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00:00:00,880 --> 00:00:07,860  
All right, so I've got two perspective concepts.

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00:00:09,440 --> 00:00:14,320  
Des just came to me a while back and asked us to look at, analyze Rock Quarter Road Extension

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00:00:14,320 --> 00:00:22,220  
where the widening will dead end in 42 Highway, to see what options are, where we could take

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00:00:22,220 --> 00:00:23,580  
it to help alleviate traffic.

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00:00:23,580 --> 00:00:30,360  
Before I get started, I want, and everybody knows this is common sense, probably the next

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00:00:30,360 --> 00:00:32,800  
step in all this is very possibly a traffic study.

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00:00:34,080 --> 00:00:38,980  
So, because a lot of these options are just something that, by experience, I'm looking

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00:00:38,980 --> 00:00:43,780  
at, but we really need to analyze it from a traffic count standpoint, number of lanes,

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00:00:43,880 --> 00:00:48,980  
what we're going to need, but I wanted to show you where we could possibly take it.

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00:00:48,980 --> 00:00:52,860  
So, this first option, this is 42 here.

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00:00:53,580 --> 00:00:56,760  
North is actually to the left to fit it all on one page.

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00:00:58,000 --> 00:01:05,340  
If you look back here to the south, this is the connector at Carissa Drive, yes.

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00:01:08,360 --> 00:01:11,260  
So, like I said, this is the intersection of 42 going north.

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00:01:11,860 --> 00:01:17,800

Basically, what we're proposing to do is to follow the, there's a small transmission line

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00:01:17,800 --> 00:01:19,960

here that comes up through here.

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00:01:21,020 --> 00:01:23,440

So, we're following that with more or less.

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00:01:23,580 --> 00:01:29,260

Four lanes, and then we're hooking the road up to Carissa.

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00:01:29,880 --> 00:01:34,820

So, when we get to here, the road, we know the road's got to get to here.

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00:01:35,680 --> 00:01:37,720

So, you guys own this property here.

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00:01:37,840 --> 00:01:41,360

This is the new, oh my gosh.

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00:01:42,280 --> 00:01:42,940

Tim Hortons.

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00:01:42,940 --> 00:01:43,440

Coffee shot.

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00:01:43,480 --> 00:01:44,400

Tim Hortons, thank you.

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00:01:44,420 --> 00:01:44,840

Coffee shot.

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00:01:44,840 --> 00:01:45,820

Tim Hortons, thank you.

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00:01:46,580 --> 00:01:51,440

So, that is here and has been permitted, I believe.

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00:01:53,580 --> 00:01:58,780

So, there is room, as you can see, to the east of Tim Hortons for another out parcel.

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00:01:59,720 --> 00:02:05,900

There's also room here for a marketable out parcel as well as this area here, which I

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00:02:05,900 --> 00:02:06,980

believe the city owns all of.

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00:02:08,660 --> 00:02:11,400

So, when we get here, there's really only two options.

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00:02:11,520 --> 00:02:14,840

We can go west or we can go east.

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00:02:14,840 --> 00:02:20,700

Either way, you know, presents its issues.

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00:02:22,120 --> 00:02:22,840

All right.

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00:02:22,840 --> 00:02:26,880

So, if I keep going north, this is Old Conyers Road on this end of the screen.

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00:02:28,700 --> 00:02:31,320

So, there's two ways to intersect with Old Conyers.

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00:02:31,380 --> 00:02:34,180

This is where the traffic study kind of comes into play, too.

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00:02:35,700 --> 00:02:40,260

Right now, I've got it dead-ending in Old Conyers, which will probably result in a traffic signal.

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00:02:40,960 --> 00:02:45,620

The other way you could do it is, which I have not drawn it this way, because like I said, this is very conceptual,

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00:02:46,260 --> 00:02:52,820

is we could put a radius in here and basically make what is Old Conyers here, T into,

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00:02:52,840 --> 00:02:57,840

this road, and keep that traffic moving and going to Old Conyers that direction.

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00:02:58,260 --> 00:02:58,540

Okay?

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00:02:59,520 --> 00:03:00,360

If that makes sense.

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00:03:01,280 --> 00:03:04,300

That is a possibility to do this.

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00:03:04,640 --> 00:03:05,320

I'm sorry.

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00:03:05,420 --> 00:03:06,120

Let me interrupt you.

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00:03:06,220 --> 00:03:11,860

But if you do that, how do you get people off this road, the extension, to go in a more

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00:03:11,860 --> 00:03:14,620

westerly, southwesterly type of direction?

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00:03:14,920 --> 00:03:17,800

Well, if you want to go towards East Atlanta, is what you're saying?

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00:03:17,900 --> 00:03:18,300

Yeah, right.

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00:03:18,620 --> 00:03:19,800

That's my next option.

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00:03:19,900 --> 00:03:20,180

Okay.

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00:03:20,720 --> 00:03:21,320

So.

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00:03:22,840 --> 00:03:26,000

So this is going, this is taking it to Old Conyers.

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00:03:26,220 --> 00:03:29,980

Right now, it's dead-ending, which I suspect, strongly suspect, there will be a signal.

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00:03:30,480 --> 00:03:32,100

Traffic study will probably show that.

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00:03:33,760 --> 00:03:38,900

Or we could radius this and keep it going on Old Conyers, kind of to the northeast,

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00:03:39,160 --> 00:03:40,660

and keep traffic moving that way.

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00:03:42,080 --> 00:03:47,480

And my next option is probably going to, this is the next option.

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00:03:47,480 --> 00:03:51,540

As you can see here, this is what you were talking about, Mayor, trying to go towards

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00:03:51,540 --> 00:03:52,480

East Atlanta and alleviate.

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00:03:52,480 --> 00:03:53,480

That traffic.

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00:03:53,480 --> 00:03:54,480

Mm-hmm.

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00:03:54,480 --> 00:03:55,480

Mm-hmm.

