

DATE: October 13, 2023

TO: Mayor Tom Reed, City of Chattahoochee Hills
ATTN TO: Mike Morton, Community Development Director, City of Chattahoochee Hills
FROM: Mike Alexander, COO, Atlanta Regional Commission
RE: Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Review

ARC has completed a regional review of the below DRI. ARC reviewed the DRI's 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: Merrill Park Chattahoochee Hills DRI 4004

Submitting Local Government: Chattahoochee Hills

Date Opened: September 22, 2023

Date Closed: October 13, 2023

Description: A DRI review of a proposal to construct a mixed-use development with 400 single-family homes, 400 townhomes, 1,200 multi-family units, 400 hotel rooms, 1,600,000 sf of office space, 475,000 sf of retail space, 225,000 sf of healthcare space, and 200,000 sf of educational space on a 525-acre wooded site at the intersection of Cochran Mill Road and South Fulton Parkway in the City of Chattahoochee Hills.

Comments:

Key Comments

The project's retention of approximately 45% of the 525 acre site as open space – along with the preservation of an additional 1,475 acres off site through the City's Density Transfer Credit program, a regional model for market-based land conservation – very strongly aligns with Rural Areas policy recommendations set forth in the Atlanta Region's Plan which stress the need to protect rural areas and their character and note: "There is a strong desire from residents and elected officials in these areas to keep them rural...The region is striving to protect these areas by limiting infrastructure investments to targeted areas and allowing no development or only low impact development."

In the context of the large amount of preserved conservation land both on and off-site, the overall size of the project, which includes 1,600,000 SF of office space alone, 2,000 residential units, and close to a million SF of other uses, aligns with Rural Area policy recommendations.

The project includes a wide range of housing types which is supportive of regional housing policies.

The project includes a mix of residential, educational, office and commercial, and hospitality uses layout which is supportive of regional land use, multi-modal transportation, and placemaking policies.

The TIS trip generation includes a trip reduction of 45% based on the provision of various mixed-uses that could potentially be accessed with one vehicular trip to a shared parking facility in walking distance of multiple destinations. However, a significant number of the uses shown on the site plan are in single-use nodes/campuses separated from the small mixed-use core by long distances or single access roads. The final site plan will need to avoid separated single-use areas and incorporate a much more compact and finely-grained mix of uses, including live/work spaces, accessible by a network of bicycle and pedestrian connections in order to justify the trip reduction utilized.

The TIS trip generation also includes a 10% alternate mode trip reduction. However, there are no identified external alternate mode connections to the project and the internal alternate mode system is only described as 5-foot wide sidewalks throughout, 10- ft sidewalks in the town center, and some kind of unspecified winding trail crossing under South Fulton Parkway. The final site plan will need to include a much more extensive and developed alternate mode network of sidewalks, bike routes, and multi-use paths to realize the 10% reduction and to meet regional multi-modal transportation policies.

The project will generate a total of 22,703 new vehicular trips; a range of modifications of nearby roadways are proposed to help mitigate the traffic impact.

General Comments

The Atlanta Region's Plan, developed by ARC in close coordination with partner local governments, is intended to broadly guide regional development in the 11-county metro region to ensure that required infrastructure and resources are in place to support continued economic development and prosperity. The Plan assigns a relevant growth management category designation to all areas in the region- Rural Areas for this project - and provides accompanying growth policy recommendations which are detailed at the end of these comments.

The project includes a mix of residential, commercial, and hospitality uses in a potentially walkable and compact village layout which is potentially supportive of regional land use, multi-modal transportation, and placemaking policies. The final plan will need substantial further development to fully meet the stated mixed-use and multi-modal trip reduction goals.

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Transportation and Mobility Comments

ARC's Transportation and Mobility Group comments are attached.

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Care should be taken to ensure that the constructed development provides an interconnected, functional, clearly marked and comfortable pedestrian experience on all driveways, paths, entrances, and parking areas. To the maximum extent possible, new driveways and intersection corners where pedestrians will cross should be constructed with minimal curb radii to reduce speeds of turning vehicles and decrease crossing distances for pedestrians.

