

## **REGIONAL REVIEW FINDING**

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DATE: June 3, 2020 ARC REVIEW CODE: R2005151

TO: Mayor Bianca Motley Broom
ATTN TO: Michelle Alexander, City Planner

**FROM:** Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director

**RE:** Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Review

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed 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 final report does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the host local government.

Name of Proposal: College Park "Airport City" (DRI #3063)

Submitting Local Government: City of College Park

**Review Type**: Development of Regional Impact **Date Opened**: May 15, 2020 **Date Closed**: June 3, 2020

Description: A Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review of a master-planned, mixed-use project proposed for a 320-acre site in the City of College Park, approximately bordered by Camp Creek Parkway to the south, Victoria and McDonald streets to the east, Brady Recreation Center Park to the north, and College Park Municipal Golf Course to the west. The proposed development plan includes 638,000 SF of retail/commercial space, 2.4 million SF of office, 65 detached single-family homes, 697 multifamily units of varying types, four hotels with 1200 rooms total, and a variety of other sports/recreational uses. Additional space is provided for incremental development, with up to 1.27 million SF for mixed commercial, 635,000 SF for office, and 23 single-family parcels. The local trigger for this review is a proposed rezoning for the entire site to PD-C, as defined by the Airport City Master Plan completed in June 2019. The estimated opening year is 2025 and the full build-out year is 2040.

<u>Comments:</u> According to the ARC Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), part of The Atlanta Region's Plan, this DRI is in the Maturing Neighborhoods area, but adjacent to and designed to interact with a Regional Employment Corridor directly to the south (Georgia International Conference Center and Gateway Center amenities). ARC's Regional Development Guide (RDG) details recommended policies for areas and places on the UGPM. General information and policy recommendations for both Maturing Neighborhoods and Regional Employment Corridors are listed at the bottom of these comments.

This DRI appears to manifest many aspects of regional policy, including many of those at the bottom of this narrative. In the course of preparing these comments, ARC staff compared the proposed site plan to both

the 2017 College Park Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) plan completed in 2017 and the supplemental Airport City Master Plan completed in 2019, upon which this project is based.

The plan contemplates a major mixed-use, infill redevelopment with a variety of housing types, office and retail/restaurant uses, recreational facilities, with pedestrian-oriented infrastructure and amenities throughout the site. Some of the retail is intended to attract customers regionally, while other portions are intended to be locally serving. The mix of uses offers the potential for site residents to work and shop onsite or in the same district, and for workers and visitors to arrive via an alternative transportation mode or park once and conduct multiple trips on foot, thereby reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips.

To capitalize on this potential, care should be taken to ensure that the development, as constructed, promotes an interconnected, functional, clearly marked and comfortable bike/pedestrian experience on all streets, paths, entrances, and parking areas. The development team is also encouraged to ensure that end-of-trip facilities are provided for residents, workers and visitors at key locations, e.g., scooter and bicycle storage racks throughout the site, lockers/showers in office spaces, etc. These recommendations are made given that the applicant estimated a significant number of vehicle trips to be eliminated (37% AM and 35% PM) from a combination of alternative mode share and internal capture across all uses in the GRTA-required DRI traffic study.

The applicant team should ensure that project driveways and intersections and any associated improvements (e.g., new turn lanes, traffic signals, etc.) are designed and implemented in full coordination with the City of College Park and Georgia Department of Transportation to safely and efficiently accommodate the DRI's projected automobile traffic. Internal streets and driveways should be designed to minimize driving speeds and prioritize safety and comfort of pedestrians throughout the site, through the use of reduced lane widths, shorter curb radii, raised crossings, bulb-outs, and other design features. This project is notable for its potential to restore and expand the street grid in the area, and future street connections should be preserved in the site plan. Because the site can expect a mix of local residents, workers, and visitors, the attention to safety and driving speeds will be critical. Additional comments from ARC's Transportation Access and Mobility Group are attached.

The project's proximity to Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport brings a range of considerations for flight paths, noise, and connectivity. Please see the attached comments from Georgia Department of Transportation's aviation division, which notes the Federal Aviation Administration and planners with HJAIA may have additional questions, comments, and suggestions.