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00:03:55,480 --> 00:03:56,480

So there is a street here.

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00:03:56,480 --> 00:03:59,220

What's the name of that street?

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00:03:59,220 --> 00:04:00,460

I don't have it on this.

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00:04:00,460 --> 00:04:03,520

I had it on the other map.

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00:04:03,520 --> 00:04:08,580

Now I don't know where, why I don't have that on here.

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00:04:08,580 --> 00:04:09,580

Weird.

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00:04:09,580 --> 00:04:10,720

So this is East Atlanta here.

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00:04:10,720 --> 00:04:14,340

City Hall is over here.

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00:04:14,340 --> 00:04:17,560

Yes.

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00:04:17,560 --> 00:04:21,960

So another thing to keep in mind here is if you're following my cursor.

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00:04:21,960 --> 00:04:28,080

This dark line, squiggly line on both sides is the floodplain of the river that goes behind

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00:04:28,080 --> 00:04:29,080

the wastewater treatment plant.

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00:04:29,080 --> 00:04:35,160

This is the treatment plant here, just to give you where we're at.

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00:04:35,160 --> 00:04:37,380

So crossing that thing is a bear.

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So on the other design here, we're having to cross it.

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00:04:40,440 --> 00:04:43,540

And that very likely could be a bridge.

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00:04:43,540 --> 00:04:46,340

That will be costly.

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00:04:46,340 --> 00:04:49,960

Several million dollars just to do the bridge by itself.

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Uh.

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00:04:50,960 --> 00:04:58,920

So this other way I've gone is you don't need a bridge, not right now anyway, because

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00:04:58,920 --> 00:05:03,080

you're crossing over and getting on the East Atlanta down here.

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00:05:03,080 --> 00:05:04,980

Here's old Conyers intersection.

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00:05:04,980 --> 00:05:10,320

Publix is over here off the page, apologize for that.

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00:05:10,320 --> 00:05:16,380

And we're merging and using the existing roadbed for Duval and coming around and getting rock

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00:05:16,380 --> 00:05:17,800

quarry.

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00:05:17,800 --> 00:05:19,080

And I do not draw it on here.

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00:05:19,080 --> 00:05:20,080

But East Atlanta will be teed in at that point.

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00:05:20,080 --> 00:05:20,840

Okay.

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00:05:20,840 --> 00:05:26,580

At that point to East Atlanta will, uh, the traffic will drop with the exception of probably

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00:05:26,580 --> 00:05:32,480

when you're having events at city hall, because most people will continue straight down rock

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00:05:32,480 --> 00:05:33,480

quarry.

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00:05:33,480 --> 00:05:38,340

Once again, traffic study will show that and would analyze that.

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00:05:38,340 --> 00:05:44,880

So there's a lot of ifs, ands, and buts with these two plans that need to be resolved.

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00:05:44,880 --> 00:05:46,600

Probably in a traffic analysis.

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00:05:46,600 --> 00:05:49,800

I don't see any other way with current infrastructure buildings.

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00:05:49,800 --> 00:05:50,800

Yeah.

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00:05:50,840 --> 00:05:53,040

I see a wastewater treatment plant right here.

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00:05:53,040 --> 00:05:57,100

I don't see any other way to get to old Conyers other than kind of what I've showed you in

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00:05:57,100 --> 00:06:01,780

that general area here, because there's your treatment plant.

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00:06:01,780 --> 00:06:03,480

You can't go through that.

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00:06:03,480 --> 00:06:07,260

So, and we can't go west of that.

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00:06:07,260 --> 00:06:12,880

So the only way I could see that we could avoid it is to kind of use Duval and merge

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00:06:12,880 --> 00:06:19,240

on the, to, uh, East Atlanta that would keep traffic continually flowing from East Atlanta

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00:06:19,240 --> 00:06:20,800

to rock quarry.

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00:06:20,800 --> 00:06:24,660

That would probably from a traffic standpoint, be the best case scenario.

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00:06:24,660 --> 00:06:27,280

Now you do have to go through Duval.

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00:06:27,280 --> 00:06:31,920

Now what I've proposed right now is basically Duval will just be a two lane road.

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00:06:31,920 --> 00:06:37,140

And then we taper when we get over here to the kind of more commercialized area and we

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00:06:37,140 --> 00:06:39,040

taper it out to four lanes.

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00:06:39,040 --> 00:06:45,000

I'm guessing right now, guys, because I, like I said, my advice would be the next step in

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00:06:45,000 --> 00:06:49,960

this is to analyze traffic analysis on both these drawings, both these plans.

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00:06:49,960 --> 00:06:50,680

Okay.

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00:06:50,800 --> 00:06:57,800

To see what works, what can work, what do we got to do, uh, where are the signals.

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00:06:57,800 --> 00:06:59,860

So that sort of thing.

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00:06:59,860 --> 00:07:07,520

So I didn't really see a third option to extend rock quarry straight.

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Not that's feasible.

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00:07:08,520 --> 00:07:11,680  
And even some of these, I mean, they've got a lot of questions.

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00:07:11,680 --> 00:07:12,680  
Okay.

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00:07:12,680 --> 00:07:13,680  
Yeah.

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00:07:13,680 --> 00:07:14,680  
Go ahead, please.

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00:07:14,680 --> 00:07:15,680  
Certainly.

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00:07:15,680 --> 00:07:19,660  
I think this project is a long term project.

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00:07:19,660 --> 00:07:20,660  
Obviously.

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00:07:20,800 --> 00:07:27,760  
Rock quarry road widen first and then, uh, kind of work our way toward this, um, I guess

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00:07:27,760 --> 00:07:32,300  
long-term I would probably, and you might ask your opinion, it'd probably be a phased

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00:07:32,300 --> 00:07:33,800  
project.

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00:07:33,800 --> 00:07:39,180  
Maybe that first section that you see there that is the four lane might be built first

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00:07:39,180 --> 00:07:43,800  
where it gives us, uh, access and then, uh, that potential.

