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Added Turning Lane Will Ease Traffic at Jonesboro Road and Oakley Industrial Boulevard

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – June 11 2021) – Motorists traveling through a busy intersection in the City of South Fulton soon will find their commutes a little easier as officials begin work on a turning lane addition that will cut wait times.

An initiative approved this week will add an extra left-turn lane from Oakley Industrial Boulevard onto Jonesboro Road. Both left-turn lanes also will be lengthened as well.

“Traffic backs up at this intersection throughout the day,” said City of South Fulton Mayor William “Bill” Edwards. “We’ve received numerous requests to reconfigure the turn lanes. We’ve heard the frustration and put together a coalition to resolve the issue.”

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will manage the project, which will take between four and five months to complete. MARTA and Fulton County will assist in the planning and construction.

“This fulfills a promise I’ve made to residents prior to knowing that it wasn’t solely under my purview, and I am grateful to the surrounding municipalities for assisting in this endeavor,” said District 7 City Councilman Mark Baker, “especially Union City, whose officers will no longer be able to ticket the motorists who have treated both lanes as double left turn lanes for years.”

GDOT data shows a steady stream of about 200 cars and trucks making left turns onto Jonesboro Road each hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Traffic ranges from 241 vehicles from 3-4 p.m. to 198 between 6-7 p.m.

“These improvements will significantly reduce wait times, while making the intersection much safer,” said Edwards, who brought the project partners to the table to make the improvements a reality. “This is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when various entities come together to serve the public.”

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