

# REGIONAL REVIEW FINDING

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**DATE**: Nov 25 2007 **ARC Review Code**: R710261

TO: Mayor Shirley Franklin

ATTN TO: Shelley Peart, Principal Planner

FROM: Charles Krautler, Director

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has completed regional review of the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI). Below is the ARC finding. The Atlanta Regional Commission reviewed the DRI with regard to conflicts to regional plans, goals, and policies and impacts it might have on the activities, plans, goals, and policies of other local jurisdictions and state, federal, and other agencies. The finding does not address whether the DRI is or is not in the best interest of the local government.

<u>Submitting Local Government</u>: City of Atlanta <u>Name of Proposal:</u> Morningside Redevelopment

Review Type: Development of Regional Impact Date Opened: Oct 26 2007 Date Closed: Nov 25 2007

<u>FINDING</u>: After reviewing the information submitted for the review, and the comments received from affected agencies, the Atlanta Regional Commission finding is that the DRI is in the best interest of the Region, and therefore, of the State.

Additional Comments: The proposed development meets many of ARC's Regional Development Policies, as well as the Atlanta Region Unified Growth Policy Map. The proposed development is located within a mega corridor which is defined as being the most intensely developed radial corridor in the region. The proposed development is also located adjacent to a regional center area defined as an intense retail, office, and residential uses that can be integrated or separate.

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

ARC LAND USE PLANNING
ARC DATA RESEARCH
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
METRO ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CITY OF ATLANTA SCHOOLS

ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ARC AGING DIVISION
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FULTON COUNTY

ARC Environmental Planning Georgia Department of Community Affairs Georgia Regional Transportation Authority DeKalb County

If you have any questions regarding this review, Please call Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator, at (404) 463-3311. This finding will be published to the ARC website.

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#### **FINAL REPORT SUMMARY**

#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed Morningside Redevelopment is a 6.97 acres mixed use project located in the City of Atlanta. The proposed development will consist of 360 residential units and 50,000 square feet of retail. The proposed development is located on Piedmont Road with site access proposed at two locations along Piedmont Road.



# **PROJECT PHASING:**

The project is being proposed in one phase with a project build out date for 2010.

#### **GENERAL**

According to information on the review form or comments received from potentially affected governments:

Is the proposed project consistent with the host-local government's comprehensive plan? If not, identify inconsistencies.

The project site is currently zoned C-2, R-4, and NC-5. The proposed zoning for the site is MRC-2. Information submitted for the review states that the City of Atlanta's Future Land Use Plan designates the area as low density commercial.

Is the proposed project consistent with any potentially affected local government's comprehensive plan? If not, identify inconsistencies.

No comments were received identifying inconsistencies with any potentially affected local government's comprehensive plan.

Will the proposed project impact the implementation of any local government's short-term work program? If so, how?

No comments were received concerning impacts to the implementation of any local government's short term work program.

Will the proposed project generate population and/or employment increases in the Region? If yes, what would be the major infrastructure and facilities improvements needed to support the increase?

Yes, the proposed development would increase the need for services in the area for existing and future residents.



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# What other major development projects are planned near the proposed project?

The ARC has reviewed other major development projects, known as Area Plan (1984 to 1991) or as a DRI (1991 to present), within a mile radius of the proposed project.

Year	Name
2006	Northeast Beltline
2005	Lindmont Redevelopment
2004	The Reserve at Cranbrook
1998	Lindbergh TOD
1986	Peachtree Pointe

Will the proposed project displace housing units or community facilities? If yes, identify and give number of units, facilities, etc.

No, the proposed development will not displace any housing units or community facilities. Based on information submitted for the review, there is currently approximately 52,000 square feet of commercial space on the site.

Will the development cause a loss in jobs? If yes, how many? No.

# Is the proposed development consistent with regional plans and policies?

The proposed development meets many of ARC's Regional Development Policies, as well as the Atlanta Region Unified Growth Policy Map. The proposed development is located within a mega corridor which is defined as being the most intensely developed radial corridor in the region. The proposed development is also located adjacent to a regional center area defined as an intense retail, office, and residential uses that can be integrated or separate.

