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DATE: June 13, 2016 **ARC REVIEW CODE**: R1606131

TO: Mayor Donna Pittman, City of Doraville

ATTN TO: Enrique Bascunana, Community Development Director

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: Assembly

Review Type: DRI

Submitting Local Government: City of Doraville

Date Opened: June 13, 2016

Deadline for Comments: June 28, 2016

Date to Close: July 5, 2016 (If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, the review will

close on June 28, 2016.)

<u>Description</u>: This DRI is located in the City of Doraville on the former General Motors Doraville Assembly site, southwest of I-285 and Motors Industrial Way, southeast of Peachtree Industrial Boulevard (SR 141), east of Peachtree Road, and north of the MARTA Gold Line and Norfolk Southern rail lines. The proposed project is an approximately 7,530,000 square foot mixed-use development on 165 acres, consisting of 2,950,000 sq. ft. of office space, 4,300 residential units, 150,000 sq. ft. of retail space, and 130,000 sq. ft. of film studio space. The DRI trigger for this development is a Private Development Agreement with the City of Doraville.

<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 a Regional Employment Corridor. 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 Regional Employment Corridors include:

- Continue to invest in the LCI program to assist local governments in center planning and infrastructure.
- Prioritize preservation of existing transit; increase frequency and availability of transit options.
- Encourage compact infill development, redevelopment and adaptive reuse.
- Create a range of housing options to accommodate all sectors of the workforce.
- Encourage active ground floor, pedestrian-scale design and pedestrian amenities in new development and redevelopment of existing sites.

This DRI appears to manifest many of the above policies for this area of the region – in particular, converting an underutilized site near rail transit, in an LCI area, to a walkable mixed-use redevelopment with significant housing and employment components. These characteristics offer the potential for site residents to work and shop on site, and for workers and visitors to park once or arrive via transit or other alternative modes and conduct multiple trips on foot. This framework can reduce or eliminate dependency on cars for internal site circulation and encourage visitors to use alternative transportation modes to access the development.

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Therefore, ARC supports a strong connection between the Doraville MARTA station and the DRI site. A seamless, comfortable connection for multiple modes is critical to ensuring a vibrant, walkable, transit-oriented development. The development scenario featuring a "covered street" under the rail corridor appears to offer a more direct and convenient connection than other alternatives discussed in the past, including a vehicular bridge and a pedestrian elevator/bridge system. Care should also be taken to ensure that the development promotes a functional, safe, clearly marked and comfortable pedestrian experience on all streets, paths and parking areas, 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 for residents, workers and visitors at key locations throughout the site.

The proposed development is located within the Doraville Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study area. As a result, the development plan should be consistent with the recommendations of the LCI plan and any plan updates or supplemental studies. The original Doraville Town Center LCI study was completed in 2006. The study area and plan were expanded to include the former General Motors site in 2011. In general, the DRI's mixed-use characteristics, adaptive reuse, and proximity to rail transit, support the goals and recommendations of the LCI plan.

ARC recognizes that vehicle parking totals are not yet finalized. In terms the placement of parking, the site plan appears show that much of the parking is screened from view to minimize visual impact and distributed across the site. However, consolidating parking into fewer facilities serving multiple uses could enhance the street-level pedestrian experience on more of the site. Shared parking strategies and tools such as a Transportation Management Plan are items to explore as the parking program continues to be refined.

The intensity of this proposed project generally aligns with the RDG's recommended range of densities and building heights in Regional Employment Corridors.

Additional preliminary comments are included in this report.

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

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
METRO ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CITY OF DUNWOODY
GWINNETT COLINTY

ARC Transportation Access & Mobility ARC Aging & Health Resources Georgia Department of Transportation City of Brookhaven
City of Peachtree Corners

ARC NATURAL RESOURCES
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
CITY OF CHAMBLEE
DEKALB COUNTY

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.

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ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

DATE: June 13, 2016 **ARC REVIEW CODE**: R1606131

TO: ARC Division Managers

FROM: Andrew Smith, Ext. 3-5581

Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:

Community Development: Smith, Andrew

Transportation Access and Mobility: Goodwin, Amy

Natural Resources: Santo, Jim

Research and Analytics: Skinner, Jim

Aging and Health Resources: Ray, Renee

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Response:

- 1) \qed Proposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- \Box While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 4)
 □ The proposal is INCONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 5)

 The proposal does NOT relate to any development guide for which this division is responsible.
- 6)
 □Staff wishes to confer with the applicant for the reasons listed in the comment section.