An exciting element of this DRI is the intention to design for a significant portion of the total footprint to be developed incrementally by various partners, which could bring a more organic and varied building typology and mix of uses than would be seen with a mixed-use development built at one time. A risk is that if market conditions delay development, then the eastern portions of Phase 1 (sections E1–E4 in the site plan) could leave a gap in development between historic downtown College Park (and MARTA rail) and the larger, more intense uses farther to the west (A1–A2, B, C, D2–D4, I1–I4, K, L). There is the potential for these undeveloped blocks to act as both a visual and comfort barrier for visitors coming from the east.

Sidewalks, streetscapes, lighting, and clear wayfinding on John Wesley Avenue, Columbia Avenue, and Harvard Avenue between Conley Street and Roosevelt Highway should be an immediate priority.

It's also not completely clear from the proposed site plan what the primary pedestrian route between downtown/MARTA and the center of the project is supposed to be. The 2019 Airport City plan defines John Wesley Avenue as a secondary retail corridor and it ends directly at the existing crosswalk to the MARTA station. However, the current site plan shows multiple parking decks lining the street, which makes for a poor pedestrian environment with blank walls and curb cuts. It may be worth considering whether pedestrians should be directed to Columbia Avenue instead, to take advantage of visual impact of the proposed canopy and draw them into the primary retail corridor.

The City of College Park should also consider long-term improvements to the pedestrian crossing over the freight tracks to the MARTA station, which is not ADA-compliant and potentially unsafe. While the site is fortunate to have a high-frequency and capacity MARTA rail station near the eastern end of the project, it is otherwise not well-served by other transit routes, other than the current bus route #82 on Camp Creek Parkway and route #172 along Princeton Drive. If fully built out, the DRI has potential to justify altering of existing bus routes to serve the interior of the site. Use of circulator shuttles to serve the various hotels and recreational amenities could be considered. Pedestrian access to the south across Camp Creek Parkway will be improved with the addition of a pedestrian bridge from the center of the DRI south to Georgia International Conference Center and Gateway Center Arena). Wayfinding, lighting, landscaping, and security should be considered on both ends and along the bridge to ensure it's comfortable and attractive to use.

Phase 2 of the project generally declines in density and transitions into a more traditional neighborhood footprint. Again, it will be important to build a robust pedestrian and bike network with ample wayfinding to encourage alternative mode travel between these sections and the core of the DRI. The project should coordinate closely with the Aerotropolis Alliance and the Community Improvement Districts to integrate their regional greenway plan.

The project can further support The Atlanta Region's Plan in general by incorporating other aspects of regional policy, including green infrastructure and/or low-impact design best practices throughout the site in general, in parking areas, on site driveways, in stormwater detention facilities, and as part of any improvements to site frontages. Additional comments from ARC's Natural Resources Group are attached.

The intensity of this proposed project is within the RDG's recommended parameters for density and building height for the Maturing Neighborhoods area of the region. However, it will still be critical for City leadership and staff, along with the applicant team, to collaborate to the greatest extent possible to ensure maximum sensitivity and mitigate potential impacts to nearby neighborhoods, natural resources and land uses.

Further to the above, Maturing Neighborhoods were primarily developed prior to 1970. These areas are typically adjacent to the Region Core and Regional Employment Corridors. These three areas, combined, represent a significant percentage of the region's jobs and population. General policy recommendations 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

Because this site is directly adjacent to a Regional Employment Corridor, additional recommendations follow:

- 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 the redevelopment of existing sites.

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

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
MARTA

CITY OF EAST POINT CLAYTON COUNTY AEROTROPOLIS CIDS ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & MOBILITY
ARC AGING & HEALTH RESOURCES
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FULTON COUNTY
HARTSFIELD-JACKSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Greg Giuffrida at (470) 378-1531 or <a href="mailto:ggiuffrida@atlantaregional.org">ggiuffrida@atlantaregional.org</a>. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at <a href="http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews">http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews</a>.



