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Dear Interested Citizen:

Since the last Northwest Corridor I-75/575 HOV/BRT Project public information open house in summer 2006, we have been diligently working on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS, which is both a document and a process, contains many hours of data collection and environmental analysis. In our fall 2006 newsletter, we stated that the project team would be out in the community in early 2007. Now that spring is nearly upon us, I wanted to update you on the Northwest Corridor Project's progress.

There have been several factors that have added some time to our original schedule for DEIS completion. First, there are some additional air quality analyses that are required due to changes in federal regulations. Second, the project team has been working to address the negative impacts in each of the design alternatives. Third, the innovative ideas being explored and the complexity of the project demand attention to intricate details and implications by multiple state and federal government agencies.

Our next steps in the project development process involve interagency reviews of the Administrative Draft of the DEIS. Be assured, that all the involved agencies are working together to bring you the very best design alternatives, but this process takes time. Upon completion of the review process, the DEIS will be subject to a 45-day public review process. You will be notified when this public review process begins.

At around 30 days into the public review period, we will host three public hearings: one in Woodstock, one in Marietta, and one in Midtown Atlanta. We will send you notice of the meetings as soon as they are scheduled.

In the meantime, we remain focused on completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We will keep our project website ([www.nwhovbrt.com](http://www.nwhovbrt.com)) updated as information becomes available. In addition, you are welcome to contact us via the project hotline at 404-377-4012.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Northwest Corridor I-75/I-575 Project and for partnering with us as we move through the process. Your input and support is greatly valued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Buchan".

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