ARC Natural Resource Group Comments

ARC's Natural Resource group comments are attached.

Both the project site plan and the USGS coverage for the project area show Bear Creek running through the eastern portion of the property, Cedar Branch, a tributary to Bear Creek at the western edge of the property, and an unnamed tributary to Cedar Branch near the southern limit of the property. In addition, the site plan shows several unmapped tributaries to Bear Creek and Cedar Branch. The site plan also shows and identifies the City stream Buffer Ordinance's 50-foot undisturbed buffer and 75-foot impervious surface setback and the State 25-foot Erosion and Sedimentation Buffer on all streams. All "development areas" shown on the site plan are outside the stream buffers and the only indicated intrusions are transportation crossings, which are allowed under the City ordinance. Any unmapped streams on the property may also be subject to the requirements of the City Stream Buffer Ordinances and any other waters of the State on the property will be subject to the 25-foot state Erosion and Sedimentation Act buffers.

Environmental Comments

The project proposes to retain 45% of the 525-acre site, including currently wooded areas traversed by streams, along with an additional 1,475 acres off site through the City's Density Transfer Credit program.

The Program is based on the Transfer of Development Rights mechanism and serves as a market-based model for other areas of the region challenged by the need to conserve valuable natural land.

The project can further support The Atlanta Region's Plan by incorporating other aspects of regional environmental policy, including green infrastructure and/or low-impact design, e.g., pervious pavers, rain gardens, vegetated swales, etc., in parking areas and site driveways, and as part of any improvements to site frontages.

Unified Growth Management Policy Considerations: Rural Areas

This DRI site is designated Rural Areas which are areas in the region where limited development has taken place or and where development pressure is low. These areas are characterized by sporadic, large single-family lots, agricultural uses, protected lands, and forests. These areas border more central developed and developing areas and represent the limits of the urban service area in the region. There is a strong desire from residents and elected officials in these areas to keep them rural. Increased development threatens existing rural economic uses, such as forestry, agriculture, and tourism.

To maintain economic viability without undesirable development, these areas may be appropriate as “sending” areas in potential Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs. The region is striving to protect these areas by limiting infrastructure investments to targeted areas and allowing no development or only low impact development. There will be a continued need to maintain existing transportation infrastructure, but care should be taken not to spur unwanted growth by inappropriate expansion of infrastructure capacity.

The project's preservation of a large area of sensitive land and mix of uses strongly aligns with Rural Areas growth management policies. The final design of the project could further the intent of the Rural Areas recommendations by organizing development more compactly in mixed-use walkable nodes separated by natural open areas and by utilizing rural character elements in the design of project roads, bridges, fences, and related components.

City of Chattahoochee Hills leadership and staff, along with the applicant team, should collaborate closely to ensure optimal sensitivity to the needs of nearby local governments, neighborhoods, and natural systems.

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

ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

GEORGIA CONSERVANCY

GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF UNION CITY

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE

GEORGIA ENV. FACILITIES AUTHORITY

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CITY OF PALMETTO

For questions, please contact Donald Shockey at (470) 378-1531 or dshockey@atlantaregional.org. This finding will be published to the ARC review website located at <http://atlantaregional.org/plan-reviews>.



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DRI #4004

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: Chattahoochee Hills

Individual completing form: Mike Morton

Telephone: 7704636578

E-mail: mike.morton@chatthillsga.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: Merrill Park Chattahoochee Hills

Location (Street Address, GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description): Intersection of South Fulton Pkwy and Cochran Mill Rd -- 0 SOUTH FULTON HWY, 0 COCHRAN MILL RD

Brief Description of Project: This project consists of 524.66 ac. The master planned community is a mixed use development that includes various commercial, residential, hospitality and healthcare uses.