The proposed development abuts an established residential neighborhood. There is currently a buffer of dense trees between the neighborhood and the existing commercial. The Regional Development Policies promote mixed use development, infill, and redevelopment along principal transportation corridors, but also strive to protect the character and integrity of existing neighborhoods. Therefore, it is important for the proposed development to incorporate adequate buffers between the development and the neighborhood. Preservation of the existing tree buffer should be maintained and the removal of trees should be kept to a minimum. It is also recommended that the development team meet with the neighborhood to address concerns raised by the community.

Comments received from the City of Atlanta state that the proposed service driveway at the intersection of Cheshire Bridge and Piedmont Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic. Nationally recognized access management principles strongly warn against allowing driveways in the functional area of an intersection due to potential safety and operational problems. As such, ARC recommends the service driveway at this intersection be eliminated. Additional access management principles should be applied along Piedmont, such as site driveway #1 should align with Wimbledon Avenue.



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#### **FINAL REPORT**

#### **Regional Development Plan Policies**

- 1. Provide sustainable economic growth in all areas of the region.
- 2. Encourage new homes and jobs within existing developed areas of the region, focusing on principal transportation corridors, the Central Business District, activity centers, and town centers.
- 3. Increase opportunities for mixed use development, transit-oriented development, infill, and redevelopment.
- 4. At strategic regional locations, plan and retail industrial and freight land uses.
- 5. Design transportation infrastructure to protect the context of adjoining development and provide a sense of place appropriate for our communities.
- 6. Promote the reclamation of Brownfield development sites.
- 7. Protect the character and integrity of existing neighborhoods, while also meeting the needs of communities to grow.
- 8. Encourage a variety of homes styles, densities, and price ranges in locations that are accessible to jobs and services to ensure housing for individuals and families of all incomes and age groups.
- 9. Promote new communities that feature greenspace and neighborhood parks, pedestrian scale, support transportation options, and provide an appropriate mix of uses and housing types.
- 10. Promote sustainable and energy efficient development.
- 11. Protect environmentally-sensitive areas including wetlands, floodplains, small water supply watersheds, rivers and stream corridors.
- 12. Increase the amount, quality, and connectivity, and accessibility of greenspace.
- 13. Provide strategies to preserve and enhance historic resources
- 14. Through regional infrastructure planning, limit growth in undeveloped areas of the region
- 15. Assist local governments to adopt growth management strategies that make more efficient use of existing infrastructure.
- 16. Inform and involve the public in planning at regional, local, and neighborhood levels.
- 17. Coordinate local policies and regulations to support Regional Policies
- 18. Encourage the development of state and regional growth management policy.

#### **BEST LAND USE PRACTICES**

Practice 1: Keep vehicle miles of travel (VMT) below the area average. Infill developments are the best at accomplishing this. The more remote a development the more self contained it must be to stay below the area average VMT.

Practice 2: Contribute to the area's jobs-housing balance. Strive for a job-housing balance with a three to five mile area around a development site.

Practice 3: Mix land uses at the finest grain the market will bear and include civic uses in the mix.



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Practice 4: Develop in clusters and keep the clusters small. This will result in more open space preservation.

Practice 5: Place higher-density housing near commercial centers, transit lines and parks. This will enable more walking, biking and transit use.

Practice 6: Phase convenience shopping and recreational opportunities to keep pace with housing. These are valued amenities and translate into less external travel by residents if located conveniently to housing.

Practice 7: Make subdivisions into neighborhoods with well-defined centers and edges. This is traditional development.

Practice 8: Reserve school sites and donate them if necessary to attract new schools. This will result in neighborhood schools which provide a more supportive learning environment than larger ones.

Practice 9: Concentrate commercial development in compact centers or districts, rather than letting it spread out in strips.

Practice 10: Make shopping centers and business parks into all-purpose activity centers. Suburban shopping centers and their environs could be improved by mixing uses and designing them with the pedestrian amenities of downtowns.

Practice 11: Tame auto-oriented land uses, or at least separate them from pedestrian-oriented uses. Relegate "big box" stores to areas where they will do the least harm to the community fabric.

#### BEST TRANSPORTATION PRACTICES

Practice 1: Design the street network with multiple connections and relatively direct routes.

Practice 2: Space through-streets no more than a half mile apart, or the equivalent route density in a curvilinear network.

Practice 3: Use traffic-calming measures liberally. Use short streets, sharp curves, center islands, traffic circles, textured pavements, speed bumps and raised crosswalks.

Practice 4: Keep speeds on local streets down to 20 mph.

