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DATE: August 13, 2007
TO: Mayor, City Council, Citizens
FROM: John A. Ward III, City Manger
RE: Traffic Signal at U.S. 129 & Old Pendergrass Road

In an effort to update everyone concerning the installation of the U.S. 129 & Old Pendergrass Road traffic signal, I have compiled a timeline of events and activities that have been undertaken by the City of Jefferson. While this has been a long process, it appears that the City is very near to obtaining DOT approval of the turn lane design and the traffic signal design. Once these approvals are obtained, the City will make every effort to expedite the installation of both the turn lanes and the traffic signal.

JUNE 2006 City of Jefferson hires Street Smarts, a planning, engineering and surveying firm, to complete an intersection safety study at US 129 at Old Pendergrass Road in anticipation of applying for a GA DOT traffic signal permit.

AUGUST 2006 Street Smarts completes the intersection safety study and the study is immediately forwarded to the District DOT office along with the signal permit application.

OCTOBER 2006 DOT notifies the City of Jefferson that the US 129 at Old Pendergrass Road intersection does not qualify for a traffic signal based on current DOT standards and volume.

JANUARY 2007 Mayor, State Representative, City Manager and DOT officials meet to discuss signal issue and to request that DOT revisit the signal request and to explore safety alternatives.

MARCH 2007 City Manager and Public Works Director meet with DOT and are informed that DOT will revisit the signal request after improvements are made at the intersection by both DOT and City of Jefferson.

DOT agrees to improve turn lanes on US 129.

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