



## **North Fulton Community Improvement District and the City of Alpharetta Announce Encore Parkway Bridge to Open on Nov. 23**

*The Encore Parkway Bridge will open to traffic on Wednesday, Nov. 23 – just in time for the holiday shopping season*

**ALPHARETTA, Ga. – Nov. 17, 2016** – The North Fulton Community Improvement District (CID) and the City of Alpharetta today announced the Encore Parkway Bridge will open to traffic on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016. The bridge, which has been closed since Jan. 4, 2016, is a portion of the Encore Parkway Corridor Project that will transform a local “cut-through” into a signature east-west connection from the Big Creek Greenway to the thriving Westside Parkway corridor.

“We are excited to reach such a huge milestone in this project that has been nearly 10 years in the making,” said Kerry Armstrong, North Fulton CID board chairman. “While the project is not yet fully complete, the bridge opening to traffic on time honors our promise to businesses and residents of having the bridge accessible for the holiday shopping season. We remain committed to delivering an ‘encore’ performance with a complete corridor by Summer 2017.”

Originally conceived by local community and business leaders in 2007, the Encore Parkway Corridor Project replaces the previous bridge over GA 400 with a wider bridge that has dedicated bicycle lanes, sidewalks and a landscaped median. The improved connection will benefit those traveling from the growing collection of commercial, residential and entertainment areas west of GA 400 to the North Point Parkway commercial corridor east of GA 400, including the nearly 240,000 annual visitors who attend events at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre. The connection also creates the first east-west pedestrian/bicycle connection to Alpharetta’s popular Big Creek Greenway.

The \$17.9-million project is jointly funded by the North Fulton CID, the City of Alpharetta, Georgia Department of Transportation, Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. The 18-month project is currently scheduled to run through July 6, 2017. For regular updates about the Encore Parkway Corridor Project, visit [www.NorthFultonCID.com](http://www.NorthFultonCID.com).

To learn more about the North Fulton CID, visit [www.NorthFultonCID.com](http://www.NorthFultonCID.com) or call 678-397-0570. To learn more about the City of Alpharetta, visit [www.alpharetta.ga.us](http://www.alpharetta.ga.us) or call 678-297-6000.

### **About the North Fulton Community Improvement District**

The North Fulton Community Improvement District (CID) is an infrastructure financing mechanism formed by committed business leaders who are dedicated to the advancement of the North Fulton region. This organization is funded voluntarily by commercial property owners within the district, which stretches along Ga. 400 from Mansell Road north to McGinnis Ferry Road. Since its inception in 2003, the North Fulton CID has invested \$18 million to bring more than \$90 million in infrastructure projects to our district. For more information, visit [www.NorthFultonCID.com](http://www.NorthFultonCID.com) or call 678-397-0570.

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