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MEETING TO DISCUSS KIMBALL BRIDGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Three road construction projects scheduled to begin in coming months will have significant impact on traffic flows along Kimball Bridge Road. The City of Alpharetta is hosting a public meeting to provide residents with information on the projects and tips for easier commuting during construction. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th beginning at 6:30 PM at Ocee Elementary. The school is located at 4375 Kimball Bridge Road.

The projects to be presented include improvements to the intersection of Kimball Bridge Road and North Point Parkway, the replacement of the bridge over Big Creek, and improvements to the intersection of Kimball Bridge and Waters Roads. Maps and design plans of the projects will be available at the public meeting, and City of Alpharetta engineering staff will be on hand to discuss them and answer questions.

"These projects along Kimball Bridge have been on Alpharetta's radar for several years," explains Alpharetta Council Member John Monson. "The construction will be inconvenient for a period of time, but these are all very much needed improvements, and we look forward to getting them completed as quickly as possible."

According to Alpharetta's Engineering / Public Works Director, Pete Sewczwicz, the City would not typically schedule projects along a relatively short road corridor such that commuters would have three active construction zones to deal with. In this instance, however, partial funding is coming from the federal stimulus package, which requires that all projects begin within 120 days of funding. That requirement left Alpharetta no option but to allow the construction schedules to overlap.

"We anticipate that construction on the intersection of Kimball Bridge and North Point will begin in May and run until September 2009," states Sewczwicz. "The bridge replacement project will begin in late fall and will take approximately 2 years to complete. This project is under the supervision of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The Kimball Bridge / Waters Road intersection improvements will be completed in about 6 months, and it is projected that construction on that piece would begin in early fall."

According to Monson, GDOT board member Brandon Beach was instrumental in securing stimulus funds needed to partially finance the construction. Due to budget shortfalls, GDOT could not fund two of the projects until the stimulus funds were allocated," Monson stated. "Brandon worked diligently to ensure that those projects were included in the State's stimulus list, which is allowing us to fast-track these important projects.

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