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00:07:43,800 --> 00:07:46,600  
You probably, you might not even have, if you phase it.

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00:07:46,600 --> 00:07:48,420

So I see where you're going with that.

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00:07:48,420 --> 00:07:50,800

So let's say we phased here and just connected here.

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00:07:50,800 --> 00:07:51,800

Right.

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00:07:51,800 --> 00:07:54,800

That would help you with, you know, amphitheater traffic.

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00:07:54,800 --> 00:07:55,800

Right.

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00:07:55,800 --> 00:07:56,800

You could definitely do that.

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00:07:56,800 --> 00:08:01,120

And if you did that, I don't, I would probably recommend you go ahead and build the four

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00:08:01,120 --> 00:08:04,500

lanes, but the traffic analysis may not even show you need that at that point if you're

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00:08:04,500 --> 00:08:05,500

not connecting it.

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00:08:05,500 --> 00:08:06,500

Right.

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00:08:06,500 --> 00:08:08,500

So just, yes, you could definitely phase that.

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00:08:08,500 --> 00:08:09,500

Right.

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00:08:09,500 --> 00:08:14,120

And that way it would give us, as you said, all the people now that are trying to get

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00:08:14,120 --> 00:08:19,800

down east Atlanta road, they would have a real true out where they could get to this

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00:08:19,800 --> 00:08:24,200

way and get to rock quarry road and rock quarry road would be four lanes because it'll,

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00:08:24,200 --> 00:08:28,100

it'll be widened first in order to get us where we're going.

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00:08:28,100 --> 00:08:34,800

Certainly, um, looking at this and understanding the bridge could be \$10 million, I mean by

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00:08:34,800 --> 00:08:35,800

itself, right?

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00:08:35,800 --> 00:08:36,800

It could be.

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00:08:36,800 --> 00:08:37,800

Yeah.

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00:08:37,800 --> 00:08:42,800

So if you just a rough ballpark and I know, you know, you hate doing this, but just a

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00:08:42,800 --> 00:08:43,800

guess.

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00:08:43,800 --> 00:08:44,800

Yes.

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00:08:44,800 --> 00:08:45,800

I hate doing this.

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00:08:45,800 --> 00:08:46,800

This early.

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00:08:46,800 --> 00:08:47,800

It just, I know.

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00:08:47,800 --> 00:08:48,800

Um.

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00:08:48,800 --> 00:08:52,040

The two routes, the difference between the two, right?

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00:08:52,040 --> 00:08:56,640

We went this way to old Conyers with the bridge, a ballpark figure.

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00:08:56,640 --> 00:09:01,300

And then if we went to east Atlanta, a ballpark figure.

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00:09:01,300 --> 00:09:08,240

Well, I think I'll, the ballpark figures, I would need to do more analysis to do that.

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00:09:08,240 --> 00:09:12,400

But having said that you're going to be the same.

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00:09:12,400 --> 00:09:15,840

So you pointed out the bridge is the biggest financial difference.

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00:09:15,840 --> 00:09:16,840

It could be.

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00:09:16,840 --> 00:09:17,840

Yes.

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00:09:17,840 --> 00:09:21,220

It could be upwards of 10 million because you see how wide that flood point is.

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00:09:21,220 --> 00:09:26,840

It's a big facility and I don't see how we're going to put backfill of dirt in there.

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00:09:26,840 --> 00:09:33,600

It's just, it's going to be a bridge, I think, uh, so this obviously would be a massive increase

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00:09:33,600 --> 00:09:34,600

in costs.

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00:09:34,600 --> 00:09:39,600

In addition to if you actually teed it into old Conyers, very likely there would be a

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00:09:39,600 --> 00:09:40,740

need to be a signal here.

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00:09:40,740 --> 00:09:44,680

So that's another, you know, million dollars plus for a signal here.

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00:09:44,680 --> 00:09:47,680

Now, if you curved it in, then you would, uh.

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00:09:47,680 --> 00:09:49,960

Not probably need a signal right here.

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00:09:49,960 --> 00:09:53,500

Old Conyers would then to be teed in and you wouldn't be, you wouldn't have that.

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00:09:53,500 --> 00:09:58,620

So the biggest difference between the two plans is the massive cost of this bridge.

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00:09:58,620 --> 00:10:06,600

Uh, this plan here, you obviously have, uh, you know, you're, you're using Duvall.

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00:10:06,600 --> 00:10:08,360

So there's a cost here.

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00:10:08,360 --> 00:10:10,040

Uh, there's no doubt.

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00:10:10,040 --> 00:10:17,300

I feel like if this was able to be a two lane road extension, uh, you know, those houses

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00:10:17,300 --> 00:10:25,300

could remain, uh, you know, obviously traffic would be drastically increased.

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00:10:25,300 --> 00:10:32,060

So there's, like I said, there's pluses and minuses to both, uh, you know, right.

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00:10:32,060 --> 00:10:37,760

And, and, and, and in terms of financing this, this is going to be multiple millions of dollars

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00:10:37,760 --> 00:10:43,120

in order to find Stan says, I would think that right now we're in T-Splice one, I would

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00:10:43,120 --> 00:10:46,180

think that it would probably take a T-Splice two project.

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00:10:46,180 --> 00:10:47,180

Yeah.

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00:10:47,300 --> 00:10:52,800

Where the voters approved another one cent sales tax and, you know, put the millions

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00:10:52,800 --> 00:10:58,440

of dollars that were necessary in order to, um, complete this project.

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00:10:58,440 --> 00:11:04,740

But that first phase where, right, cause right now we have \$2 million that is coming to us,

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00:11:04,740 --> 00:11:10,580

uh, that was put in the, I think it's the T in the T-Splice was 2 million, 2 million

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00:11:10,580 --> 00:11:11,580

dollars.

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00:11:11,580 --> 00:11:14,300

Oh no, the next last blast \$2 million were put in there.