Development Type:

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| <input type="radio"/> (not selected) | <input type="radio"/> Hotels | <input type="radio"/> Wastewater Treatment Facilities |
| <input type="radio"/> Office | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Mixed Use | <input type="radio"/> Petroleum Storage Facilities |
| <input type="radio"/> Commercial | <input type="radio"/> Airports | <input type="radio"/> Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs |
| <input type="radio"/> Wholesale & Distribution | <input type="radio"/> Attractions & Recreational Facilities | <input type="radio"/> Intermodal Terminals |
| <input type="radio"/> Hospitals and Health Care Facilities | <input type="radio"/> Post-Secondary Schools | <input type="radio"/> Truck Stops |
| <input type="radio"/> Housing | <input type="radio"/> Waste Handling Facilities | <input type="radio"/> Any other development types |
| <input type="radio"/> Industrial | <input type="radio"/> Quarries, Asphalt & Cement Plants | |

If other development type, describe:

Project Size (# of units, floor area, etc.): 2,000 Residential Units of mixed variety, 400 hotel rooms, 425,000 sf of retail/office/residential,

Developer: WHM Chattahoochee Hills Investment, LLC

Mailing Address: 8000 Caps Ferry Rd

Address 2:

City: Douglasville State: GA Zip: 30135

Telephone: 678-777-7550

Email: hmerrill@merrilltrust.com

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

If yes, property owner:

Is the proposed project entirely located within your ☐ (not selected) ☒ Yes ☐ No

local government's jurisdiction?

If no, in what additional jurisdictions is the project located?

Is the current proposal a continuation or expansion of a previous DRI?

(not selected)

Yes

No

If yes, provide the following information:

Project Name:

Project ID:

The initial action being requested of the local government for this project:

Rezoning

Variance

Sewer

Water

Permit

Other

Is this project a phase or part of a larger overall project?

(not selected)

Yes

No

If yes, what percent of the overall project does this project/phase represent?

Estimated Project Completion Dates:

This project/phase: 2035

Overall project: 2035

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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Additional DRI Information

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Local Government Information

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DRI ID Number: 4004
Developer/Applicant: WHM Chattahoochee Hills Investment, LLC
Telephone: 678-777-7550
Email(s): hmerrell@merrilltrust.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 ☐ 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: 2,100,000,000

Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development: 26,250,000

Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?
☐ (not selected) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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 Atlanta Department of Watershed Management

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

1.42 MGD

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

☐ (not selected) ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, describe any plans to expand the existing water supply capacity:
System improvements will be required.

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?
1.3 miles

Wastewater Disposal

Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:

Fulton County Department of Public Works

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

1.27 MGD

Is sufficient wastewater treatment capacity available to serve this proposed project?

☐ (not selected) ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, describe any plans to expand existing wastewater treatment capacity: System improvements will be required.

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? 1.13 miles of forcemain and 2 lift stations.

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 Hour: 1,167 entering, 614 exiting PM Peak Hour: 869 entering, 1,378 exiting 24 Hour: 22,703 two way traffic

Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?

☐ (not selected) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?

☐ (not selected) ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe below: Please see detailed DRI traffic study for breakdown of transportation improvements.

Solid Waste Disposal

How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?

8619 tons/year

Is sufficient landfill capacity available to serve this proposed project?

☐ (not selected) ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, describe any plans to 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

52%

proposed development has been constructed?

Describe any measures proposed (such as buffers, detention or retention ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's impacts on stormwater management: Stream buffers, water quality treatment, and runoff reduction using several different kinds of structural BMP's as per current LIA and GSWCC standards.

Environmental Quality

Is the development located within, or likely to affect any of the following:

1. Water supply watersheds? ☐ (not selected) ☐ Yes ☒ 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: Wetlands, streams and floodplains exist within the development area. There are internal road and utility crossings planned within these areas. However, thoughtful design of the infrastructure and roadways will minimize impacts to these areas.

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MERRILL PARK AT CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLS DRI
City of Chattahoochee Hills
Natural Resources Review Comments
October 9, 2023

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 City and State regulations that could apply to this property. Other regulations may also apply that we have not identified.