## **Developments of Regional Impact**

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#### **DRI #3063**

#### **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 Information**

Submitting Local Government: College Park

Individual completing form: Michelle M. Alexander

Telephone: 4047671537

E-mail: malexander@tcfatl.com

\*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: College Park "Airport City"

Location (Street Address, Boundaried by McDonald Avenue, Princeton Avenue and Camp Creek Parkway GPS Coordinates, or Legal

Land Lot Description):

Brief Description of Project: Approximately 311 acre master planned, mixed-use development initiated by City of College Park and BIDA. To be developed as a public-private partnership with hotel,

retail, Class-A office, outdoor parks, recreation, residential and enhancement of existing city golf course, with connectivity to MARTA and

#### Development Type:

(not selected) OHotels Wastewater Treatment Facilities Office Mixed Use Petroleum Storage Facilities Commercial Airports OWater Supply Intakes/Reservoirs OAttractions & Recreational Facilities OIntermodal Terminals OWholesale & Distribution OHospitals and Health Care Facilities OPost-Secondary Schools OTruck Stops Housing OWaste Handling Facilities Any other development types Industrial Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants

If other development type, describe:

Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.): 3 million SF office, 548,000 SF commercial, 450 d.u., 1.27 incremental mixed use

Developer: BIDA with public/private partnerships

Mailing Address: 3667 Main Street

Address 2: City Hall

City:College Park State: Ge Zip:30337

Telephone: 4047671537

Email: Artiejones@collegeparkga.com

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

If yes, property owner: BIDA is the owner and Mr. Jones is the exec staff member

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 (not selected) Yes No

a previous DRI?

If yes, provide the following Project Name:

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information: Project ID:

Rezoning
The initial action being | Variance | requested of the local | Sewer | Government for this project: | Water | Permit | Other |

Is this project a phase or part of a larger overall project? | If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent? |

Estimated Project | This project/phase: phase 1 - 2024 | Completion Dates: | Overall project: 2030 |

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#### **DRI #3063**

#### **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: College Park

Individual completing form: Michelle M. Alexander

Telephone: 404.767.1537/404.345

Email: malexander@tcfatl.com

#### **Project Information**

Name of Proposed Project: College Park "Airport City"

DRI ID Number: 3063

Developer/Applicant: City of College Park/BIDA with public/private partnerships

Telephone: 4047671537

Email(s): Artiejones@collegeparkga.com

## **Additional Information Requested**

Has the RDC identified any additional information

required in order to proceed with the official regional review process? (If no, (not selected) Yes No

proceed to Economic

Impacts.)

If yes, has that additional information been provided to your RDC and, if applicable,

(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-

\$1.9 Billion

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

\$32.8 Million

generated by the proposed development:

(not selected) Yes No

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

Will this development displace any existing uses?

(not selected) Yes No

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

### **Water Supply**

Name of water supply provider for this site:

City of College Park Water & Sewer

What is the estimated water supply demand to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?

.79 MGD

Is sufficient water supply capacity available to serve the proposed project?

(not selected) Yes No

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If no, describe any plans to expand the existing water supply capacity:  No extension required, however, a new ater tank will probably be added to the system to increase capacity for fire related service.		
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	ℂ(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:	City of College Park Water & Sewer/Fulton County Water Services Division	
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	.66 MGD	
Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?	ℂ(not selected) ® Yes ℂNo	
If no, describe any plans to e	expand existing wastewater treatment capacity:	
Is a sewer line extension required to serve this project?	ℂ(not selected) Yes®No	
If yes, how much additional l	ine (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.)	AM Peak 7,105; Reduced 4,476/ PM Peak Total 9,855; Reduced 6,406	
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	ି(not selected) ିYesିNo	
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	ି(not selected) ିYesିNo	
If yes, please describe below	v:See Section 6.0 of the Traffic Study	
	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%	
project's impacts on stormwa with the GA Stormwater Man	oosed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the ater management:Stormwater detention, water quality and channel protection in accordance tagement will be provided. This will be handled through in-place regional detention tion pond treepod bioretion filters and green infrastructure. Some of this is already in place	
	Environmental Quality	
Is the development located v	vithin, or likely to affect any of the following:	

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<ol> <li>Water supply watersheds?</li> </ol>	ℂ(not selected)ℂYes⊚No		
2. 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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#### COLLEGE PARK AIRPORT CITY DRI

City of College Park Natural Resources Group Review Comments May 14, 2020

While ARC and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District have no regulatory or review authority over this project, the Natural Resources Group has identified County and State regulations that could apply to this property. Other regulations may also apply that we have not identified.

## **Watershed Protection**

The property is in the Camp Creek watershed, which is within the Chattahoochee River watershed The property is not within the 2000-foot Chattahoochee River Corridor of the Metropolitan River Protection Act. Camp Creek enters the Chattahoochee downstream of the portion of the river that serves as a water supply source in the Atlanta Region.

