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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mindy Sanders, Capital Projects Manager

Date: December 8, 2014

Subject: Discussion of Tilly Mill at North Peachtree Right of Way

Acquisition, Parcel 3

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Discussion of Tilly Mill Road at North Peachtree Road right of way acquisition at Parcel 5 (4962 Tilly Mill Road).

BACKGROUND

In 2011 the Mayor and Council approved a contract with Gresham, Smith and Partners for design improvements for the Tilly Mill Road and North Peachtree Intersection. Public meetings were held in early 2012 and the roadway design reached substantial completion at the end of 2012 whereupon the City began its right of way acquisition activities.

The city contracted with Diana Hunt and Associates to perform right of way acquisition services for this project. This effort consisted of the negotiation for right of way, as well as temporary, permanent, and driveway easements on a total of 22 parcels. The city has reached an agreement with, or has eliminated through design adjustments 15 of these parcels. Five of the remaining parcels are affected by the stormwater management design, which has been undergoing revision to reduce impacts and reduce construction costs. It is anticipated that each of these parcels will close with the city within the next few months. The city has been unable to reach an agreement with the other two parcels, despite continued negotiation efforts over the last 18 months.

DISCUSSION

This capital project will be locally funded. A total of \$300,000 has been budgeted for the purposes of right of way acquisition. As of November 30, 2014, the City has spent \$220,000 towards this phase of the project. Upon completion of all negotiations, it is anticipated that the City will have paid out a total of approximately \$285,000 for the necessary easements and right of way for this capital project.

The subject property at 4962 Tilly Mill Road is a corner lot of approximately 0.65 acres (28,314 square feet), which is currently undeveloped. The acquisition of 1,735 square feet of fee simple right of way, 2,941 square feet of temporary easement, and a driveway easement is required for the construction of the intersection improvement project. An independent fair market value appraisal, which considers the cost of the acquired right of way as well as the diminution in value of the property remaining, values this acquisition to be \$19,000.00. This total is based on \$7,600 for the fee simple right of way, \$7,500 for diminution of the remaining property, and \$3,900 for the temporary easement. The



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property owner, through their attorney, Nardone & Crecelius LLC, has been provided a best and final offer of \$25,000.00 in a letter written September 29, 2014; however, the city has not received a favorable response from either the property owner or their attorney. The last counter offer from the property owner was received on November 6, 2013 in the amount of \$38,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Assistant City Attorney and Public Works staff recommend that the Mayor and City Council approve the use of Eminent Domain and begin the condemnation process for right of way and easement areas located along 4962 Tilly Mill Road, lying within Land Lot 359 of the 18th District, in connection with the Tilly Mill at North Peachtree Intersection Improvement Project in order to meet scheduled construction dates.

STATE OF GEORGIA CITY OF DUNWOODY

RESOLUTION 2014-12-XX

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY AT 4962 TILLY MILL ROAD, DUNWOODY, GEORGIA FOR ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary to conduct an intersection improvement project on North Peachtree Road on and near its intersection with Tilly Mill Road (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to conduct the Project, certain rights are required over, under, and through the property of Gustavo Real, located at 4962 Tilly Mill Road within the City of Dunwoody (reference: Project No. 350 4200.541400.00 301 / P-5); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has considered the Project and determined that it is necessary and must be carried out expediently to insure the timely completion of the City's intersection improvement project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia while in regular session on December 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

In order to insure the timely completion of the City's intersection improvement project the Mayor and Council authorize the City Attorney's Office to acquire through the use of Eminent Domain by any method allowed by law the necessary property rights over, under, and across the property located at 4962 Tilly Mill Road in order to insure the timely completion of the City's intersection improvement project on North Peachtree Road at or near its intersection with Tilly Mill Road. Further the Mayor is specifically authorized to execute any documents necessary to further the filing of any Petition related to the same.

