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DATE: April 25, 2016 **ARC Review Code**: R1604252

TO: Mayor Kasim Reed, City of Atlanta

ATTN TO: Jonathan Lewis, Assistant Director of Planning - Transportation

FROM: Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director, ARC RE: Development of Regional Impact Review

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed a preliminary regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). ARC reviewed the DRI with regard to its relationship to regional plans, goals and policies – and impacts it may have on the activities, plans, goals and policies of other local jurisdictions as well as state, federal and other agencies. This preliminary report does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

Name of Proposal: 905 Memorial Drive

Review Type: DRI Submitting Local Government: City of Atlanta

<u>Date Opened</u>: April 25, 2016 <u>Deadline for Comments</u>: May 10, 2016 <u>Date to Close</u>: May 16, 2016

<u>Description</u>: This DRI is located in the City of Atlanta, north of Interstate 20 and southeast of the intersection of Memorial Drive SE and Bill Kennedy Way SE. The project is an approximately 990,000-sq.ft. mixed-use development consisting of 120,000 sq. ft. of commercial space, 60,000 sq. ft. of office space, and 700 residential units (400 multi-family, 200 age-restricted, 100 condominium). This project is a redevelopment of an existing industrial property. The trigger for this DRI is a rezoning.

<u>PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:</u> According to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), a component of the Atlanta Region's Plan, the proposed development is located within the Maturing Neighborhoods area of the region. Maturing Neighborhoods were primarily developed prior to 1970. These areas are typically adjacent to the Region's Core and Regional Employment Corridors, and in total they contain 49 percent of the region's jobs and 18 percent of its population.

The ARC Regional Development Guide (RDG), a related Atlanta Region's Plan component, details recommended policies for areas and places on the UGPM. Recommended policies for Maturing Neighborhoods include:

- Improve safety and quality of transit options by providing alternatives for end-of-trip facilities (such as bicycle racks) and sidewalks and/ or shelters adjacent to bus stops
- Identify and remedy incidents of "food deserts" within neighborhoods, particularly in traditionally underserved neighborhoods and schools
- Promote mixed-use where locally appropriate, specifically in areas served by existing or planned transit
- Develop policies and establish design standards to ensure new and infill development is compatible with existing neighborhoods

This DRI appears to manifest many of the above policies for this area of the region, including enhancing food access in an underserved area. In addition, the mix of uses, along with the site's proximity to bus transit and future BeltLine transit, offers the potential for residents to work and shop on site and for visitors to park once – or arrive on foot or by bicycle or transit – and conduct multiple trips on foot. These conditions can eliminate dependency on cars for internal site circulation and can encourage the use of alternative transportation modes.

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Therefore, care should be taken to ensure that the development promotes a functional, safe, clearly marked and comfortable pedestrian experience on all streets, paths and parking lots on the site, as well as all connections from the project to neighboring uses. The development team is also encouraged to ensure that end-of-trip facilities (bicycle racks, etc.) are provided at key locations throughout the site.

The planned intensity of this DRI generally aligns with the RDG's recommended range of densities in the Maturing Neighborhoods area. Care should be taken to ensure that the design is compatible, to the greatest extent possible, with the character and context of uses in the surrounding area.

This site is in close proximity to two ARC Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study areas. The boundary of the Memorial Drive LCI area is roughly 0.2 miles to the west, and the boundary of the Moreland Avenue LCI area is roughly 0.1 miles to the east. As a result, the development team, along with City staff and leadership, should work together to ensure that the project is generally consistent with the recommendations of both LCI plans to the greatest extent possible, and that impacts of the proposed project do not negatively affect the potential for those LCI areas to develop as planned.

The current development plan proposes 1,872 parking spaces, 644 more than required by City code. In keeping with the goals of ARC's LCI program, the developer and City staff should work together to consider reducing the amount of parking on the site to reinforce and encourage the use of alternative transportation modes such as transit, bicycling and walking. Use of these modes is already present in the area, and parking reductions can be accomplished, at least in part, through additional shared parking strategies (shared parking is already contemplated in the development plan) and tools such as a Transportation Management Plan. Parking on site appears to be effectively screened.

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES RECEIVED NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS DIVISION
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEKALB COUNTY
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & MOBILITY DIVISION ARC AGING & HEALTH RESOURCES DIVISION GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC.

ARC Natural Resources Division
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
IMAGINE MEMORIAL/CENTRAL ATLANTA PROGRESS

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Andrew Smith at (404) 463-5581 or asmith@atlantaregional.com. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at http://www.atlantaregional.com/land-use/planreviews.