Practice 5: Keep speeds on arterials and collectors down to 35 mph (at least inside communities).

Practice 6: Keep all streets as narrow as possible and never more than four traffic lanes wide. Florida suggests access streets 18 feet, subcollectors 26 feet, and collectors from 28 feet to 36 feet depending on lanes and parking.

Practice 7: Align streets to give buildings energy-efficient orientations. Allow building sites to benefit from sun angles, natural shading and prevailing breezes.

Practice 8: Avoid using traffic signals wherever possible and always space them for good traffic progression.

Practice 9: Provide networks for pedestrians and bicyclists as good as the network for motorists.

Practice 10: Provide pedestrians and bicyclists with shortcuts and alternatives to travel along high-volume streets.

Practice 11: Incorporate transit-oriented design features.

Practice 12: Establish TDM programs for local employees. Ridesharing, modified work hours, telecommuting and others.

#### BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

Practice 1: Use a systems approach to environmental planning. Shift from development orientation to basins or ecosystems planning.

Practice 2: Channel development into areas that are already disturbed.

Practice 3: Preserve patches of high-quality habitat, as large and circular as possible, feathered at the edges and connected by wildlife corridors. Stream corridors offer great potential.

Practice 4: Design around significant wetlands.

Practice 5: Establish upland buffers around all retained wetlands and natural water bodies.

Practice 6: Preserve significant uplands, too.

Practice 7: Restore and enhance ecological functions damaged by prior site activities.

Practice 8: Detain runoff with open, natural drainage systems. The more natural the system the more valuable it will be for wildlife and water quality.

Practice 9: Design man-made lakes and stormwater ponds for maximum environmental value. Recreation, stormwater management, wildlife habitat and others.



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Practice 10: Use reclaimed water and integrated pest management on large landscaped areas. Integrated pest management involves controlling pests by introducing their natural enemies and cultivating disease and insect resistant grasses.

Practice 11: Use and require the use of Xeriscape<sup>TM</sup> landscaping. Xeriscaping<sup>TM</sup> is water conserving landscape methods and materials.

#### **BEST HOUSING PRACTICES**

Practice 1: Offer "life cycle" housing. Providing integrated housing for every part of the "life cycle".

Practice 2: Achieve an average net residential density of six to seven units per acre without the appearance of crowding. Cluster housing to achieve open space.

Practice 3: Use cost-effective site development and construction practices. Small frontages and setbacks; rolled curbs or no curbs; shared driveways.

Practice 4: Design of energy-saving features. Natural shading and solar access.

Practice 5: Supply affordable single-family homes for moderate-income households.

Practice 6: Supply affordable multi-family and accessory housing for low-income households.

Practice 7: Tap government housing programs to broaden and deepen the housing/income mix.

Practice 8: Mix housing to the extent the market will bear.

# **LOCATION**

# Where is the proposed project located within the host-local government's boundaries?

The proposed development is located in the City of Atlanta. The proposed development is located in the southeast corner of the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and Cheshire Bridge Road.

Will the proposed project be located close to the host-local government's boundary with another local government? If yes, identify the other local government.

The proposed development is entirely within the City of Atlanta. DeKalb County is less than a mile.

Will the proposed project be located close to land uses in other jurisdictions that would benefit, or be negatively impacted, by the project? Identify those land uses which would benefit and those which would be negatively affected and describe impacts.

None were determined during the review.

#### **ECONOMY OF THE REGION**

According to information on the review form or comments received from potentially affected governments:

#### What new taxes will be generated by the proposed project?

Estimated value of the development is \$70,000,000 with an expected \$837,000 in annual local tax revenues.

How many short-term jobs will the development generate in the Region?



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Short-term jobs will depend upon construction schedule.

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

Yes.

In what ways could the proposed development have a positive or negative impact on existing industry or business in the Region?

None were determined during the review.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

# **Watershed Protection and Stream Buffers**

The property is in the Peachtree Creek watershed. The USGS coverage for the area shows no streams on or near the property. Any unmapped streams that may be on the property will be subject to the City of Atlanta's stream buffer ordinance, which requires a 75-foot buffer along perennial and intermittent streams. Further, any state waters that may be on the property will be subject to the 25-foot Erosion and Sedimentation Act buffers, which are administered by the Environmental Protection Division of Georgia DNR.