Watershed Protection

The project is in the portion of the Chattahoochee River watershed that drains into the 2000-foot Chattahoochee River Corridor, but it is not within the Corridor itself. While this portion of the Chattahoochee watershed is downstream of the existing public water supply intakes on the Chattahoochee, there are two proposed intakes that may affect the project area. The final locations have not been determined for either proposed intake. One intake would serve Coweta County and may be located in Coweta or the southern portion of Fulton County. The second proposed intake would be at or near Bear Creek in Chattahoochee Hills and would serve the southern portions of Fulton County. Once an intake location is approved on the Chattahoochee, the land in the watershed upstream of the intake would be classified as a large water supply watershed (over 100 square miles), as defined under the Part 5 Criteria of the 1989 Georgia Planning Act. However, the Part 5 criteria are minimal for large water supply watersheds with direct river intakes, consisting of limits on hazardous material storage within seven miles upstream of the intake.

Stream Buffers

Both the project site plan and the USGS coverage for the project area show Bear Creek running through the eastern portion of the property, Cedar Branch, a tributary to Bear Creek at the western edge of the property, and an unnamed tributary to Cedar Branch near the southern limit of the property. In addition, the site plan shows several unmapped tributaries to Bear Creek and Cedar Branch. The site plan also shows and identifies the City stream Buffer Ordinance's 50-foot undisturbed buffer and 75-foot impervious surface setback and the State 25-foot Erosion and Sedimentation Buffer on all streams. All "development areas" shown on the site plan are outside the stream buffers and the only indicated intrusions are transportation crossings, which are allowed under the City ordinance. Any unmapped streams on the property may also be subject to the requirements of the City Stream Buffer Ordinances and any other waters of the State on the property will be subject to the 25-foot state Erosion and Sedimentation Act buffers.

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 (www.georgiastormwater.com) 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.

Development of Regional Impact

Assessment of Consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan

DRI INFORMATION

DRI Number #4004

DRI Title Merrill Park at Chattahoochee Hills

County Fulton County

City (if applicable) Chattahoochee Hills

Address / Location The four corners of the intersection of Cochran Mill Road and SR 70 (South Fulton Parkway)

Proposed Development Type:

A DRI review of a proposal to construct a mixed-use development with 400 single-family homes, 400 townhomes, 1,200 multi-family units, 400 hotel rooms, 475,000 sf of retail space, 225,000 sf of healthcare space, and 200,000 sf of educational space on a 525-acre wooded site at the intersection of Cochran Mill Road and South Fulton Parkway in the City of Chattahoochee Hills.

Build Out: 2038

Review Process ☐ EXPEDITED
☒ NON-EXPEDITED

REVIEW INFORMATION

Prepared by ARC Transportation Access and Mobility Division

Staff Lead Reginald James

Copied Jean Hee Barrett

Date October 9, 2023

TRAFFIC STUDY

Prepared by A&R Engineering, Inc.

Date

August 31, 2023

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 the regional plan referenced and the page number of the traffic study where relevant projects are identified)*

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☒ NO *(provide comments below)*

There were no planned or programmed projects listed in the traffic study.

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

☐ YES *(identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points)*

No such roadways serve as access points for this project.

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

☐ YES (*identify the roadways and existing/proposed access points*)

No such roadways serve as access points for this project.

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.

☒ NOT APPLICABLE (*nearest station more than one mile away*)

☐ RAIL SERVICE WITHIN ONE MILE (*provide additional information below*)

Operator / Rail Line

Nearest Station

[Click here to enter name of operator and rail line](#)

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*)

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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*)

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** 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.

- ☐ 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

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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.