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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Instructions: The project described below has been submitted to this Regional Commission for review as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI). A DRI is a development of sufficient scale or importance that it is likely to generate impacts beyond the jurisdiction in which the project is located, for example in adjoining cities or neighboring counties. We would like to consider your comments on this proposed development in our DRI review process. Therefore, please review the information about the project included in this packet and offer your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to ARC on or before the specified return deadline.

offer your comments in the space provided. The completed form should be returned to ARC on or before the specified return deadline. Preliminary Findings of the RDC: **905 Memorial Drive** *See the Preliminary Report*. Comments from affected party (attach additional sheets as needed): Individual Completing Form: Local Government: Please return this form to: Andrew Smith, Atlanta Regional Commission 40 Courtland Street NE Department: Atlanta, GA 30303 Ph. (404) 463-5581 Fax (404) 463-3254 asmith@atlantaregional.com Telephone: (Return Date: May 10, 2016 Signature: Date:

ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

DATE: April 25, 2016 **ARC REVIEW CODE**: R1604252

TO: ARC Division Managers

FROM: Andrew Smith, Ext. 3-5581

Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:

Community Development: Smith, Andrew

Transportation Access and Mobility: Rushing, Byron

Natural Resources: Santo, Jim

Research and Analytics: Skinner, Jim

Aging and Health Resources: Ray, Renee

Name of Proposal: 905 Memorial Drive

Review Type: Development of Regional Impact

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Response:		
1)	□ Proposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.	
2)	\Box While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.	
3)	\Box While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.	
4)	\Box The proposal is INCONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.	
5)	$\hfill\Box$ The proposal does NOT relate to any development guide for which this division is responsible.	
6)	\Box Staff wishes to confer with the applicant for the reasons listed in the comment section.	
	COMMENTS:	

MEMORIAL DRIVE SHOPPING CENTER DRI

City of Atlanta Natural Resources Division Review Comments April 14, 2016

Watershed Protection and Stream Buffers

The proposed project is located on an already developed property in the Intrenchment Creek basin of the South River watershed, which is not a water supply watershed in the Atlanta Region. The USGS coverage for the project area shows no blue line streams on or near the project property. Any unmapped streams on the property may be subject to the City of Atlanta's Stream Buffer Ordinance. Any waters of the state that may be on the property will also be subject to the State 25-foot erosion and sedimentation buffer requirements.

Stormwater / Water Quality

The project should adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality. During construction, the project should conform to the relevant state and federal erosion and sedimentation control requirements. After construction, water quality will be impacted due to polluted stormwater runoff. The amount of pollutants that will be produced after construction of the proposed development are dependent on the type and intensity of the use and the impervious coverage, which will affect the design of stormwater controls for the project. The project is being built on an already developed property with existing impervious surfaces, which will affect the actual increases in stormwater and loading amounts.

In order to address post-construction stormwater runoff quality, the project should implement stormwater management controls (structural and/or nonstructural) as found in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (www.georgiastormwater.com) and meet the stormwater management quantity and quality criteria outlined in the Manual. Where possible, the project should utilize the stormwater better site design concepts included in the Manual.

We would also suggest the following additional measures to help reduce stormwater reduction and provide for its reuse:

- Use green spaces and tree planting beds as stormwater controls. These can be designed to
 provide maximum aesthetic value while also providing for water quality treatment and run-off
 reduction, potentially reducing the need for larger stormwater facilities and helping to minimize
 the negative effects of stormwater runoff on streams and water quality.
- Use pervious concrete or other pervious materials in parking areas. With the proper substrate, such materials can provide a large storage capacity, which will further help to reduce stormwater runoff.
- Use rainwater capture in the project design to provide for landscape irrigation during dry periods.

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DRI #2557 - 905 Memorial Drive

ARC Transportation Access & Mobility Division – Preliminary Comments

Parking is significantly higher than required by the City – 50-70% depending on use – and should be reevaluated given this location's urban location, proximity to transit and regional alternative transportation routes, and adjacent neighborhood character;

Bike lanes along Glenwood Avenue should be expanded northwards or connected to Atlanta Beltline Trail section to improve bicycle access to surrounding neighborhoods;

Add bike lanes to Gibson Street;

Bike parking provided along Bill Kennedy Way and Memorial Drive, consistent with City policy or industry best practices;

Driveways along both sides of development should be consolidated to as few as necessary (four is probably too many, need to review data in more detail).