## **Stream Buffers**

Both the project conceptual site plan and the USGS coverage for the project area show Camp Creek along the northern and northwestern portions of the project property, as well as an unnamed stream and two unnamed tributaries to it running along the southern and southwestern portion of the property to where it meets Camp Creek at the western edge of the project property. The site plan is at a scale that is too large to show details such as stream buffers, but these streams, as well as any unmapped streams on the property may be subject to the requirements of the City of College Park's Stream Buffer ordinance as well as the State 25-foot Sediment and Erosion Control Buffer. Any unmapped waters of the state on the property may also be subject to the requirements of the State 25-foot buffer.

## **Stormwater/Water Quality**

The project should adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality.

During the planning phase, the stormwater management system (system) should meet the requirements of the local jurisdiction's post-construction (or post-development) stormwater management ordinance. The system should be designed to prevent increased flood damage, streambank channel erosion, habitat degradation and water quality degradation, and enhance and promote the public health, safety and general welfare. The system design should also be in accordance with the applicable sections of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (<a href="www.georgiastormwater.com">www.georgiastormwater.com</a>) such as design standards, calculations, formulas, and methods. Where possible, the project should use stormwater better site design practices included in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Volume 2, Section 2.3.

During construction, the project should conform to the relevant state and federal erosion and sedimentation control requirements.



MARK WILLIAMS COMMISSIONER

RUSTY GARRISON DIRECTOR

May 29, 2020

Greg Giuffrida Plan Review Technician Atlanta Regional Commission 229 Peachtree Street NE Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30303

Subject: Known occurrences of natural communities, plants and animals of highest priority conservation status on or near DRI 3063 College Park Airport City aka Six West, Fulton County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Giuffrida:

This is in response to your request of May 15, 2020. The following Georgia natural heritage database element occurrences (EOs) were selected for the current site using the local HUC10 watershed for elements whose range distribution is limited by aquatic systems (AQ) and within 3 miles for all other EOs (TR).

- GA Cambarus howardi (Chattahoochee Crayfish) in Dog River (AQ), approx. 20.8 mi W of site.
- GA *Cyprinella callitaenia* (Bluestripe Shiner) [Historic] in Chattahoochee River Huc 10 0313000203 (AQ), approx. 9.8 mi W of site
- GA *Cypripedium acaule* (Pink Ladyslipper) (TR), approx. 2.4 mi N of site *Micropterus cataractae* (Shoal Bass) [Historic] in Anneewakee Creek (AQ), approx. 12.5 mi W of site
  - *Micropterus chattahoochae* (Chattahoochee Bass) [Historic] in Snake Creek Huc 10 0313000203 Chattahoochee River Lower North 7 (AQ), approx. 27.0 mi W of site
- GA *Notropis hypsilepis* (Highscale Shiner) in Keaton Creek, Huc 10 0313000203 (Chattahoochee River Lower North 7) (AQ), approx. 24.2 mi W of site
- GA Peucaea aestivalis (Bachman's Sparrow) (TR), approx. 1.4 mi NE of site
- GA Symphyotrichum georgianum (Georgia Aster) [Historic] (TR), in an uncertain location near the project site

Andrews [Atlanta Greenway] (TR), approx. 2.9 mi N of site Austin [Atlanta Greenway] (TR), approx. 3.0 mi N of site Betty Harvey [Atlanta Greenway] (TR), approx. 2.9 mi N of site Brannon [Atlanta Greenway] (TR), approx. 2.9 mi N of site Collins [Atlanta Greenway] (TR), approx. 3.0 mi N of site Dunn (Wells Dr) [Atlanta Greenway] (TR), approx. 3.0 mi N of site

GALT easement [Georgia-Alabama Land Trust] (TR), approx. 2.0 mi W of site

Hunter [Atlanta Greenway] (TR), approx. 2.9 mi N of site

YMCA [Atlanta Greenway] (TR), approx. 2.8 mi N of site

Greenspace program acquisition (TR), approx. 2.7 mi N of site

Greenspace program acquisition (TR), approx. 1.2 mi NW of site

Chattahoochee River Lower North 8 (0313000201) [SWAP High Priority Watershed] (TR), approx. 1.2 mi N of site

# Chattahoochee River Lower North 7 (0313000203) [SWAP High Priority Watershed] (TR), on site

Flint River Upper 6 (0313000501) [SWAP High Priority Watershed] (TR), approx. 0.4 mi E of site

## **Recommendations:**

Please be aware that state protected species have been documented near the proposed project. For information about these species, including survey recommendations, please visit our webpage at <a href="http://georgiawildlife.com/conservation/species-of-concern#rare-locations">http://georgiawildlife.com/conservation/species-of-concern#rare-locations</a>.