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00:11:14,300 --> 00:11:15,300

Uh, the County had \$4 million that they took.

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00:11:15,300 --> 00:11:16,300

Uh, the county had \$4 million that they took.

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00:11:16,300 --> 00:11:17,300

Uh, the county had \$4 million that they took.

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00:11:17,300 --> 00:11:18,300

Uh, the county had \$4 million that they took out.

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00:11:18,300 --> 00:11:22,240

We kind of re-engaged them on those dollars to see whether or not we might be able to

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00:11:22,240 --> 00:11:30,200

bring them back, uh, at some point, but that little spur to Cressa might really help us

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00:11:30,200 --> 00:11:36,140

to be able to open up traffic through the, um, through that area, and then be able to

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00:11:36,140 --> 00:11:41,680

provide the actual relief to East Atlanta for events.

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00:11:41,680 --> 00:11:45,620

But the other section is probably be, uh, somewhere down the road.

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00:11:45,620 --> 00:11:46,620

It will require a master plan.

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00:11:46,620 --> 00:11:47,120

Okay.

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00:11:47,300 --> 00:11:54,000

So in that case, a G dot or, uh, or T-Splice contribution in order to even make it feasible

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00:11:54,000 --> 00:11:56,220

with the, with the millions that it would cost.

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00:11:56,220 --> 00:11:57,220

Yeah.

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00:11:57,220 --> 00:12:04,120

I mean, it, you know, the spit balling in today's numbers, just eyeballing it, knowing

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00:12:04,120 --> 00:12:09,880

what we bid recently, you're, you're probably talking 15 to 20 million, even for that option.

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00:12:09,880 --> 00:12:11,280

You know, and that's today.

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00:12:11,280 --> 00:12:13,900

And then the bridge option will add 10 million to that.

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00:12:13,900 --> 00:12:16,300

I mean, it's just, you know, it is a lot.

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00:12:16,300 --> 00:12:17,300

Yeah.

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00:12:17,300 --> 00:12:19,360

I mean, that's our whole budget for the year.

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00:12:19,360 --> 00:12:24,700

So, again, it would take T-Splice or regular splice a significant amount.

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00:12:25,880 --> 00:12:26,840

So, thank you.

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00:12:27,940 --> 00:12:28,580

I'm done now.

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00:12:30,160 --> 00:12:30,640

Okay.

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00:12:31,060 --> 00:12:31,840

One second, please.

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00:12:31,920 --> 00:12:42,660

I think the ultimate goal, one ultimate goal of this is to have some type of road network to connect us to the hospital, per se,

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00:12:42,740 --> 00:12:45,800

to have some type of relief on Rockroy as you get to the hospital.

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00:12:45,800 --> 00:12:49,480

And so, my thought process is that what would make better sense?

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00:12:49,560 --> 00:12:54,620

Are people going to come off of East Atlanta or are they going to come off more of O'Connor's in reference to this?

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00:12:54,700 --> 00:12:59,300

I mean, it's a fruitful thought because I'm thinking along those lines, that's one of the reasons why we want to do this.

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00:12:59,540 --> 00:13:02,840

We have a major hospital and it rose to the expanded.

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00:13:03,120 --> 00:13:06,300

So, where would people be more or less connected to out of that?

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00:13:07,980 --> 00:13:10,020

It screams East Atlanta to me.

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00:13:10,280 --> 00:13:10,520

Okay.

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00:13:10,640 --> 00:13:12,980

I'm just throwing this out there for conversation.

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00:13:12,980 --> 00:13:14,580

I think it helps.

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00:13:14,580 --> 00:13:18,800

It helps not only that for the hospital traffic and getting traffic to the interstate.

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00:13:20,140 --> 00:13:27,800

It also, I think, helps alleviate some of the back you might have on East Atlanta right in front of City Hall here.

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00:13:28,040 --> 00:13:28,320

Okay.

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00:13:28,340 --> 00:13:31,100

At the light, especially during peak hours.

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00:13:31,240 --> 00:13:33,100

I mean, it's pretty nasty out there with the backup.

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00:13:33,740 --> 00:13:38,740

It would relieve that a great deal, especially if you do the four-lane intersection up here.

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00:13:38,740 --> 00:13:44,560

So, I mean, and you guys have knowledge.

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00:13:44,580 --> 00:13:46,460

You guys have knowledge of this area, too, just like me.

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00:13:46,980 --> 00:13:47,120

Right.

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00:13:47,240 --> 00:13:50,140

To me, it makes sense that East Atlanta would provide the most.

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00:13:51,460 --> 00:13:51,860

Okay.

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00:13:52,420 --> 00:13:53,340

Ms. Barber, go ahead, please.

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00:13:54,400 --> 00:13:55,160

Thank you, Mayor.

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00:13:55,300 --> 00:13:55,680

You're welcome.

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00:13:56,560 --> 00:13:57,420

And thank you.

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00:13:57,700 --> 00:13:59,120

I always get you mixed up.

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00:13:59,180 --> 00:13:59,900

What is your name?

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00:14:00,080 --> 00:14:00,340

Adam.

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00:14:00,640 --> 00:14:01,140

You're Adam.

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00:14:01,360 --> 00:14:01,500

Okay.

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00:14:01,500 --> 00:14:01,720

Yes.

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00:14:02,560 --> 00:14:05,500

Mr. Adam, this is my district.

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00:14:05,840 --> 00:14:06,160

Okay.

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00:14:06,720 --> 00:14:08,960

I know there's a whole lot of interest from others here.

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00:14:08,960 --> 00:14:13,300

Their interest is in other things.

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But I'm responsible.

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00:14:14,580 --> 00:14:16,460

I'm responsible for the people in the area.

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00:14:17,140 --> 00:14:21,520

And if they are going to be impacted, I want to be front and center.

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00:14:22,320 --> 00:14:25,360

And I want to have some input in this.

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00:14:25,840 --> 00:14:30,060

This project has been prolonged long enough.

