in December of their freshman or sophomore years for the two-year program. The program offered in collaboration with Fulton County Schools and administered by an advisory council under Leadership Johns Creek, a 501c3 non-profit.
 - March Update: March 15, 2018 was City Day for SLJC. Mayor Pro Tem Zaprowski welcomed the students and presented the role of the Mayor and Council followed by staff presentations and interactive activities. From fingerprinting with the police to a ladder truck demonstration with fire and a park planning exercise with scaled, 3-D printed shapes, the students got a taste of local government and the services offered.
 - April Update: In a ceremony on April 18, 2018 at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot, Mayor Bodker and Commissioner Hausmann joined Secretary of State Brian Kemp in recognizing Student Leadership Johns Creek as both Statewide Champion and Region 6 Champion in the Secretary of State's Student Ambassador Program.
 - May Forecast: The graduation ceremony for Student Leadership Johns Creek will be held.

- **Walk to School Wednesday**
 - What: Walking and biking to school correlates with healthier students, quieter streets, and 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."
 - March Update: Georgia Walks to School Day is planned for Wednesday, March 7, 2018 but had to be called off due to inclement weather.
 - April Update: The City continues to promote "Walk to School Wednesdays" on Facebook and our other social media outlets.
 - May Forecast: The end of year wrap-up event for the Georgia Commute Schools program is planned for May 22, 2018.