This project occurs within a high priority watershed. As part of Georgia's State Wildlife Action Plan, high priority watersheds were identified to protect the best-known populations of high priority aquatic species, important coastal habitats, and migratory corridors for anadromous species. Please refer to Appendix F of Georgia's State Wildlife Action Plan to find out more specific information about this high priority watershed: https://georgiawildlife.com/wildlifeactionplan.

We are concerned about streams and other habitats that could be impacted by the proposed project. We recommend that stringent erosion control practices be used during construction activities and that vegetation is re-established on disturbed areas as quickly as possible. Silt fences and other erosion control devices should be inspected and maintained until soil is stabilized by vegetation. Please use natural vegetation and grading techniques (e.g. vegetated swales, turn-offs, vegetated buffer strips) that will ensure that the project site does not serve as a conduit for storm water or pollutants into the watershed during or after construction. These measures will help protect water quality near the project as well as in downstream areas.

Please be aware that the type of erosion control material used during construction can impact wildlife. We strongly recommend using natural, biodegradable materials such as 'jute' or 'coir'. Mesh strands should be movable, as opposed to fixed. Use of plastic fencing frequently leads to wildlife entrapment and death.

#### Disclaimer:

Please keep in mind the limitations of our database. The data collected by the Wildlife Conservation Section comes from a variety of sources, including museum and herbarium records, literature, and reports from individuals and organizations, as well as field surveys by our staff biologists. In most cases the information is not the result of a recent on-site survey by our staff. Many areas of Georgia have never been surveyed thoroughly. Therefore, the Wildlife Conservation Section can only occasionally provide definitive information on the presence or

absence of rare species on a given site. Our files are updated constantly as new information is received. Thus, information provided by our program represents the existing data in our files at the time of the request and should not be considered a final statement on the species or area under consideration.

If you know of populations of highest priority species that are not in our database, please fill out the appropriate data collection form and send it to our office. Forms can be obtained through our web site (<a href="http://georgiawildlife.com/conservation/species-of-concern#rare-locations">http://georgiawildlife.com/conservation/species-of-concern#rare-locations</a>) or by contacting our office. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Laci Pattavina, Wildlife Biologist, Environmental Reviews laci.pattavina@dnr.ga.gov, (706) 557-3228

#### Data Available on the Wildlife Conservation Section Website

Georgia protected plant and animal profiles are available on our website. These accounts
cover basics like descriptions and life history, as well as threats, management
recommendations and conservation status. Visit

http://georgiawildlife.com/conservation/species-of-concern#rare-locations.

- Rare species and natural community information can be viewed by Quarter Quad, County and HUC8 Watershed. To access this information, please visit our GA Rare Species and Natural Community Information page at: http://georgiabiodiversity.org/
- Downloadable files of rare species and natural community data by quarter quad and county are also available. They can be downloaded from:

http://georgiabiodiversity.org/natels/natural-element-locations.html

## **Greg Giuffrida**

From: Hood, Alan C. <achood@dot.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:53 PM

**To:** Greg Giuffrida

Cc: Comer, Carol; Edmisten, Colette; Brian, Steve; Robinson, Joseph; matthew.coffelt@atl.com

Subject: RE: ARC DRI Review Notification - College Park Airport City (DRI 3063) aka Six West

Attachments: ARC Preliminary Report - College Park Airport City DRI 3063.pdf

#### Greg,

The proposed mixed-use project on a 320-acre site in the City of College Park, approximately bordered by Camp Creek Parkway to the south, Victoria and McDonald streets to the east, Brady Recreation Center Park to the north, and College Park Municipal Golf Course to the west, is less than 1 mile west of the Hartsfield - Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), and is located within the FAA's approach and departure surfaces, and needs to be studied by the FAA to determine the impact of on the airport.