### Stormwater / Water Quality

The project property is already developed with much of the site in impervious surface. It is located in a dense urban area and stormwater may be handled by the City stormwater system. If on-site stormwater detention is provided, the project design should adequately address the impacts of the proposed development on stormwater runoff and downstream water quality. The amount of pollutants that will be produced after construction of the proposed development has been estimated by ARC. These are based on some simplifying assumptions for typical pollutant loading factors (lbs/ac/yr) from typical land uses in the Atlanta Region. The loading factors are based on regional storm water monitoring data from the Atlanta Region with impervious areas based on estimated averages for land uses in the Atlanta Region. If actual impervious percentages are higher or lower than the estimate, the pollutant loads will differ accordingly. The project is being developed partly over existing impervious surfaces, which will affect the actual increases caused by the new loading amounts. Given the coverage of the proposed project, commercial was chosen as the use for the entire property. The following table summarizes the results of the analysis:

#### **Estimated Pounds of Pollutants Per Year**

Land Use	Land Area (ac)	Total Phosphorus	Total Nitrogen	BOD	TSS	Zinc	Lead
Commercial	6.71	11.47	116.75	724.68	6595.93	8.25	1.48
TOTAL	6.71	11.47	116.75	724.68	6595.93	8.25	1.48

**Total Impervious = 85%** 



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If on-site detention is used, the project should implement stormwater management controls (structural and/or nonstructural) as found in the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual (<a href="www.georgiastormwater.com">www.georgiastormwater.com</a>) 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.

#### **HISTORIC RESOURCES**

Will the proposed project be located near a national register site? If yes, identify site.

None have been identified.

In what ways could the proposed project create impacts that would damage the resource?

Not applicable.

In what ways could the proposed project have a positive influence on efforts to preserve or promote the historic resource?

Not applicable.

# **INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Transportation** 

How many site access points will be associated with the proposed development? What are their locations?

Two site driveways are currently proposed for the development, both of which are along Piedmont Avenue. An additional service entrance is proposed at an existing driveway located along Cheshire Bridge Road. The southernmost driveway located along Piedmont Avenue is just offset from Wimbledon Road. The northernmost driveway located along Piedmont Avenue is located approximately 260' to the north of Site Driveway 1. Both driveways along Piedmont Avenue can access the parking garage.

How much traffic (both average daily and peak am/pm) will be generated by the proposed project?

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. performed the transportation analysis. GRTA and ARC review staff agreed with the methodology and assumptions used in the analysis. The net trip generation is based on the rates published in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation report; they are listed in the following table:



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	Land Use		Enter	Exit	2-Way	Enter	Exi	t 2-Way	2-Way	
	Apartments									
	360 Units		36	144	180	140	76	216	2,314	
	Shopping Center									
	50,000 SF		63	40	103	190	206	396	4,328	
	Mixed-Use Redu	ctions	-0	-0	-0	-42	-42	-84	-866	
	Alternative Mode Reductions		-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	
	Pass-By Reductions		-0	-0	-0	-59	-59	-118	1,324	
	TOTAL NEW TRIPS		99	184	283	229	181	410	4,452	
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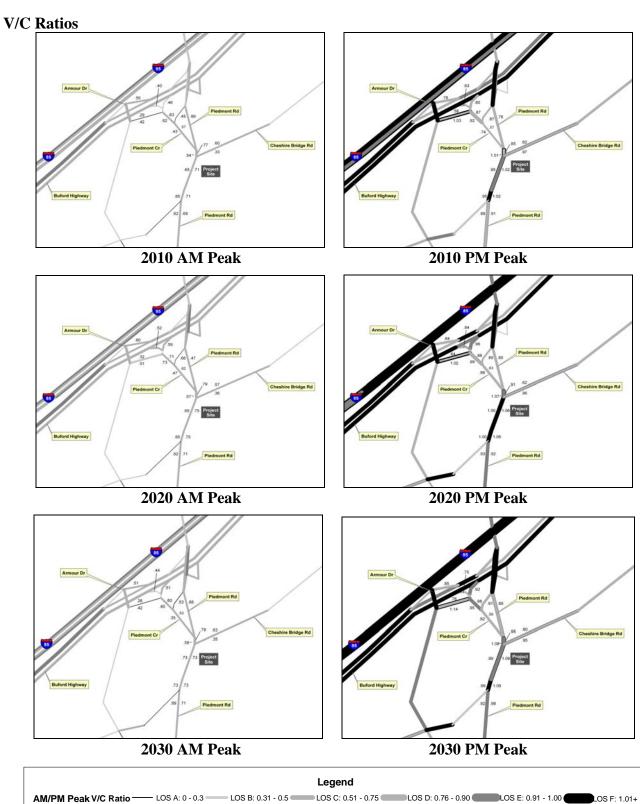
What are the existing traffic patterns and volumes on the local, county, state and interstate roads that serve the site?