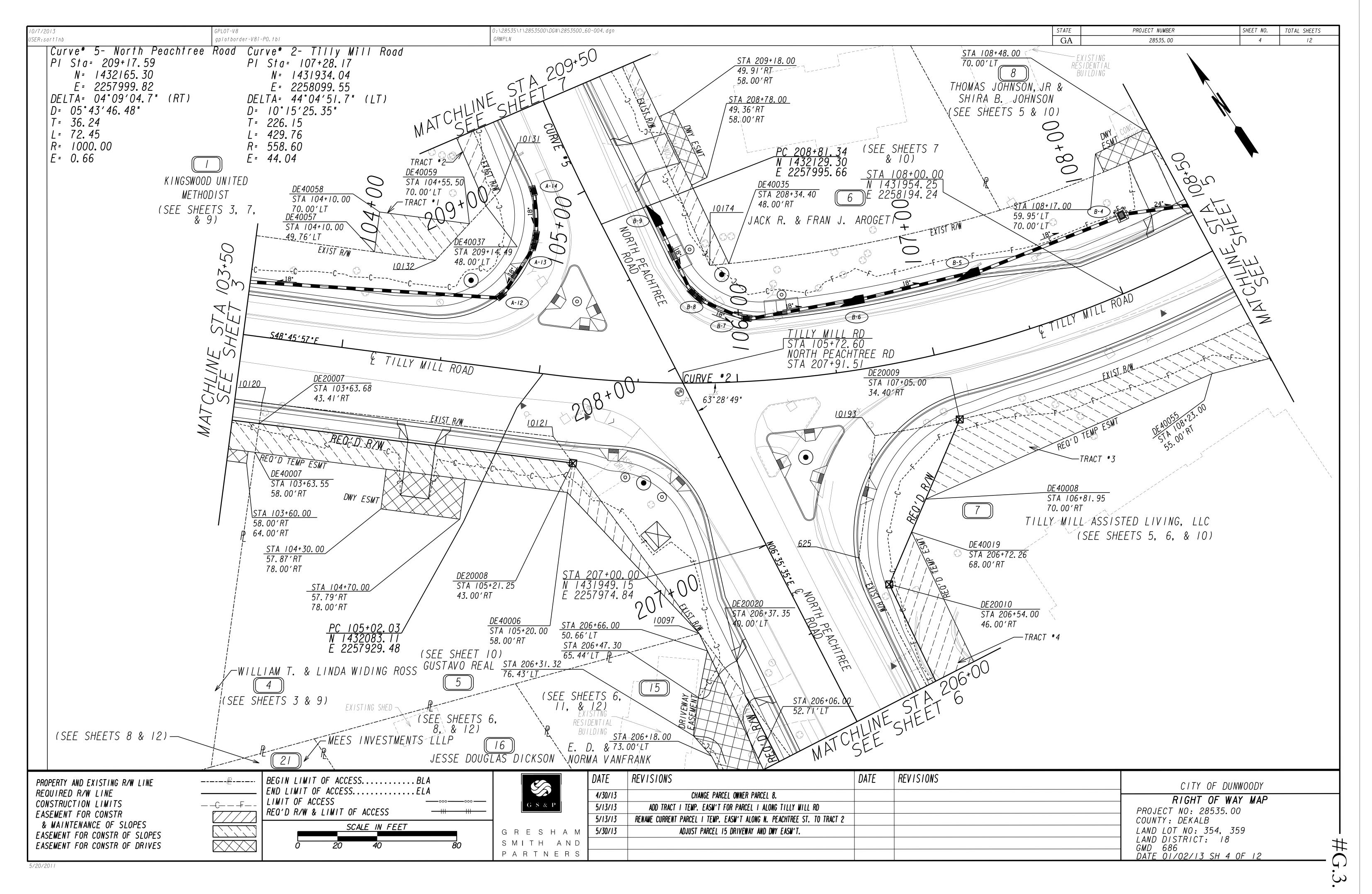
Approved by:

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
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APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of December, 2014.



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