Due to exceeding the instrument approach area, and being in proximity to a navigation facility, a FAA Form 7460-1 must be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration according to the FAA's Notice Criteria Tool found here (<a href="https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/gisTools/gisAction.jsp?action=showNoNoticeRequiredToolForm">https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/gisTools/gisAction.jsp?action=showNoNoticeRequiredToolForm</a>). The submissions for the buildings and any associated cranes or vertical construction equipment may be done online at <a href="https://oeaaa.faa.gov">https://oeaaa.faa.gov</a>. The FAA must be in receipt of the notifications, no later than 120 days prior to construction. The FAA will evaluate the potential impacts of the project on protected airspace associated with the airports and advise the proponent if any action is necessary.

I have copied Matthew Coffelt with the Hartsfield - Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) on this email.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

## **Alan Hood**

Airport Safety Data Program Manager



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regional impact + local relevance

## **Development of Regional Impact**

## **Assessment of Consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan**

## **DRI INFORMATION**

DRI Number #3063

**DRI Title** Six West

**County** Fulton County

City (if applicable) College Park

Address / 320-acre site in the City of College Park, approximately bordered by Camp

Creek Parkway to the south, Victoria and McDonald streets to the east, Brady Recreation Center Park to the north, and College Park Municipal Golf Course to

the west

Review Process EXPEDITED

NON-EXPEDITED

638,000 SF of retail/commercial space, 2.4 million SF of office, 65 detached single-family homes, 697 multifamily units of varying types, four hotels with

1200 rooms total, and sports/recreational uses

## **REVIEW INFORMATION**

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**Date** May 18, 2020

## TRAFFIC STUDY

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**Date** May 6, 2020

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECTS**

01. Did the traffic analysis incorporate all projects contained in the current version of the fiscally constrained RTP which are within the study area or along major transportation corridors connecting the study area with adjacent jurisdictions?
YES (provide date of RTP project list used below and the page number of the traffic study where relevant projects are identified)
☐ NO (provide comments below)
The traffic study identifies programmed projects in the study area on page 2 of the analysis under Other Plans and Projects.
REGIONAL NETWORKS
02. Will the development site be directly served by any roadways identified as Regional Thoroughfares?
A Regional Thoroughfare is a major transportation corridor that serves multiple ways of traveling, including walking, bicycling, driving, and riding transit. It connects people and goods to important places in metropolitan Atlanta. A Regional Thoroughfare's operations should be managed through application of special traffic control strategies and suitable land development guidelines in order to maintain travel efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users. In light of the special function that Regional Thoroughfares serve in supporting cross-regional and interjurisdictional mobility and access, the network receives priority consideration for infrastructure investment in the Metro Atlanta region. Any access points between the development and a Regional Thoroughfare, combined with the development's on-site circulation patterns, must be designed with the goal of preserving the highest possible level of capacity and safety for all users of the roadway.
□ NO
XES (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)
The development proposes several access points of SR 6/ Camp Creek Parkway.

#### 03. Will the development site be directly served by any roadways identified as Regional Truck Routes?

A Regional Truck Route is a freeway, state route or other roadway which serves as a critical link for the movement of goods to, from and within the Region by connecting airports, intermodal/multimodal facilities, distribution and warehousing centers and manufacturing clusters with the rest of the state and nation. These facilities often serve a key mobility and access function for other users as well, including drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users. A Regional Truck Route's operations should be managed through application of special traffic control strategies and suitable land development guidelines in order to maintain travel efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users. In light of the special function that Regional Truck Routes serve in supporting cross-regional and interjurisdictional mobility and access, the network receives priority consideration for infrastructure investment in the Metro Atlanta region. Any access points between the development and a Regional Truck Route, combined with the development's on-site circulation patterns, must be designed with the goal of preserving the highest possible level of capacity and safety for all users of the roadway.

	NO
$\boxtimes$	YES (identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)
	The development proposes several access points on SR 6/ Camp Creek Parkway, a major freight thoroughfare.

# **04.** If the development site is within one mile of an existing rail service, provide information on accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce congestion. If a transit service is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and the nearest station is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

П	NOT APPLICABLE (nearest station more than one mile away)		
	RAIL SERVICE WITHIN ONE MILE (provide additional information below)		
	Nearest Station	College Park	
	Distance*	☐ Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)	
		☐ 0.10 to 0.50 mile	
	Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity	
		Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete	
		Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)	
		Click here to provide comments.	