Incorporating the trip generation results, the transportation consultant distributed the traffic on the current roadway network. An assessment of the existing Level of Service (LOS) and projected LOS based on the trip distribution findings helps to determine the study network. The results of this exercise determined the study network, which has been approved by ARC and GRTA. If analysis of an intersection or roadway results in a substandard LOS "D", then the consultant recommends improvements.

Projected traffic volumes from the Regional Travel Demand Model are compared to the assigned capacity of facilities within the study network. This data is used to calculate a volume to capacity (V/C) ratio. The V/C ratio values that define the LOS thresholds vary depending on factors such as the type of terrain traversed and the percent of the road where passing is prohibited. LOS A is free-flow traffic from 0 to 0.3, LOS B is decreased free-flow from 0.31 to 0.5, LOS C is limited mobility from 0.51 to 0.75, LOS D is restricted mobility from 0.76 to 0.9, LOS E is at or near capacity from 0.91 to 1.00, and LOS F is breakdown flow with a V/C ratio of 1.01 or above. As a V/C ratio reaches 0.8, congestion increases. The V/C ratios for traffic in various network years are presented in the following table. Any facilities that have a V/C ratio of 1.0 or above are considered congested.



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For the V/C ratio graphic, the data is based on 2005, 2010 and 2030 AM/PM peak volume data generated from ARC's 20-county travel demand model utilizing projects from Mobility 2030 and the FY 2006-2011 TIP. The 20-county networks



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are being used since they consist of the most up to date transportation networks and data. The travel demand model incorporates lane addition improvements and updates to the network as appropriate. As the life of the RTP progresses, volume and/or V/C ratio data may appear inconsistent due to (1) effect of implementation of nearby new or expanded facilities or (2) impact of socio-economic data on facility types.

# List the transportation improvements that would affect or be affected by the proposed project.

#### 2006-2011 TIP\*

ARC Number	Route	Type of Improvement	Scheduled Completion Year
AR-450A	Beltline Multi Use Trail	Multi-Use Bike/Ped Facility	2011
AR-450B	Beltline Multi Use Trail	Multi-Use Bike/Ped Facility	2012

#### 2030 RTP\*

ARC Number	Route	Type of Improvement	Scheduled Completion Year
AR-450D	Beltline Multi Use Trail	Multi-Use Bike/Ped Facility	2020
AR-451A1	Northeast Quadrant of Atlanta	Fixed Guideway Transit Capital	2015
AR-451A2	Northeast Quadrant of Atlanta	Fixed Guideway Transit Capital	2015
AT-AR-106	I-85 at North Monroe Drive	Interchange Capacity	2020

<sup>\*</sup>The ARC Board adopted the 2030 RTP and FY 2006-2011 TIP on June 8, 2007.

# Summarize the transportation improvements as recommended by consultant in the traffic study for Morningside Redevelopment.

According to the findings, there will be some capacity deficiencies as a result of future year **background** traffic. The transportation consultant has made recommendations for improvements to be carried out in order to upgrade the existing level of service.

Piedmont Avenue @ Cheshire Bridge Road / Piedmont Circle

• Construct an exclusive eastbound right-turn lane along Piedmont Circle.

All signalized study intersections

• Retiming of signal splits and offsets

According to the findings, there will be some capacity deficiencies as a result of future year **total** traffic. The transportation consultant has made recommendations for improvements to be carried out in order to upgrade the existing level of service.



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Piedmont Avenue @ Rock Springs Road

• Modify the corridor cycle length (along Piedmont Avenue) to 110 seconds.

Piedmont Avenue @ Driveway #2

• Construct separate right- and left-turn lanes exiting the site.

All signalized study intersections

• Retiming of signal splits and offsets

Is the site served by transit? If so, describe type and level of service and how it will enhance or be enhanced by the presence of transit? Are there plans to provide or expand transit service in the vicinity of the proposed project?

