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**DATE**: June 13, 2016

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TO:Mayor Rusty Paul, City of Sandy SpringsATTN TO:Michelle Alexander, Community Development DirectorFROM:Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director, ARCRE: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: 1117 Perimeter Center West <u>Review Type</u>: DRI <u>Submitting Local Government</u>: City of Sandy Springs <u>Date Opened</u>: June 13, 2016 <u>Deadline for Comments</u>: June 28, 2016 <u>Date to Close</u>: July 5, 2016 (If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, the review will close on June 28, 2016.)

**Description:** This DRI is located in the City of Sandy Springs on 13.26 acres bordered by Mount Vernon Highway to the northwest, Perimeter Center West to the northeast, and Peachtree Dunwoody Road to the southwest. The property currently contains 419,700 sq. ft. of existing office space, most of which will remain as office or be converted to new uses. The proposed project is a mixed-use development consisting of 1,587 new residential units (1,064 apartments/523 condominiums); 1,522,754 sq. ft. of new office space; 313,044 sq. ft. of existing office space to remain; 138,043 sq. ft. of new retail space (36,638 sq. ft. brand new/101,405 sq. ft. converted from existing office space); and 50,000 sq. ft. of restaurant space (new and existing). The DRI trigger for this development is a rezoning application filed with the City of Sandy Springs. The proposed project is expected to be completed by 2022.

#### PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

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 and a Regional Center. 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.

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Regional Centers are the region's key centers for employment, shopping and entertainment. These centers should be connected to the regional transportation network with existing or planned high-capacity transit service. In most cases, these centers have a jobs-housing imbalance, so housing options should be expanded within their boundaries, especially around existing or planned transit. Some Regional Centers could also be considered "Edge Cities," developed in a suburban, auto-oriented way. They have limited multi-modal transportation options and are challenged by increasing congestion. Local plans and policies should support efforts to transform these areas into highly accessible mixed-use urban hubs.

Recommended policies for Regional Centers include:

- Prioritize preservation, expansion and access to existing and planned transit systems and improve the quality and aesthetics of existing facilities.

- Incorporate appropriate end-of-trip facilities, such as bicycle racks and showers/locker rooms, within new and existing development.

- Enhance mobility and accessibility for all by creating Complete Streets that accommodate all modes of transportation.

- Encourage active ground floor, pedestrian-scale design and pedestrian amenities in new development and redevelopment of existing sites.

- Work toward improving the jobs-housing imbalance in Regional Centers and promote housing options to accommodate multiple household sizes and price points in close proximity to jobs.

- Use alternative designs and materials to minimize impervious surfaces to the greatest possible extent.

This DRI appears to manifest many of the above policies for this area of the region – in particular, converting a single-use site to a mixed-use development with a significant housing component, contiguous to rail transit, in an LCI area that is predominated by commercial and office uses. 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 eliminate dependency on cars for internal circulation and encourage workers and visitors to use alternative transportation modes to access the development.

Along these lines, the connection between this DRI and the Sandy Springs MARTA station should be constructed as planned so as to enhance area-wide walkability by linking both sides of Perimeter Center West for both MARTA riders and non-riders alike. 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 – including the development just southeast of the DRI, which is the only immediately adjacent property as the DRI is surrounded on three sides by roadways. 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 Perimeter 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 Perimeter LCI study was completed in 2001, with a major (10-year) update completed in 2011. Smaller supplemental studies have been conducted for this LCI area related to transit station planning, commuter trails, and Lifelong Communities (aging and health focus) concepts.

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.

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#### 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 ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & MOBILITY ARC AGING & HEALTH RESOURCES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERIMETER CIDS ARC NATURAL RESOURCES GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GEORGIA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CITY OF BROOKHAVEN

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

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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.

Preliminary Findings of the RDC: <u>1117 Perimeter Center West</u> See the Preliminary Report.

Comments from affected party (attach additional sheets as needed):

Individual Completing Form:	
Local Government:	Please return this form to:
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Department:	40 Courtland Street NE
	Atlanta, GA 30303 Ph. (404) 463-5581 Fax (404) 463-3254
	asmith@atlantaregional.com
Telephone: ( )	
	Return Date: June 28, 2016
Signature:	
Date:	

#### ARC STAFF NOTICE OF REGIONAL REVIEW AND COMMENT FORM

**DATE**: June 13, 2016

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## **TO:** ARC Division Managers **FROM:** Andrew Smith, Ext. 3-5581