DORAVILLE ASSEMBLY DRI

City of Doraville Natural Resources Division Review Comments June 8, 2016

Watershed Protection and Stream Buffers

The proposed project is located in the Nancy Creek watershed, which is part of the Peachtree Creek watershed that drains into the Chattahoochee River downstream of the water supply intakes in the Atlanta Region. The USGS coverage for the project area shows a pond on the property in the approximate location of the parking area next to the intersection of Driveway 6 and Peachtree Road on the submitted site plan. The USGS coverage also shows a blue line stream flowing from the pond, across Peachtree Road and under the street shown as West Avenue on the site plan. Any work on or near the blue line stream may be subject to the requirements of the Doraville Stream Buffer Ordinance blue line streams on or near the project property. Work on or near may also be subject to the Doraville ordinance depending on its scope and language. Any unmapped streams on the property may also be subject to the City's Stream Buffer Ordinance. All waters of the state on the property, including the mapped stream and pond, are also 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.

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 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 the parking/storage areas. With the proper substrate, such materials can provide a large storage capacity, which will further help to reduce stormwater runoff and can help filter pollutants before reaching streams.
- Include rainwater capture in the project design to provide for landscape irrigation during dry periods.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Andrew Smith, Community Development Division

FROM: Amy Goodwin, Transportation Access and Mobility Division

DATE: June 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Transportation Division Preliminary Review of DRI # 2469

Project: Assembly County: DeKalb County

Location: Doraville former GM Assembly site

Analysis:

Expedited X

Non-Expedited

The Transportation Access & Mobility Division has reviewed the DRI submittal package for the Assembly project in Doraville. The review includes assessing regional plan consistency, impacts on other transportation projects that are planned or underway, and recommendations to mitigate impacts to the transportation network and improve local and regional plan and policy consistency.

Active TIP Projects potentially affected by the proposed project:

The project is expected to generate 35,437 daily motor vehicle trips, including 3,659 AM peak and 4,330 PM peak hour trips. The following projects are currently programmed in the TIP that serve the site. It's important to note that only two of them are currently funded.

ARC	GDOT	CST -	Project Name	Status/Notes
ID#	PI#	FY		
DK-	0012612	2014	New Peachtree Rd Bike/Ped Improvements from N.	Flexed & FTA grant approved in 2014,
407			Shallowford Rd to Stewart Rd.	CST to begin in 2017.
AR-	0013252	LR 2022	Revive 285 Interchange improvement at 285/I-85	Long Range. GDOT Sponsor. \$24.3 M
958		-2030	NB to Pleasantdale Rd exit	
DK-	0002669	2017	Signal upgrades at 40 Signals in DeKalb, including	PE auth in 2014.ROW programmed 2016.
344A			Peachtree Rd and Peachtree Industrial Blvd.	
DK-	N/A	LR 2022	Improve Buford/Peachtree Connector for 1 mile in	Long Range. Cost estimate \$48.5M.
428		-2030	the City of Doraville.	Sponsor: City of Doraville.
DK-	N/A	LR 2022	Park Ave extension from Buford Hwy to Peachtree	Long Range. Sponsor: City of Doraville,
429		-2030	Blvd.	cost estimate \$90,000,000.
DK-	N/A	LR 2022	West Ave extension from Peachtree Rd to Motors	Long Range. Sponsor: City of Doraville,
430		-2030	Industrial Way	cost estimate \$12,700,000

Regional Plan Consistency:

The Atlanta Region's Plan was adopted in 2016. The Plan's goals and objectives fall under the 3 tenants of the Plan's Vision: Competitive Economy, Word-Class Infrastructure and Healthy, Livable Communities (http://documents.atlantaregional.com/The-Atlanta-Region-s-Plan/policy-framework.pdf). The plan also

includes a transportation element known as the Regional Transportation Plan or RTP. The proposed DRI affects the following regional plan goals, objectives and policies:

- · Goal: Developing additional walkable, vibrant centers that support people of all ages and abilities
- Objective: Invest in equitable and improved access to a variety of safe, quality housing, including options for aging in place.
- · Policies:
 - o Promote transit and active transportation modes to improve access
 - o Promote bicycle transportation by developing safe and connected route options and facilities
 - o Promote pedestrian-friendly policies and design
 - o Enhance and expand Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs
 - o Prioritize solutions that improve multi-modal connectivity
 - Implement a complete streets approach on roadway projects that is sensitive to the existing community
 - o Improve connectivity around transit stations and bus stops for all users
 - o Encourage development, redevelopment and transportation improvements that consider impacts on neighborhoods and communities
 - o Foster inclusive communities integrating residents of all ages, cultures and incomes
 - Promote and support urban design standards that enhance elements of accessibility and livability
 - o Encourage appropriate redevelopment of the built environment in the region's developed areas

County Transportation Plan: TBD

Doraville LCI Plan: TBD

TAMD Recommendations:

To better reflect the goals, objectives and policies of the Atlanta Region's Plan, and mitigate impacts on the regional transportation network, the following changes to the project are recommended for consideration:

- GDOT and ARC have strong policy commitments to Complete Streets. Additionally, to reduce traffic
 impacts to the project, and maximize the investments in the Main Street LCI project and the MARTA
 stations, all streets in the development should provide for safe and convenient access for all users,
 including bicycles and pedestrians. West Ave and Motor's Industrial Way do not include bicycle
 facilities.
- 2. Either the Park Ave "covered street" or a pedestrian bridge connecting the site directly to MARTA should be constructed and open to the public upon completion of the first phase of the project.
- 3. Transit-oriented land uses should be closest to the MARTA station (i.e. not parking decks or restricted areas common with film studio developments) to promote the use of the MARTA station. If patrons, residents or employees have to walk past desolate areas, parking decks or blank office buildings that close at 5pm, they are not as likely to make use of the MARTA station after-hours or on weekends.



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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 Information

Submitting Local Doraville

Individual completing form: Enrique Bascunana Telephone: 770-451-8745

E-mail: enrique.bascunana@doravillega.us

*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

Name of Proposed Project: Assembly

Location (Street Address, 3900 Motors Industrial Way Doraville, Georgia 30360

GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):

Brief Description of Project: Future redevelopment of the former General Motors Assembly Plant. A mix of

residential, office, retail, and civic uses are planned for the project

Development Type:

(not selected)	Hotels	Wastewater Treatment Facilities	
Office	Mixed Use	Petroleum Storage Facilities	
Commercial	Airports	Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs	
Wholesale & Distribution	Attractions & Recreational Facilities	Intermodal Terminals	
Hospitals and Health Care Facilities	Post-Secondary Schools	Truck Stops	
Housing	Waste Handling Facilities	Any other development types	
Industrial	Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants		
If other development type, describe:			
Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.): 2,950,000 sf Office; 150,000 sf Retail; 130,000 sf Film Studio; 4,300 units Residential			

Developer: Doraville Sixty, LLC

Mailing Address: 191 Peachtree Street, NE

Address 2: Suite 4100

City:Atlanta State: GA Zip:30303

Telephone: 404-224-1889

Email: epinckney@integral-online.com

Is property owner different from developer/applicant? (not selected) Yes No

If yes, property owner:

Is the proposed project entirely located within your local government's (not selected) Yes No

jurisdiction?

If no, in what additional

jurisdictions is the project located?

Is the current proposal a (not selected) Yes No continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?

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If yes, provide the following information:	Project ID:
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	Rezoning Variance Sewer Water Permit Other Private Development Agreement
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?	
	This project/phase: 2026 Overall project: 2026
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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: Doraville

Individual completing form: Enrique Bascunana

Telephone: 770-451-8745

Email: enrique.bascunana@doravillega.us

Project Information

Name of Proposed Project: Assembly

DRI ID Number: 2469

Developer/Applicant: Doraville Sixty, LLC

Telephone: 404-224-1889

Email(s): epinckney@integral-online.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 \$1.5 billion Build-Out:

Estimated annual local tax

revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:

\$29 million

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

(not selected) Yes No

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

If yes, please describe (including number of units, square feet, etc):

Water Supply

Name of water supply provider for this site:

DeKalb County

What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, 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:	DeKalb County	
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	1.57	
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	
If yes, how much additional I	ine (in miles) will be required?To be determined.	
	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.)	Approximately 35,437 daily trips, 3,659 AM peak hour trips, 4,330 PM peak hour trips	
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	
	v:Approximately \$180 million in surface transportation infrastructure has been identified, ssing and connectivity to Peachtree Rd. and Peachtree Ind. Blvd.	
	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?	90-95%	
	bosed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the ater management. Above ground retention pond, green infrastructure, etc.	
	Environmental Quality	

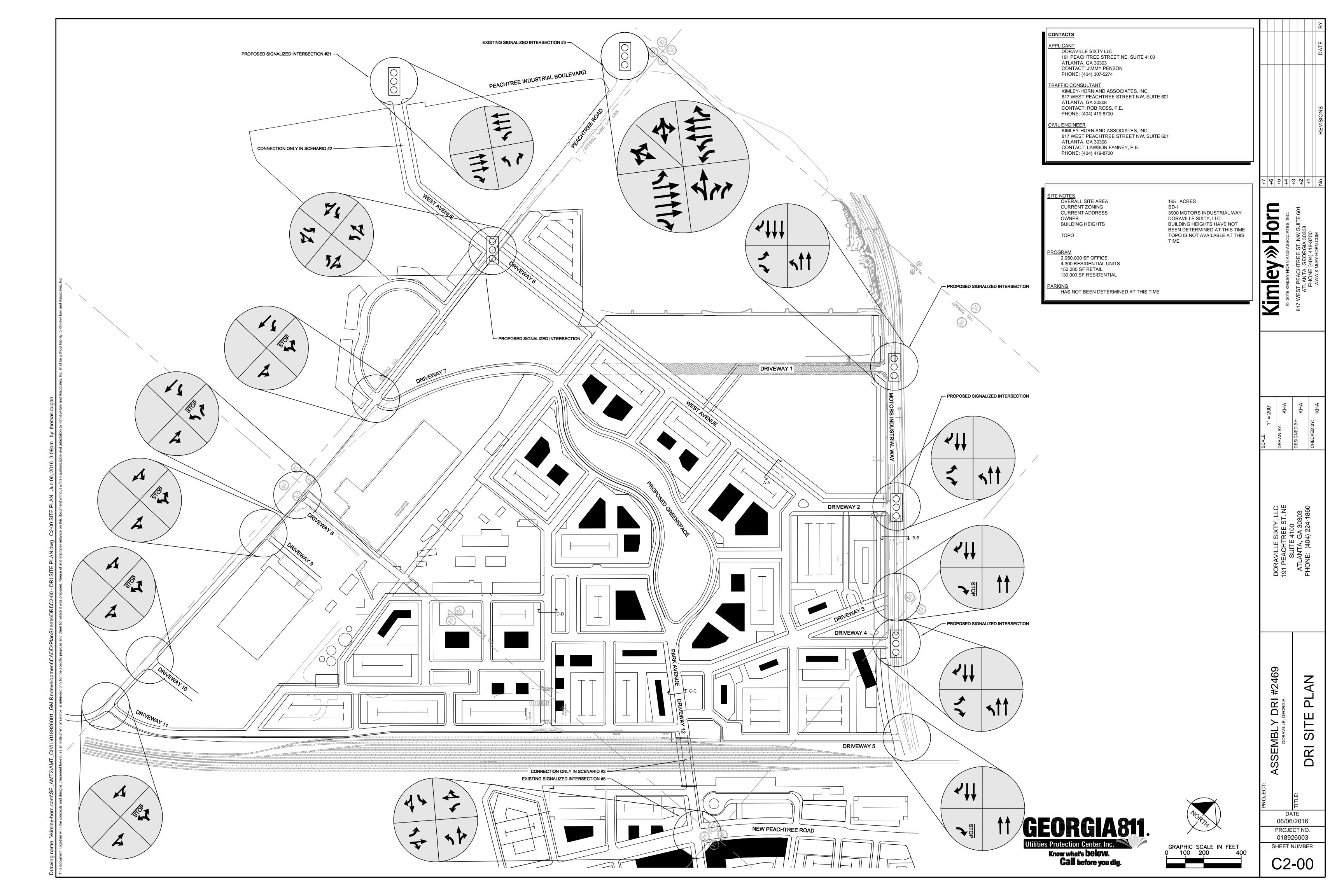
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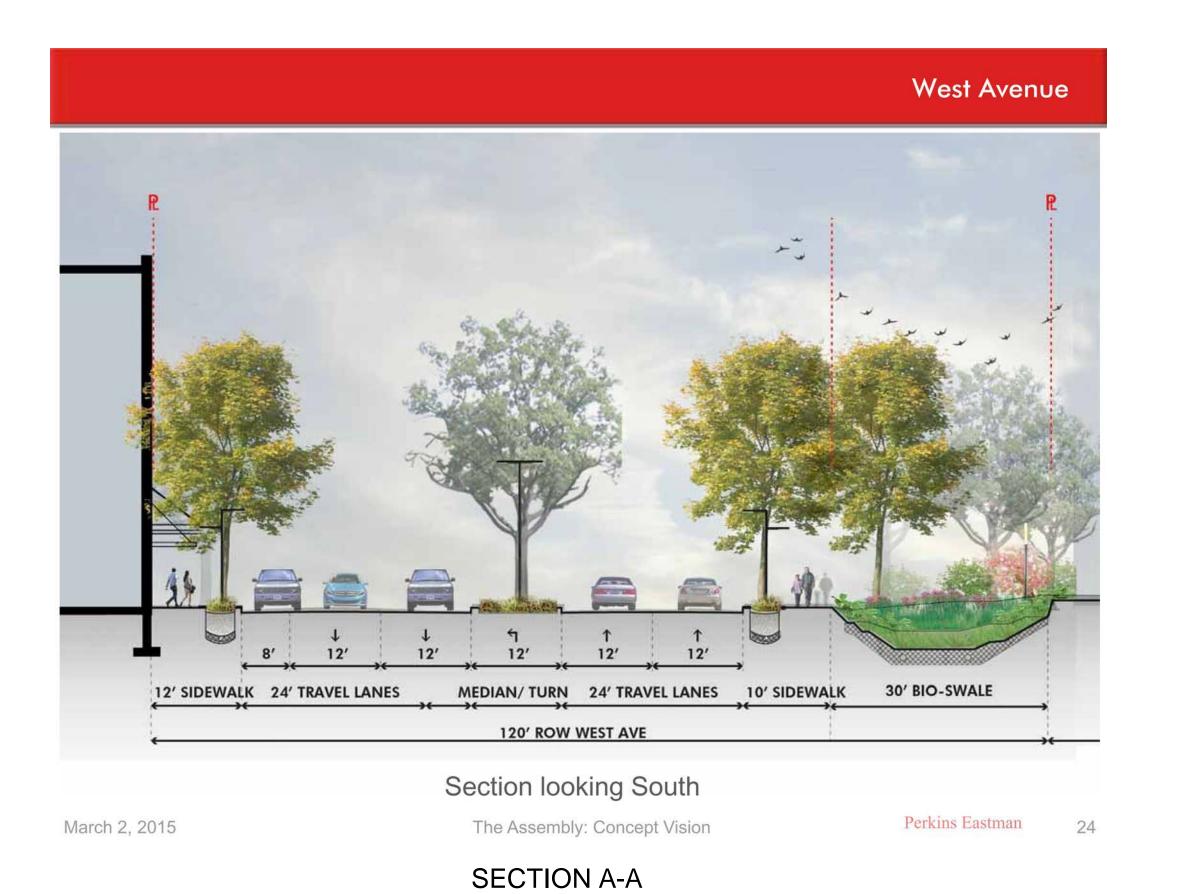
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Water supply watersheds?	(not selected) Yes No	
Significant groundwater recharge areas?	(not selected) Yes No	