Currently, MARTA bus route 27 utilizes Piedmont Circle and Cheshire Bridge Road adjacent to the site and has bus stops within walking distance of the proposed development. Route 27 connects to the Lindbergh MARTA Station and the North Avenue MARTA Station.

What transportation demand management strategies does the developer propose (carpool, flex-time, transit subsidy, etc.)?

None proposed.

The development **DOES NOT PASS** the ARC's Air Quality Benchmark test.

Air Quality Impacts/Mitigation (based on ARC strategies)	Credits	Total
Where Residential is dominant, >15 units/ac	6%	6%
w/in 1/4 mile of Bus Stop (CCT, MARTA,		
Other)	3%	3%
Bike/ped networks connecting to land uses		
within and adjoining the site	5%	5%
Total Calculated ARC Air Quality		
Credits (15 % reduction required)		14%

What are the conclusions of this review? Is the transportation system (existing and planned) capable of accommodating these trips?

Based on the traffic analysis completed by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and projected traffic volumes derived from the ARC Travel Demand Model (TDM), the transportation system is not fully capable of accommodating the new trips generated by the proposed development and maintaining acceptable LOS standards at the studied intersections.

The ARC concludes that the improvements recommended in the traffic analysis are needed and should be implemented to maintain or improve LOS standards on surface streets in the vicinity of the proposed development.



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The ARC makes the following recommendations for the proposed development consistent with adopted local and regional plans:

- Nationally recognized access management principles (e.g. Transportation Research Board's *Access Management Manual 2003*) strongly warn against allowing driveways in the functional area of an intersection due to potential safety and operational problems. *As such, ARC recommends the service driveway along Cheshire Bridge Road be eliminated.*
- City of Atlanta zoning district MRC requires a minimum of 50 bicycle/moped parking spaces be provided. ARC recommends that the developer provide the required bicycle parking at appropriate locations in the 5 ft amenity zone fronting the commercial uses of the development as well as dedicated spots in the residential parking deck.

# **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### Wastewater and Sewage

Wastewater is estimated at 0.37 MGD based on information submitted for the review.

# Which facility will treat wastewater from the project?

R.M Clayton will provide wastewater treatment for the proposed development.

# What is the current permitted capacity and average annual flow to this facility?

The capacity of R.M. Clayton Site is listed below:

PERMITTED CAPACITY MMF, MGD 1	DESIGN CAPACITY MMF, MGD	2001 MMF, MGD	2008 MMF, MGD	2008 CAPACITY AVAILABLE +/-, MGD	PLANNED EXPANSION	REMARKS
No Flow Limit	122	99	120	2	None. Plan before EPD to permit plant at design capacity consistent with draft Chattahoochee River Model.	Existing Consent Decree with the U.S. EPA and Georgia EPD require CSO and SSO improvements throughout the City of Atlanta wastewater system by 2007 and 2014, respectively

MMF: Maximum Monthly Flow. Mgd: million of gallons per day.

# What other major developments will be served by the plant serving this project?

ARC has reviewed a number of major developments that will be served by this plant.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District **SHORT-TERM WASTEWATER CAPACITY PLAN**, August 2002.

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### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Water Supply and Treatment

How much water will the proposed project demand?

Water demand also is estimated at 0.40 MGD based on information submitted for the review.

How will the proposed project's demand for water impact the water supply or treatment facilities of the jurisdiction providing the service?

Information submitted with the review suggests that there is sufficient water supply capacity available for the proposed project.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Solid Waste** 

How much solid waste will be generated by the project? Where will this waste be disposed?

Information submitted with the review 382 tons of solid waste per year and the waste will be disposed of in the City of Atlanta.

Will the project create any unusual waste handling or disposal problems?

No.

Are there any provisions for recycling this project's solid waste.

None stated.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Other facilities

According to information gained in the review process, will there be any unusual intergovernmental impacts on:

- · Levels of governmental services?
- · Administrative facilities?
- · Schools?
- · Libraries or cultural facilities?
- Fire, police, or EMS?



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- · Other government facilities?
- Other community services/resources (day care, health care, low income, non-English speaking, elderly, etc.)?

No comments were received during the review.

### **HOUSING**

# Will the proposed project create a demand for additional housing?

No, the proposed development will add 360 new residential units.