Bicycling Access*	Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity
	☐ Low volume and/or low speed streets provide connectivity
	Route follows high volume and/or high speed streets
	Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
Transit Connectivity	Fixed route transit agency bus service available to rail station
	Private shuttle or circulator available to rail station
	No services available to rail station
	Not applicable (accessing the site by transit is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
	Click here to provide comments.

<sup>\*</sup> Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

## 05. If there is currently no rail transit service within one mile of the development site, is nearby rail service planned in the fiscally constrained RTP?

Access between major developments and transit services provide options for people who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and expansion plans are being considered in the general vicinity of the development site, the agency should give consideration to how the site can be best served during the evaluation of alignments and station locations. Proactive negotiations with the development team and local government(s) are encouraged to determine whether right-of-way within the site should be identified and protected for potential future service. If direct service to the site is not feasible or cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) are encouraged to ensure good walking and bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and the future rail line. These improvements should be considered fundamental components of the overall transit expansion project, with improvements completed concurrent with or prior to the transit service being brought online.

$\boxtimes$	NOT APPLICABLE (rail service already exists)
	NOT APPLICABLE (accessing the site by transit is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
	NO (no plans exist to provide rail service in the general vicinity)
	YES (provide additional information on the timeframe of the expansion project below)
	CST planned within TIP period
	CST planned within first portion of long range period
	CST planned near end of plan horizon
Click	chere to provide comments

06. If the development site is within one mile of fixed route bus services (including any privately operated shuttles or circulators open to the general public), provide information on walking and bicycling accessibility conditions.

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	NOT APPLICABLE (nearest bus, shuttle or circulator stop more than one mile away)		
$\boxtimes$	SERVICE WITHIN ONE MILE (provide additional information below)		
	Operator(s)	MARTA	
	Bus Route(s)	84	
	Distance*	☑ Within or adjacent to the development site (0.10 mile or less)	
		0.10 to 0.50 mile	
		0.50 to 1.00 mile	
	Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide sufficient connectivity	
		Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete	
		Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)	
		Sidewalk currently exist along some stretches of Roosevelt Highway adjacent to the site. Bowen Road has no pedestrian facilities.	
	Bicycling Access*	Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity	
		Route uses high volume and/or high speed streets	
		Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed)	

			provides rail and/or fixed route bus service operate anywhere within development site is located?
	or can con sen na to en	prefer not to drive, expar n help reduce traffic cong mprehensive operations p rving the site during the e ture of the development of the site is not feasible or sure good walking and bi y routes within a one mile	lopments and transit services provide options for people who cannot and economic opportunities by better connecting people and jobs, and restion. If a transit agency operates within the jurisdiction and a colan update is undertaken, the agency should give consideration to evaluation of future routes, bus stops and transfer facilities. If the is amenable to access by transit, walking or bicycling, but direct service cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) should cycling access accessibility is provided between the development and the radius. The applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make a priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.
□ NO			
	$\boxtimes$	YES	
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		ccessibility conditions.	thin one mile of an existing multi-use path or trail, provide information
Access between major developments and walking/bicycling facilities provide options for who cannot or prefer not to drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting and jobs, and can help reduce traffic congestion. If connectivity with a regionally signific or trail is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and the facilities is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the rofunding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.			drive, expand economic opportunities by better connecting people ce traffic congestion. If connectivity with a regionally significant path but walking or bicycling between the development site and those applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a
		NOT ADDUCABLE (nonze	
		YES (provide additional i	st path or trail more than one mile away)
		Name of facility	Brady Trail, Proposed Aerotropolis Greenway Trail
		Distance	Within or adjacent to development site (0.10 mile or less)
			0.15 to 0.50 mile
			0.50 to 1.00 mile
		Walking Access*	Sidewalks and crosswalks provide connectivity
			Sidewalk and crosswalk network is incomplete
			Not applicable (accessing the site by walking is not consistent with the type of development proposed)
		Bicycling Access*	Dedicated lanes or cycle tracks provide connectivity
			Low volume and/or low speed streets provide connectivity