3. Wetlands?	(not selected) Yes No	
4. Protected mountains?	(not selected) Yes No	
5. Protected river corridors?	(not selected) Yes No	
6. Floodplains?	(not selected) Yes No	
7. Historic resources?	(not selected) Yes No	
8. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	(not selected) Yes No	
	suestion above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected: ond will be placed on the site to control ground water.	
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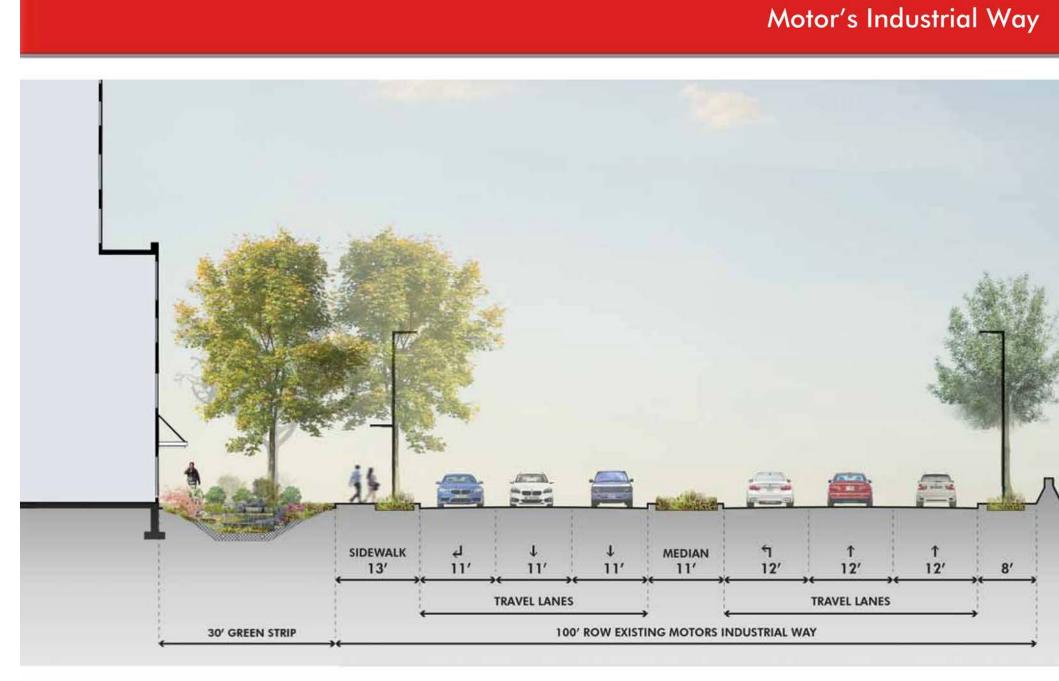
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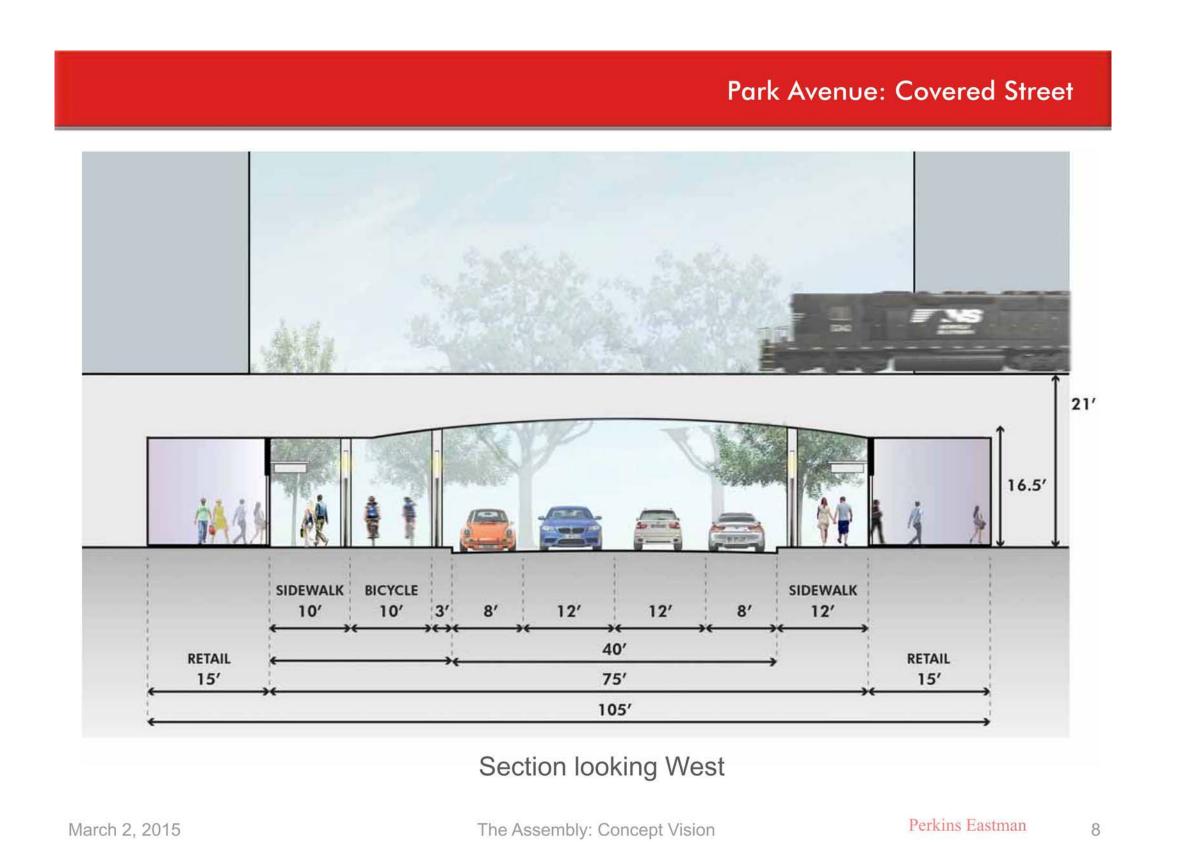