#### Will the proposed project provide housing opportunities close to existing employment centers?

Yes, once developed, this project will provide housing opportunities for existing employment centers as well as providing opportunities for individuals to live and work within close proximity to one another.

# Is there housing accessible to the project in all price ranges demanded?

The site proposed for the development is located in Census Tract 01. This tract had a 2.5 percent increase in number of housing units from 2000 to 2006 according to ARC's Population and Housing Report. The report shows that 88 percent, respectively, of the housing units are single-family, compared to 69 percent for the region; thus indicating is a lack of multi-family housing options around the development area.

# Is it likely or unlikely that potential employees of the proposed project will be able to find affordable\* housing?

Likely, assuming the development is approved with multiple price ranges of housing.

\* Defined as 30 percent of the income of a family making 80 percent of the median income of the Region – FY 2000 median income of \$51,649 for family of 4 in Georgia.



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Subject: COA DRI Conditions

#### DRI # 1537 24 & 50 Allen Plaza

24 Allen Plaza

450,000 SF Office; 20,000 SF Specialty Retail; 45,000 SF Grocery Store

59 Simpson Street, Atlanta, GA

50 Allen Plaza

881,000 SF Office; 19,000 SF Specialty Retail

Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, Atlanta, GA

Recommendations:

• Delivery truck movements for 24 and 50 Allen Plaza will impact traffic flow along both West Peachtree Place and in particular Spring Street. As such, all deliveries to 24 and 50 Allen Plaza will be prohibited between the hours of 7am to 7pm.

#### DRI #1593 – Case # Z-07-100 Grant Street Mixed Use Development

395 Residential Units; 26,700 SF Commercial

1035-1059 Grant Street, Atlanta, GA

Recommendations:

- Developer will be required to widen and/or improve the existing alley shown on plan and provide access to new proposed City Road that will join Grant and Hill Streets.
- Detail proposed loading for development on site plan
- Identify if the proposed new roads are public or private

### DRI # 1592 – Case # Z-07-103 Morningside Redevelopment

360 Apartment Units; 50,000 SF Retail Shops

1845-1895 Piedmont Road

Recommendations:

- Align Wimbledon Road with proposed entrance on Piedmont Road
- The existing service court at the intersection of Piedmont & Cheshire Bridge Road will be closed to all vehicular traffic
- Detail proposed loading for development on site plan

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November 5, 2007

Ms. Haley Fleming, Principal Planner Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) 40 Courtland Street, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Development of Regional Impact (DRI) # 1592 Morningside Redevelopment

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) has completed review of documentation for DRI # 1592 – Morningside Redevelopment – located in City of Atlanta.

MARTA Bus Routes 27 and 101 both operate on Piedmont Road alongside the project site. The development will benefit from the availability of such transit services and potentially add ridership to the bus routes. The development will have no obvious negative impact on our services, and MARTA has no immediate plan to expand transit service in the project area.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposal and do contact me if you have any more questions.

Sincerely.

Henry Ikwut-Ukwa

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# **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator

**Atlanta Regional Commission** 

**CC:** Dr. Steven R. Katkowsky, Director

Janet Adams, Chief of Staff

John Gormley, Environmental Health Deputy Director

**FROM:** Monica Robinson, Environmental Specialist Senior

**Environmental Health Services** 

**DATE:** November 9, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Comments to Regional Review for Morningside Redevelopment

ARC REVIEW	
CODE	COMMENTS
R710261	The Fulton County Department recommends that the applicant be required to connect the proposed development to public water and public sanitary sewer available to the site.
	Since this proposed development constitutes a premise where people work, live or congregate, onsite sanitary facilities will be mandatory, prior to use or occupancy.
	This facility must comply with the Fulton County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance.
	If this proposed development includes a food service facility, the owner must submit kitchen plans for review and approval by this department before issuance of a building permit and beginning construction. The owner must obtain a food service permit prior to opening.
	If this proposed development includes a public swimming pool as defined in the regulations including spas, whirlpools, etc., the owner or contractor must submit plans for review and approval by this department and must obtain a Health Department permit to construct before issuance of a building permit. Also, the owner of the facility must obtain a Health Department permit to operate the pool prior to opening.
	This department is requiring that plans indicating the number and location of outside refuse containers along with typical details of the pad and approach area for the refuse containers be submitted for review and approval.
	This department is requiring that all existing structures to be demolished must be inspected by a certified pest control operator to insure that the premise is rat free. If evidence of rodent infestation is found, the property must be baited prior to demolition.