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00:14:30,880 --> 00:14:36,720

I remember back in 2010, I believe, the Board of Commissioners were talking about this area,

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extending the Rock Quarry Road.

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This is priority for me.

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00:14:42,040 --> 00:14:42,100

Okay.

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00:14:43,200 --> 00:14:44,040

I'd much rather.

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00:14:44,040 --> 00:14:50,700

Invest our city's resources on this project, the Rock Quarry Road extension, all the way

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to O'Connor's Road.

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00:14:52,280 --> 00:15:01,960

Ideally for me, I'd like to see East Atlanta Road be four lanes.

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We want to be able to flush out some of the traffic that's going to build in our downtown

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00:15:07,240 --> 00:15:09,020

area.

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And cutting through Duval, it just doesn't seem like it's a good idea.

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I think it's a good idea.

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00:15:12,600 --> 00:15:13,600

I think it's a good idea.

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Good option.

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Especially during the concert season, when it's already heavily congested, and if people

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are traveling along East Atlanta Road and they want to use the Rock Quarry Road that

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cuts through Duval, they're just going to get backed up in the traffic.

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If there were the extension, or this Rock Quarry Road extension connected to O'Connor's

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Road.

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If those who are traveling down or traveling up East Atlanta Road from like the Fairview

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area, they would be able to turn left onto O'Connor's.

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And even the emergency vehicles, if they needed to go to the northern end of our county, they

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would be able to avoid all of the congestion from the downtown traffic.

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I like to stick with the original plan to extend Rock Quarry Road from North Henry all

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the way down to O'Connor's Road.

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Okay.

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00:16:12,480 --> 00:16:22,100

Ideally, that's what I would like to see, and I'm okay with investing as much money,

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00:16:22,100 --> 00:16:24,160

resources as necessary.

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I'd much rather invest it in the infrastructure and new roads than wasteful spending, where

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00:16:31,000 --> 00:16:35,940

all we have are just pictures, memories of a good time.

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I want to see new roads and new infrastructure.

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00:16:38,720 --> 00:16:40,080

I'm excited about this.

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00:16:40,080 --> 00:16:42,120

Thank you, Mr. Aaron, for responding.

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Thank you, Mr. Aaron.

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00:16:42,240 --> 00:16:42,360

Thank you, Mr. Aaron.

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00:16:42,360 --> 00:16:42,440

Thank you, Mr. Aaron.

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00:16:42,440 --> 00:16:42,460

Thank you, Mr. Aaron.

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00:16:42,460 --> 00:16:42,480

Thank you, Mr. Aaron.

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00:16:42,480 --> 00:16:49,280

to my email and just my inquiry about the status of this i'm excited even though i know we're just

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00:16:49,280 --> 00:16:57,240

discussing it at this point but i'm excited about the possibilities and i believe um mr malazzi

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00:16:57,240 --> 00:17:04,740

mentioned it best at one of our meetings you got to invest money to make money this is one of them

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00:17:04,740 --> 00:17:12,240

if we invest in the money to build this road it opens up opportunities for other development

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00:17:12,240 --> 00:17:21,900

to come along this route that's just the way i see it um i can you go back to that is this it

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this is the one that goes to old conyers okay um

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00:17:26,660 --> 00:17:34,260

and yeah we probably will need a traffic light there too um i was just thinking well it depends

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if you tn or you just keep going around old conyers there's ways to do that intersection to

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00:17:38,540 --> 00:17:40,740

improve traffic flow

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00:17:40,740 --> 00:17:40,860

okay

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00:17:40,860 --> 00:17:41,860

okay

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00:17:42,240 --> 00:17:50,900

um and i know that we have some support on the federal level we were able to get

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00:17:50,900 --> 00:17:57,080

some federal dollars um and discuss our plans for that pedestrian bridge

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00:17:57,080 --> 00:18:03,320

um where are we with that mayor ford do you know pedestrian bridge you're talking about right here

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in the downtown area yeah uh well actually we still have to get plans for that as far as i

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understand but we had some initial thought process but uh did they give us seat

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00:18:12,240 --> 00:18:13,520

money for it

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00:18:13,520 --> 00:18:17,420

excuse me for the design part right for the design piece i don't think we fully designed

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00:18:17,420 --> 00:18:22,640

it out that i've recalled it's designed out well we can certainly take that same route

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00:18:22,640 --> 00:18:32,660

um and request funding from our federal leaders to help us support this incredible new investment

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00:18:32,660 --> 00:18:40,100

in our infrastructure right here in our downtown so thank you sir i appreciate the update all

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right any other question for mr.

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i got a question

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00:18:53,040 --> 00:18:56,480

go ahead

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i'm leaning i know this is this discussion right now as well i'm kind of leaning toward the old

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car medidas but my question is centered around i'm kind of like uh councilwoman barber going through residential connecting that kind of really i already know what's gonna happen with that that's that's gonna be a nightmare but i am uh inquisitive about

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whether not when i visited out and if you see any operation Chambers like any major easenton or something like that you know if this is still a whole space we don't keep pace with student

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we can go to old Conyers route,

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but also build arterial roads, arteries,

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that'll connect to it to kind of alleviate

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so that it does both,

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you get both things for your buck

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00:19:23,920 --> 00:19:26,140

that you can kind of tee into old Conyers,

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00:19:26,140 --> 00:19:31,140

but yet some of the Atlanta traffic can be teed into it

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with some of those residential roads.

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They won't feel like,

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oh, you ran this huge four lane road through my neighborhood,

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but however, I do have another way out.

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00:19:40,600 --> 00:19:43,500

Well, the only way, I mean, there's a way to do that.

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00:19:43,500 --> 00:19:46,620

You just, you either extend Duval,

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Yeah, that's what I was thinking.

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00:19:49,980 --> 00:19:50,880

Or you extend this road here.

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00:19:50,880 --> 00:19:51,720

Yeah.