<u>Reviewing staff by Jurisdiction:</u>

<u>Community Development:</u> Smith, Andrew	
Natural Resources: Santo, Jim	
Aging and Health Resources: Ray, Renee	

Transportation Access and Mobility: Bradshaw, Patrick Research and Analytics: Skinner, Jim

#### Name of Proposal: 1117 Perimeter Center West

**<u>Review Type:</u>** 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) □ While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development guide listed in the comment section. 3) □ 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.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### 1117 PERIMETER CENTER WEST DRI City of Sandy Springs Natural Resources Division Review Comments June 9, 2016

#### Watershed Protection and Stream Buffers

The proposed project is located on an already developed property in the Nancy Creek basin of the Peachtree Creek watershed, which in turn drains into the Chattahoochee River below the water supply intakes 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 Sandy Springs'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 (<u>www.georgiastormwater.com</u>) 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 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:	Patrick Bradshaw, Transportation Access and Mobility Division	
DATE:	June 9, 2016	
SUBJECT:	Transportation Division Review of DRI # 2552Project:1117 Perimeter Center WestCounty:Fulton CountyLocation:1117 Perimeter Center West, Sandy Springs GAAnalysis:ExpeditedXNon-Expedited	

The Transportation Access & Mobility Division has reviewed the DRI submittal package for 1117 Perimeter Center West within the city of Sandy Springs. 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.

ARC ID#	GDOT PI#	CST - FY	Project Name	Status/Notes
AR-957A	0013546	2020	I-285 Interchange Reconstruction and Collector/Distributor	DBF project; open to traffic by spring 2020
AR-ML- 300	0001757 /0008445	LR	SR 400 Managed Lanes from I-285 North to McFarland Road	
FN-298	0013141	2017	Glenridge Drive, Hammond Drive and Peachtree Dunwoody Road – ATMS System Expansion	
DK-440	0015070	2016	Medical Center to Dunwoody MARTA Pedestrian/Bicycle and Transit Connectivity Improvements	

#### Active TIP Projects potentially affected by the proposed project:

#### **Regional Plan Consistency:**

**The Atlanta Region's Plan** was adopted in 2016. The Plan's goals, objectives and policies are outlined within the Atlanta Region's Plan Policy Framework document (<u>http://documents.atlantaregional.com/The-Atlanta-Region-s-Plan/policy-framework.pdf</u>). As proposed, the 1117 Perimeter Center West development supports many framework policies, including:

- Encourage local communities to increase housing options near large employment centers
- Focus investments in redevelopment opportunities of a regional scale
- · Work with local jurisdictions to promote growth in a way that protects natural resources
- Improve connectivity around transit stations and bus stops for all users

- Prioritize transit projects in areas with transit-supportive land use, plans and regulations
- Promote transit and active transportation modes to improve access

**The Atlanta Region's Plan Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM):** The project is located within the "Regional Employment Corridors" area of ARC's UGPM. Regional Employment Corridors connect major activity centers to the Atlanta central business district through existing high-capacity transportation facilities. These areas contain a large share of the region's jobs in relatively small land area. The proposal in question is best classified as a mixed use development, which is a compatible land use for this particular UGPM area. Also, this development proposes an estimated 119 residential units per acre, which is within the recommended range for this UGPM area as outlined in the ARC Regional Development guide.

**2010 North Fulton Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP):** This document outlines major transportation investment priorities over a 20 year horizon throughout incorporated north Fulton. A major policy recommendation from this effort is to support transit utilization and effectiveness by increasing land use density within walking distance of an existing MARTA heavy rail station. The Perimeter Center West clearly aligns with this recommendation.

#### TAMD Comments & Recommendations:

The traffic study network level of service standard set by GRTA for the traffic study associated with this DRI is LOS E. Per the results of the "Projected 2022 Build Supplemental Analysis", it is possible to achieve this standard through the implementation of a number of transportation improvements (found on pages 4 through 5 of the report) and a 35 percent reduction in required parking spaces, which allows for an aggressive 35 percent alternative mode reduction. Assuming concurrence by GRTA and the local government with the outcome of the proposed "Projected 2022 Build Supplemental Analysis" scenario, it is recommended that the City of Sandy Springs prioritize the construction of said scenario projects and approval of the parking allocation strategy outlined within.

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#### DRI #2552

#### 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 <u>Rules for the DRI Process</u> and the <u>DRI Tiers and Thresholds</u> for more information.