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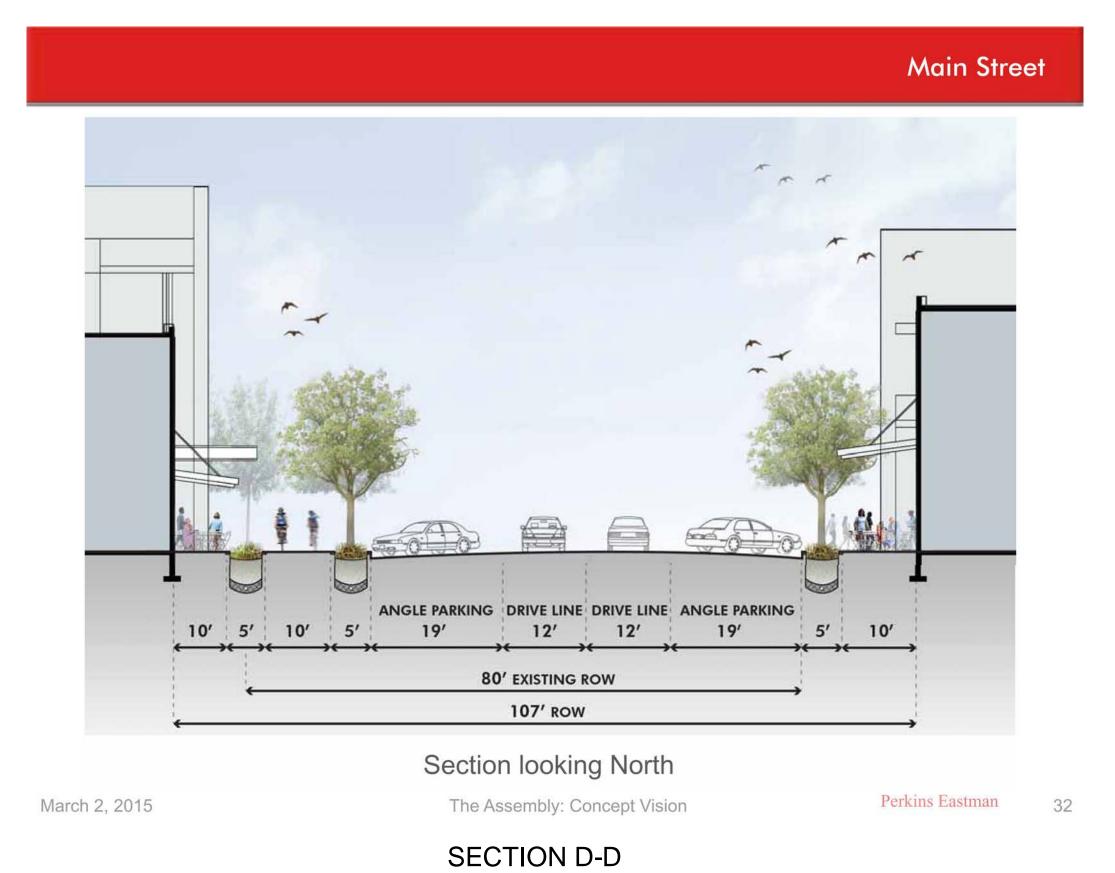
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