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00:19:51,720 --> 00:19:52,860

So, either way, you know,

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00:19:52,860 --> 00:19:56,720

you're going through an existing residential street

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and putting it as a, basically a collector street.

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00:19:59,780 --> 00:20:01,840

You don't change the designation on it.

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But yeah, I mean, that's possible.

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You could go this route

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and just extend that road down like we did here.

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And that road goes

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Straight out to East Atlanta.

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And then what's the road to the north of Duval, the next road up?

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This road right here?

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Bryant.

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00:20:18,280 --> 00:20:19,040

Bryant, yeah.

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So you could do that too.

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Are those wetlands?

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00:20:25,100 --> 00:20:25,320

Okay.

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00:20:25,620 --> 00:20:26,080

I like that.

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00:20:26,920 --> 00:20:28,540

Any other questions, concerns?

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Yes, ma'am, go ahead, please.

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Are those wetlands?

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Over, you're talking about the floodplain?

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Uh-huh.

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More than likely, there's some wetlands in there, yeah.

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When you see a floodplain that big, you know, that's why, that's one of the reasons,

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not only stormwater runoff related, you got so much water flowing through there,

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when you got a floodplain that big, you're probably going to need a bridge.

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Another reason you're going to need a bridge is you would be stuck if you have wetland

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and stream credits that would probably be cost prohibitive for the project.

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And I remember this project.

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I don't know.

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Was that the?

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Was property involved?

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Me and, it was somebody's property, because me and Councilman Thomas used to talk about

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it back in 2013, when we, before we got on council, Commissioner Holmes at the time was

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very interested in expanding this.

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And there was money that the county had to connect, but that money was used and moved

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and reallocated.

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So there is a lot of history behind it, but you kind of, it's kind of cloudy.

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In regards to the history of it, but I know that it was more of a county effort at the

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time, and it would come out of, over by Old Cleanser, East Atlanta Road at that point.

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However, you know, you're talking about wetlands, you're looking at the topo, topography of

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it in general, and, you know, I love the future planning of it.

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00:22:05,900 --> 00:22:12,380

I don't, I don't know why it's here today, but I do love that we, you know, we're bringing

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00:22:12,380 --> 00:22:14,060

it back up and we're discussing it.

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I, I do know there's some history behind it, and that funds were allocated, and then they

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were, they were removed, but they weren't our funds.

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So, those are a lot of issues and things that we have to discuss, and that, that's history

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that I learned back in 2013.

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So, even before that, there was additional history, way before I even considered it,

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so I would have to, we would have to do a little bit more research on that.

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00:22:43,420 --> 00:22:47,180

And then there's some property that is privately owned.

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There are some other, you know, there, there are definitely a lot of challenges to that,

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00:22:52,820 --> 00:22:54,520

but I appreciate the presentation.

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Yeah, go ahead, sir.

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Let me just say this.

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Basically, the long and the short of it is the, it's about \$30 million.

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That would be necessary to complete this project with, with, it'd probably be more

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than that, but with future dollars, but what's really going on is that'll be about the equivalent

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what it's taking to widen Rock Quarry Road right now.

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And it took us almost 30 years.

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That's been big, right?

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Yes, it's going to actually start, but it took.

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00:23:30,580 --> 00:23:31,740

I see them surveying it.

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00:23:31,960 --> 00:23:33,020

Right, right.

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Y'all know what that cost?

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00:23:34,100 --> 00:23:34,600

It does.

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They rewarded it.

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It should start within the next 90 days, I'm told.

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I haven't seen it.

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It was supposed to start in the next 90 days, I'm told.

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00:23:42,600 --> 00:23:51,720

But the idea that it took 20 plus, 25 years in order to get the road built tells you how long term this is.

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And as the council starts to think about this, is building this one the priority or is flipping road the priority?

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Which one is more important to us, flipping?

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Or this particular project right here?

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And that's why I say the phases might be, the phases of building this road where you built the first part, which is four lanes initially.

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And then, because as you said, in understanding what we've been through to build anything, when you try to go across those wetlands,

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then you got to deal with the Army Corps of Engineers and the federal regulations if you get the money, right?

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It's going to be, it's going to be painstaking and years before that that would happen.

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But if you looked at it and said, okay, well, we built that first section, there's no stream, there's no barrier, there's very, it's on city on land.

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That would be the phase that we could actually effectuate pretty quickly, because it's extensively going to be the same, no matter which choice that we make.

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But at the same time, this has to fit into our long term plans.

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Because I would think that some of the other projects that we got to consider is flipping road needs widening now, and it's an existing road, and this is a new road.

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So I would say probably the first portion of this that we could build it without having to wait 30 years in order to build it, and then go to, you know, having overall projects to me.

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If we're looking at the next T-Splice, we would be talking about the first phase of this.

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And then flipping road, because you're not going to get 40, 35 or \$40 million from the federal government, it's going to have to come mostly from us working with the county.

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00:25:44,240 --> 00:25:45,040

Thank you.

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00:25:45,040 --> 00:26:00,280

Let me ask you this, Adam, as you know the answer to this, but when you take the route to Oconee, there's several different property owners during that time frame, you have to get the right of ways or things of that nature from those individuals to buy some land.

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Is that correct?

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Yeah.

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00:26:00,820 --> 00:26:01,440

If I recall.

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00:26:01,440 --> 00:26:07,940

If I recall right from my brief research in the tax records, I believe the same one that owns this piece owns this piece.

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00:26:07,940 --> 00:26:08,520

Okay.

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00:26:08,520 --> 00:26:09,320

I believe.

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00:26:09,320 --> 00:26:12,740

So you'd probably mostly be dealing with one.

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00:26:12,740 --> 00:26:16,560

You may be dealing with a corner here, Mayor, but all this is yours.

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00:26:16,560 --> 00:26:18,700

Right, right, yeah, I understand that, that part.

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But I want, when you continue to go north to Ocone, those are the property owners there that you have to deal with in this aspect to negotiate with them to get the right of ways and to purchase that from them.