#### Local Government Information

Submitting Local Government:	Sandy Springs
Individual completing form:	Catherine Mercier Baggett
Telephone:	790-206-1543
E-mail:	cmercier-baggett@sandyspringsga.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**

Name of Proposed Project:	1117 Perimeter Center West
Location (Street Address, GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):	1117 Perimeter Center West, Sandy Springs, GA
Brief Description of Project:	13.26 acre site proposed for redevelopment with 1,522,754 sf new office, 1,673,360 sf new residential (1,587 units), 188,033 sf commercial and 313,044 sf office to remain of existing 419,700 sf building.

#### **Development Type:**

Development Type.		
◯ (not selected)	◯ Hotels	O Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Office	Mixed Use	O Petroleum Storage Facilities
○ Commercial	○ Airports	○ Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs
O Wholesale & Distribution	Attractions & Recreational Facilities	◯ Intermodal Terminals
◯ Hospitals and Health Care Facilities	Post-Secondary Schools	Truck Stops

<sup>◯</sup> Housing	○ Waste Handling Facilities ○ Any other development types
◯ Industrial	Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants
If other development type, des	cribe:
Project Size (# of units, floor	1,522,754 sf new office, 1,673,360 sf new residential (1,587 units), 188,033 sf commercial
area, etc.): Developer:	1117 Sandy Springs LLC
Developer.	
Mailing Address:	117 Perimeter Center West, W 111
Address 2:	
	City:Sandy Springs State: GA Zip:30338
Telephone:	404-514-8575
Email:	rob@stonewalk10.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 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 ම No
If yes, provide the following	Project Name:
information:	Project ID:
The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:	<ul> <li>Rezoning</li> <li>Variance</li> <li>Sewer</li> </ul>
	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: 2022 Overall project: 2022
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#### DRI #2552

#### 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 <u>Rules for the DRI Process</u> and the <u>DRI Tiers and Thresholds</u> for more information.

#### **Local Government Information**

Submitting Local Government:	Sandy Springs
Individual completing form:	Catherine Mercier Baggett
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Email:	cmercier-baggett@sandyspringsga.gov

#### **Project Information**

Name of Proposed Project:	1117 Perimeter Center West
DRI ID Number:	2552
Developer/Applicant:	1117 Sandy Springs LLC
Telephone:	404-514-8575
Email(s):	rob@stonewalk10.com

#### Additional Information Requested

Has the RDC identified any additional information required in order to proceed with the official regional review process? (If no, proceed to Economic Impacts.)	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes <sup>®</sup> No	
If yes, has that additional information been provided to your RDC and, if applicable, GRTA?	◎ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◯ No	
If no, the official review process can not start until this additional information is provided.		
Economic Development		
Estimated Value at Build-Out:	1.00 - 1.17B	

Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:	15 - 17M	
Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?	◯ (not selected) <sup>®</sup> Yes ◯ No	
Will this development displace any existing uses?	◯ (not selected) <sup>◎</sup> Yes ◯ No	
	g number of units, square feet, etc): The existing parking deck will be reduced in size but the inimal because of the mixed-use nature of the project and its proximity to a transit station - see	
	Water Supply	
Name of water supply provider for this site:	City of Atlanta	
What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.89	
Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?	◯ (not selected) <sup>®</sup> Yes ◯ No	
If no, describe any plans to expa	and the existing water supply capacity:	
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes	
If yes, how much additional line	(in miles) will be required?	
	Wastewater Disposal	
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	Fulton County	
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	0.74	
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	◯ (not selected) <sup>®</sup> Yes ◯ No	
If no, describe any plans to expand existing wastewater treatment capacity:		
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes . ● No	
If yes, how much additional line (in miles) 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.)	1,645 AM peak; 1,790 PM peak	
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	◯ (not selected)	
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	◯ (not selected) . Yes ◯ No	
If yes, please describe below:See traffic study		
Solid Waste Disposal		
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	13,700	
Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?	◯ (not selected)	
If no, describe any plans to expa	ind existing landfill capacity:	
Will any hazardous waste be generated by the development?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ම 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?	85 - 90%	
	ed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's nent:TBD by the City Engineer and the Applicant	
Environmental Quality		
Is the development located within, or likely to affect any of the following:		
1. Water supply watersheds?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes	

2. Significant groundwater recharge areas?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◉ No
3. Wetlands?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes <sup>®</sup> No
4. Protected mountains?	(not selected) Yes No
5. Protected river corridors?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes ◉ No
6. Floodplains?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes <sup>●</sup> No
7. Historic resources?	○ (not selected) ○ Yes ◎ No
8. Other environmentally sensitive resources?	◯ (not selected) ◯ Yes . No
If you answered yes to any que	estion above, describe how the identified resource(s) may be affected:
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