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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Initial DRI Information				
This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide basic project information that will allow the RDC to determine if the project appears to meet or exceed applicable DRI thresholds. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more information.				
	Local Government Informa	tion		
Submitting Local Government:	Atlanta			
Individual completing form:	Jonathan S. Lewis			
Telephone:	404-865-8593			
E-mail:	JLewis@atlantaga.gov			
*Note: The local government representative completing this form is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained herein. If a project is to be located in more than one jurisdiction and, in total, the project meets or exceeds a DRI threshold, the local government in which the largest portion of the project is to be located is responsible for initiating the DRI review process.				
	Proposed Project Information	tion		
Name of Proposed Project:	905 Memorial Dr			
Location (Street Address, GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):	905 Memorial Dr, Atlanta GA 140012000200700			
Brief Description of Project:	Speculative mixed use development, which will exc are still under development through a community p			
Development Type:				
(not selected)	O Hotels	Wastewater Treatment Facilities		
Office	Mixed Use	Petroleum Storage Facilities		
O Commercial	O Airports	○ Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs		
O Wholesale & Distributio	Attractions & Recreational Facilities	O Intermodal Terminals		
O Hospitals and Health Ca Facilities	Post-Secondary Schools	○ Truck Stops		

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O Housing	○ Waste Handling Facilities ○ Any other development types
O Industrial	Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants
If other development type, des	cribe:
Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.):	will exceed 500,000 sf
Developer:	Fuqua Development LP
Mailing Address:	Fifteen Piedmont Center
Address 2:	3375 Piedmont Rd, Suite 800
	City:Atlanta State: GA Zip:30305
Telephone:	404-907-1709
Email:	sharon.gay@dentons.com
Is property owner different from developer/applicant?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No
If yes, property owner:	Leggett & Platt, Inc
Is the proposed project entirely located within your local government's jurisdiction?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No
If no, in what additional jurisdictions is the project located?	
Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No
If yes, provide the following information:	Project Name:
iniornation.	Project ID:
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other
Is this project a phase or part of a larger overall project?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No
If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent?	
Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: Unknown Overall project:
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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Additional DRI Information

This form is to be completed by the city or county government to provide information needed by the RDC for its review of the proposed DRI. Refer to both the Rules for the DRI Process and the DRI Tiers and Thresholds for more

Local Government Information

Submitting Local Government: Atlanta

Individual completing form: Jonathan S. Lewis

Telephone: 404-865-8593 Email: JLewis@atlantaga.gov

Project Information

Name of Proposed Project: 905 Memorial Dr

DRI ID Number: 2557

Developer/Applicant: Fuqua Development LP

Telephone: 404-907-1709 Email(s): sharon.gay@dentons.com

Additional Information Requested

Has the RDC identified any additional information required in order to proceed with the official regional

(not selected) Yes No

review process? (If no, proceed to Economic

If ves, has that additional

information been provided to your RDC and, if applicable, (not selected) Yes No GRTA?

If no, the official review process can not start until this additional information is provided.

Economic Development

Estimated Value at \$210M

Build-Out:

Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be

generated by the proposed development:

Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed

(not selected) Yes No

project?

Will this development displace any existing uses? (not selected) Yes No

If yes, please describe (including number of units, square feet, etc): The existing 383,113 SF of manufacturing facility on the site will be demolished.

Water Supply

Name of water supply Atlanta City provider for this site:

What is the estimated water

supply demand to be generated by the project, 0.22MGD measured in Millions of

Gallons Per Day (MGD)?

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Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	○ (not selected) ◎ Yes ○ No	
If no, describe any plans to e	expand the existing water supply capacity:	
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No	
If yes, how much additional	line (in miles) will be required?	
	Wastewater Disposal	
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	Atlanta City	
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.22 MGD	
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) * Yes No	
If no, describe any plans to e	expand existing wastewater treatment capacity:	
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No	
ii yes, now much additional i	line (in fillies) will be required?	
	Land Transportation	
How much traffic volume is expected to be generated by the proposed development, in peak hour vehicle trips per day? (If only an alternative measure of volume is available, please provide.)	528 AM peak (net new), 780 PM peak (net new)	
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No	
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	(not selected) Yes No	
If yes, please describe below	v:See DRI traffic study prepared by Foresite	
	Solid Waste Disposal	
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?		
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	(not selected) * Yes No	
If no, describe any plans to e	expand existing landfill capacity:	
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	(not selected) Yes No	
If yes, please explain:		
	Stormwater Management	
What percentage of the site is projected to be impervious surface once the proposed development has been constructed?	90%	
	posed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the ater management:Detention and retention facilities	
	Environmental Quality	

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Is the development located within, or likely to affect any of the following:		
Water supply watersheds?	(not selected) Yes No	
Significant groundwater recharge areas?	(not selected) Yes No	
3. Wetlands?	(not selected) Yes No	
4. Protected mountains?	(not selected) Yes No	
5. Protected river corridors?	(not selected) Yes No	
6. Floodplains?	(not selected) Yes No	
7. Historic resources?	(not selected) Yes No	
8. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	(not selected) Yes No	
If you answered yes to any question above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected:		
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