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 connection a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

☒ NOT APPLICABLE (nearest bus, shuttle or circulator stop more than one mile away)

☐ SERVICE WITHIN ONE MILE (provide additional information below)

Operator(s) [Click here to enter name of operator\(s\).](#)

Bus Route(s) [Click here to enter bus route number\(s\).](#)

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)

[Click here to provide comments.](#)

Bicycling Access* ☐ Dedicated paths, lanes or cycle tracks provide sufficient connectivity

☐ Low volume and/or low speed streets 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)

* Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site

Note: The South Fulton Parkway Corridor Study proposes a potential transit station to be located to the east of the intersection of South Fulton Parkway and Cochran Mill Road

07. Does a transit agency which provides rail and/or fixed route bus service operate anywhere within the jurisdiction in which the development site is located?

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 a comprehensive operations plan update is undertaken, the agency should give consideration to serving the site during the evaluation of future routes, bus stops and transfer facilities. If the nature of the development is amenable to access by transit, walking or bicycling, but direct service to the site is not feasible or cost effective, the transit agency and local government(s) should ensure good walking and bicycling access accessibility is provided between the development and any routes within a one mile radius. The applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make these connections a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

☒ NO

☐ YES

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08. If the development site is within one mile of an existing multi-use path or trail, provide information on accessibility conditions.

Access between major developments and walking/bicycling facilities 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 connectivity with a regionally significant path or trail is available nearby, but walking or bicycling between the development site and those facilities is a challenge, the applicable local government(s) is encouraged to make the route a funding priority for future walking and bicycling infrastructure improvements.

☒ NOT APPLICABLE (nearest path or trail more than one mile away)

☐ YES (provide additional information below)

Name of facility

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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
- ☐ Not applicable (*accessing the site by bicycling is not consistent with the type of development proposed*)

* *Following the most direct feasible walking or bicycling route to the nearest point on the development site*

OTHER TRANSPORTATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

09. Does the site plan provide for the construction of publicly accessible local road or drive aisle connections with adjacent parcels?

The ability for drivers and bus routes to move between developments without using the adjacent arterial or collector roadway networks can save time and reduce congestion. Such opportunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever 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 site plan precludes future connections with adjacent parcels when they redevelop*)
- ☐ OTHER (*Please explain*)

10. Does the site plan enable pedestrians and bicyclists to move between destinations within the development site safely and conveniently?

The ability for walkers and bicyclists to move within the site safely and conveniently reduces reliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Development site plans should incorporate well designed and direct sidewalk connections between all key destinations. To the extent practical, bicycle lanes or multiuse paths are encouraged for large acreage sites and where high volumes of bicyclists and pedestrians are possible.

- ☒ YES (*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*)
- ☐ NO (*walking and bicycling facilities within the site are limited or nonexistent*)
- ☐ NOT APPLICABLE (*the nature of the development does not lend itself to internal walking and bicycling trips*)
- ☐ OTHER (*Please explain*)

11. Does the site plan provide the ability to construct publicly accessible bicycling and walking connections with adjacent parcels which may be redeveloped in the future?

The ability for walkers and bicyclists to move between developments safely and conveniently reduces reliance on vehicular trips, which has congestion reduction and health benefits. Such opportunities should be considered and proactively incorporated into development site plans whenever 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)

12. Does the site plan effectively manage truck movements and separate them, to the extent possible, from the flow of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists both within the site and on the surrounding road network?

The ability for delivery and service vehicles to efficiently enter and exit major developments is often key to their economic success. So is the ability of visitors and customers being able to move around safely and pleasantly within the site. To the extent practical, truck movements should be segregated by minimizing the number of conflict points with publicly accessible internal roadways, sidewalks, 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)
- ☒ 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)

RECOMMENDATIONS

13. Do the transportation network recommendations outlined in the traffic study appear to be feasible from a constructability standpoint?

- ☐ UNKNOWN (additional study is necessary)

☒ YES *(based on information made available through the review process; does not represent a thorough engineering / financial analysis)*

☐ NO *(see comments below)*

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14. Is ARC aware of any issues with the development proposal which may result in it being opposed by one or more local governments, agencies or stakeholder groups?

☒ NO *(based on information shared with ARC staff prior to or during the review process; does not 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 development team and/or the applicable local government(s):

Not at this time.