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# DRI #1592

DEVELO	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.						
Loc	cal Government Information					
Submitting Local Government:	Atlanta					
Individual completing form:	Shelley Peart					
Telephone:	404-330-6781					
E-mail: speart@atlantaga.gov						
	ng this form is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained herein. If a and, in total, the project meets or exceeds a DRI threshold, the local government in which sponsible for initiating the DRI review process.					
Pr	oposed Project Information					
Name of Proposed Project:	Morningside Redevelopment					
Location (Street Address, GPS Coordinates, or Legal Land Lot Description):						
Brief Description of Project:	A mixed use development consisting of multi-family residential & retail uses.					

Development Type:			
(not selected)	Hotels		Wastewater Treatment Facilities
Office	Mixed Use		Petroleum Storage Facilities
Commercial	Airport	s	Water Supply Intakes/Reservoirs
Wholesale & Distribution	Attract	ions & Recreational Facilities	Intermodal Terminals
Hospitals and Health Care Facilities	Post-S	econdary Schools	Truck Stops
Housing	Waste	Handling Facilities	Any other development types
Industrial	Quarrie	es, Asphalt & Cement Plants	
If other development type, describe:			
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Project Size (# of units, floor are		360 Apartments & 50,000 SF I	retail
De <sup>.</sup>	velopei.	C/O David Green	
Mailing A	ddress:	1201 Peachtree Street	
Add	dress 2:	Suite 300	
		City:Atlanta State: GA Zip:30	361
Tele	ephone:	000-000-0000	
		dgreen@lasarchitect.com	
Is property owner different from dev ap	veloper/ plicant?		No
If yes, property owner:		Stanley Srochi	
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 exp of a previous		(not selected) Yes	No
If yes, provide the following infor	mation:	-	
		Project ID:	
The initial action being requested of the government for this		Rezoning	
		Variance	
		Sewer	
		Water	
		Permit	
		Other Z-07-103	
Is this project a phase or part of a larger	overall project?	(not selected) Yes	No
If yes, what percent of the overall project do project/phase rep			

Estimated Project Completion Dates:	This project/phase: 2010 Overall project:
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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT Additional DRI Information			
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Individual completing form:	Shelley Peart		
Telephone:	404-330-6781		
Email:	: speart@atlantaga.gov		
Project Info	rmation		
Name of Proposed Project:	Morningside Redevelopment		
DRI ID Number:	1592		
Developer/Applicant:	c/o David Green		
Telephone:	000-000-0000		
Email(s):	dgreen@lasarchitect.com		
Additional Informa	tion 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		
f no, the official review process can not start until this additional information	on is provided.		
Economic De	velopment		
Estimated Value at Build-Out:	\$70,000,000.00		
Estimated annual local tax revenues (i.e., property tax, sales tax) likely to be generated by the proposed development:	\$837,000.00		

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): Appro	ox 50,000SF of Retail	Space		
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)?	.40 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:				
Is a water line extension required to serve this project?	(not selected)	Yes	No	
If yes, how much additional line (in miles) will be required?				
Wastewater	Disposal			
Name of wastewater treatment provider for this site:	City of Atlanta			
What is the estimated sewage flow to be generated by the project, measured in Millions of Gallons Per Day (MGD)?	.37 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	y:			
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 Transp	oortation			
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.)	382 net new AM Peak hour trips; 410 net new PM Peak hour trips			
Has a traffic study been performed to determine whether or not transportation or access improvements will be needed to serve this project?	(not selected)	Yes	No	
Are transportation improvements needed to serve this project?	(not selected)	Yes	No	
If yes, please describe below:Please refer to the transportation analysis pe	erformed by Kimley-H	orn and A	Associates, Inc.	
Solid Waste	Disposal			
How much solid waste is the project expected to generate annually (in tons)?	350 Tons			
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 onc	ce 80%	
the proposed development has been constructed?		
Describe any measures proposed (such as buffers, detention or reter stormwater management:Landscaped buffers & on-site detention vau	ntion ponds, pervious parking areas) to mitigate the project's impacts on ult	
Environmental Quality		
Is the development located within, or likely to affect any of the following	ng:	
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:		
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