Route uses high volume and/or high speed streets

	the type of development proposed)
	Bicycle facilities do not currently exist along roadways adjacent to the development. The site plan and traffic analysis do not propose bicycle facilities.
*	Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site
09. Does t	ISPORTATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS  the site plan provide for the construction of publicly accessible roadway connections with ent parcels?
The road	ability for drivers and bus routes to move between developments without using the adjacent lway network can save time and reduce congestion. Such opportunities should be considered proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever possible.
	TES (connections to adjacent parcels are planned as part of the development) TES (stub outs will make future connections possible when adjacent parcels redevelop) THO (the site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop) THOT APPLICABLE (adjacent parcels are not likely to develop or redevelop in the near future) THOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development or adjacent parcels does not lend itself to interparcel roadway connections) Troads provide access to adjacent parcels.
	the site plan enable pedestrians and bicyclists to move between destinations within the opment site safely and conveniently?
relia plan dest	ability for walkers and bicyclists to move within the site safely and conveniently reduces ance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Development site as should incorporate well designed and direct sidewalk connections between all key tinations. To the extent practical, bicycle lanes or multiuse paths are encouraged for large age sites and where high volumes of bicyclists and pedestrians are possible.
b D	ES (sidewalks provided on all key walking routes and both sides of roads whenever practical and bicyclists should have no major issues navigating the street network) PARTIAL (some walking and bicycling facilities are provided, but connections are not comprehensive and/or direct)

Not applicable (accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with

	NO (walking and bicycling facilities within the site are limited or nonexistent)
Ш	NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development does not lend itself to internal walking and bicycling trips)
	Several of the existing local roadways, including Harvard and John Wesley Ave, are equipped with sidewalks providing accessibility to adjacent parcels as well as transit connectivity. The site plan shows bicycle facilities proposed along West Harvard Avenue and Columbia Avenue.
	s the site plan provide the ability to construct publicly accessible bicycling and walking nections with adjacent parcels which may be redeveloped in the future?
red op	e ability for walkers and bicyclists to move between developments safely and conveniently duces reliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Such portunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans benever possible.
	YES (connections to adjacent parcels are planned as part of the development)
	YES (stub outs will make future connections possible when adjacent parcels redevelop)
	NO (the development site plan does not enable walking or bicycling to/from adjacent parcels)
	NO (the site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop)
	NOT APPLICABLE (adjacent parcels are not likely to develop or redevelop in the near future)
	NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development or adjacent parcels does not lend itself to interparcel walking and bicycling trips)
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fron roac	s the site plan effectively manage truck movements and separate them, to the extent possible, in the flow of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists both within the site and on the surrounding in network?
oft are see	e ability for delivery and service vehicles to efficiently enter and exit major developments is ten key to their economic success. So is the ability of visitors and customers being able to move bound safely and pleasantly within the site. To the extent practical, truck movements should be gregated by minimizing the number of conflict points with publicly accessible internal roadways, lewalks, paths and other facilities.
	YES (truck routes to serve destinations within the site are clearly delineated, provide ample space for queuing and turning around, and are separated from other users to the extent practical)
	PARTIAL (while one or more truck routes are also used by motorists and/or interface with primary walking and bicycling routes, the site plan mitigates the potential for conflict adequately)
	NO (one or more truck routes serving the site conflict directly with routes likely to be used heavily by pedestrians, bicyclists and/or motorists)

RECOMMENDATIONS	
13. Do the transportation network recommendations outlined in the traffi from a constructability standpoint?	c study appear to be feasible
UNKNOWN (additional study is necessary)	
YES (based on information made available through the review proce thorough engineering / financial analysis)	ss; does not represent a
☐ NO (see comments below)	
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14. Is ARC aware of any issues with the development proposal which may one or more local governments, agencies or stakeholder groups?	result in it being opposed by
NO (based on information shared with ARC staff prior to or during the reflect the outcome of an extensive stakeholder engagement process	•
YES (see comments below)	
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15. ARC offers the following additional comments for consideration by the the applicable local government(s):	development team and/or
Significant gaps in sidewalk infrastructure currently exist along roads wit recommended that additional sidewalk facilities are developed as a part internal circulation by alternate modes.	•

NOT APPLICABLE (the nature of the development will not generate a wide variety of users and/or

very low truck volumes, so the potential for conflict is negligible)