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00:26:30,820 --> 00:26:31,740

Okay.

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00:26:31,740 --> 00:26:37,900

Provided that they're willing to play, I suppose, and a bridge, right, on top of that as well.

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00:26:37,900 --> 00:26:51,360

Okay, and so we're discussing this, but you mentioned about a traffic study, so one of the things that need to come out of this before we go any further was whether or not we want to do

a traffic study or not, and how to go about that, and what that would cost us to do that in this aspect, I'm assuming.

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00:26:51,360 --> 00:27:00,620

I don't have a quote on that ready, but I can certainly provide Mr. Aaron one through the consultant.

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00:27:00,620 --> 00:27:00,700

Okay.

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00:27:00,700 --> 00:27:00,800

Okay.

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00:27:00,820 --> 00:27:02,660

We work with on all your projects.

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00:27:02,920 --> 00:27:03,240

All right.

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And the question is the scope of it.

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Right.

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00:27:06,480 --> 00:27:11,940

Would you just want to analyze the connection to Ocone or is one way or the other, and that's it?

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Counselor needs to discuss that, but I just want to put that out there because I think that's one of the things you mentioned and thought we needed to discuss that.

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On that note, what's that?

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00:27:19,940 --> 00:27:20,680

One more thing.

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Real quick, we did approve a plan.

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00:27:23,740 --> 00:27:29,340

Mr. Anderson's already left for that particular area of a master plan.

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00:27:29,340 --> 00:27:29,420

Okay.

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So hopefully, if that's...

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If that corridor is developed along with the Tim Horton's Coffee, the developer could help us build or design, help us contribute to build that first section because if they built that neighborhood and it was multi-family, it was townhomes, single-family homes, and then the Tim Horton's commercial park up front, that's the concept that was completed.

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And then, you know, it's certainly for...

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00:28:00,700 --> 00:28:05,600

If a developer came in, it certainly would be in their best interest to help us build this section of the road.

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Oh, absolutely.

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Yeah.

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00:28:07,640 --> 00:28:11,220

Just as Mr. Grant, who was in here earlier, built Chinn Parkway.

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Right, right.

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I mean, same deal.

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Probably not quite as much commercial as the Jodica development, but similar analogy.

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Well, what this is is really another Western parallel connector, you know what I mean?

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Mm-hmm.

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It is.

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It's raw land.

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It's...

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You're trying to connect these two entities.

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Mm-hmm.

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And the Western parallel connector costs about \$50 million.

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I know you're just throwing some numbers out there, but this is basically what they did.

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That section from Hudson Bridge to Jodica.

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Yeah.

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It basically was a parallel model society.

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Right, right.

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Absolutely.

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It's another Patrick Henry Parkway.

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The widen of a Rock Quarry Road alone is \$53 million, the widening.

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\$53?

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\$53 million for the widening of Rock Quarry Road.

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What's going on right now?

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Now.

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And \$4 million was from...

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Of course, we came from Stockbridge, but \$10.9 came from Henry County and recovering the main and \$10.9 mil,

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and then you had GDOT and federal funds of \$20.4 mil for that particular project that they expect to complete in 2028.

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But the total amount of that project, just the widening of the lanes, was \$53 million.

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I...

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Beg to differ.

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I think that that western parallel is probably way double than that.

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I mean, you're looking at the mileage to the extreme of going from Eagles Landing all the way down to Jonesboro from scratch.

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But sometimes when you're widening a road that has that much infrastructure on it, you've got to think about all the demolition and moving of utilities you've got to do.

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I mean, that is an uber mess.

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Rock Quarry Road, especially out there in front of the hospital, widening all that.

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Mm-hmm.

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Don't underestimate the cost.

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The cost of doing all that through that heavy, commercialized area up to the top of the hill before you get to Red Oak.

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Right.

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I mean, that is way more costly than doing new, raw land development.

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Way more.

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Oh, yes.

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What about with that bridge?

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Because they have so much infrastructure out there, they're going to have to move.

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Mm-hmm.

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And what about the parking lots they've got to demo and rebuild?

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Because, I mean, there's parking lots that are so close to the road.

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When they widen that thing, poof.

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I mean, it's...

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Yeah.

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It's chaos.

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00:30:30,540 --> 00:30:30,660

It's chaotic.

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Mm-hmm.

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Okay.

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Raw land has not been there.

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Mm-mm.

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All right.

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Ms. Barberboy, please.

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I wanted to ask Mr. Edmondson.

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So, before I retreat...

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Ms. Edmondson, could you come to the mic, please?

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I want to continue the discussions.

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I want to continue discussions regarding this project.

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I do not want to put it on the back burner anymore.

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For me, just for me, I don't know what they're going to do.

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This is a priority for me.

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So, can you...

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During the retreat, just provide us with some options of how we can move forward with funding this,

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whether it's BLOS, that kind of thing.

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So, just give us a general idea of, you know, how we can fund it and what the cost will be.

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He can...

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Mr. Adams can share that, I guess.

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Right?

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Yeah, I could just say from just looking at it, this is definitely a regional project.

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It's got to be all hands on deck.

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This type of project affects everybody around us.

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So, that would be the first approach, I would say, just looking at it and just seeing who will be on board

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and how that this project can, you know, enhance their traffic.

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You know, everybody's dealing with traffic.

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Everybody's dealing with some type of issue.

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I think us taking a deeper dive in it and pitching it in a way to get more people on board is the best course of action to get this type of project.

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Right.

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Off the ground.

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This is definitely a regional project.

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So, that would be something that we can look into and get with the neighboring cities and different things of that nature

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and just seeing who can come on board with us as well as federal funding, state funding going forward to get this project underway.

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But this is a significant project.

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Yes, it is.

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Probably one of the biggest ones we're probably going to have in a while.

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Right.

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So, I just believe that this is definitely a regional project.

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Yes.

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We should be soliciting partnerships with this.

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Yes, definitely partnerships.

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If I can just add, because somebody mentioned it, I want to start thinking in terms of what we can do.

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I think it was you.

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What we can do to build new roads, not just maintain what we have.

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We need new roads.

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Our population is increasing, of course.

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More traffic, more cars are on the roads.

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Of course, we have our master trail plan that we're going to.

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That we're rolling out.

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But I think it's still a good idea for us to start looking at ways that we can give more options

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and just enhancing and improving some of the roads that we have.

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Flippin Road, I really believe it should be four lanes.

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Walt Stevens Road really should be four lanes.

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Now, I know there's that I-75 bridge, both that crosses over Flippin and Walt Stevens,

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but I don't think that's going to happen.

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I don't think that's going to happen.

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I don't think that's going to happen.

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But those are the kind of major projects that I really want the council to take more seriously

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and start looking at what we can do to fund these major infrastructure projects.

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That is what my focus is.

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That is my priority, infrastructure, not just maintaining what we have.

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Well, the great news is we're coming up upon a budget season,

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and these are some of the things that we're going to be talking about.

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And I just want to be mindful.

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As I'm going through here, getting all the reports with all the different projects,

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various projects, projects that's been going on for five years, ten years, three months, six months.

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There's a lot out there, a lot out there.

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And I just want to make sure that we are mindful and that we are looking at the comprehensive plan,

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the trail plans, all those things.

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Make sure we're not stepping on each other and we're building out smart.

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And I'm tasking my team, hey, take a look at all the projects that we got.

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We just got to put a board up and just really map this stuff out.

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There's been a significant amount of projects that's been talked about in the last three years.

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And I'm just afraid that if we continue to keep adding, adding, adding, we're trying to do everything.

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That's how that's the fastest way not to get nothing done.

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And and we just got to recalibrate ourselves, I believe, as we go into this next budget cycle to truly identify what is the priority.

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And that's going to be a challenge.

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I think for all of us to really roll up our sleeves and consider all the all these projects that we're talking about are great idea.

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They are fantastic.

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But I think to to truly get these things done regarding our funding and what we're looking like,

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we have to be serious about what are the priorities when we're talking about these things.

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And sometimes it's the low hanging fruit.

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What can we do now in the next six months to a year, which is a multiple, multiple different projects that we've been talking about?

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We've been talking about.

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We've been talking about.

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We've been talking about or and or walk and chew bubble gum.

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It may be one of those instances where the larger projects we're working on them, building it out for the next couple of years.

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But we definitely need to be intentional when we're talking about these projects and the likelihood of them getting accomplished.

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So there's a lot.

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So I just want to kind of put that out there because once again, budget season is upon us.

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And these are some of the discussions that we are going to be talking about in the retreat and trying to get after a lot of this stuff that we're talking about.

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So this actually.

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OK, this is actually part of the discussion.

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So I guess my point is, I don't know if we want to continue this discussion during the retreat or whether or not we want to talk about some particular guidance in reference to traffic studies, which concept, north, south, whatever the case may be, or how you want to desire the council right now, which is our or even your city manager.

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What direction do you think we need to go here?

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Well, I mean, this is already underway.

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We have a 30 percent.

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The next meeting, I believe, is a 60 percent for this.

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Is this the same one?

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No.

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Say different project.

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More to follow.

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Y'all can continue discussion.

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Well, right now, excuse me, if I could.

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All we have is two million dollars for a 40 million, 50 million dollar project.

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So what we've got to do is we keep, like you said, we've got to stay focused.

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The deal is there's a vote that was taking place on what the priorities are.

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Until there's another vote.

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Those are the priorities.

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Those are the marching orders.

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Certainly we'll have certainly we'll have different discussions as we go about it in the fall to be able to refine what we're doing.

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But in terms of what talk about tearing up the plan and starting all over again, all that does is just slow down the progress.

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I think we voted that the that the youth and the recreation center was going to be number one project.

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And that's what we're going to do.

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Certainly, that's a long term project.

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But, you know, when you spend money somewhere else, you may be taking it from the recreation center.

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But certainly we know Rock Coral Road is moving forward is fully funded.

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There is a T-Splash list with transportation projects already on it that the voters told us that they wanted.

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They've already voted for them already.

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Not us.

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The voters voted for these projects to move forward in priority one, priority two.

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We put it out there.

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They said this is what we wanted.

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And we're fulfilling them in that order.

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And as you said, regional wise, we can't afford to do these projects in a silo.

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If the county is not on board with it, it's dead because or the state is dead because we need their help.

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We're talking about 50 million dollars.

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There's no way we would have been able to do the Western Parallel Connector by ourselves.

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Again, that was GDOT, the federal, the state and this county private, too.

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In order to get involved for a 50 million dollar project.

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That is a long term project.

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And certainly we can lay the groundwork for it.

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But will we see it?

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This will be a tree that we plant that we don't get to enjoy the shade from, probably.

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But as we look forward to, and I always like to call it back to what the vote is.

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There's a vote by this council on what were the priority until there's another vote to change that.

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Those will remain the priorities until there is a subsequent vote.

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In order to change it.

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Ms. Barbara, go ahead, please.

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Okay.

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So I want to remind everyone.

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When the council voted on the priorities in our retreat of March of this year, we voted on it

based on what we knew our revenues were.

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It wasn't.

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So when I voted to approve and let me be clear, the Youth and Senior Center is a priority.

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It will remain a priority for me.

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But.

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Everything else, I got question marks across all of them.

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We learned after our retreat, after we voted on the priorities, that \$32.9 million was mismanaged.

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So our financial situation has changed.

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So should those priorities that we voted on prior to us knowing what our financial status was.

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It would be irresponsible of me to say that the priorities that we voted on were not the priorities that we voted on prior to us knowing what our financial status was.

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And so, if I were to vote on the priorities that we made in February or March, it's still the same.

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That would be very irresponsible.

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All I'm asking, let's, at the retreat, let's continue the discussions on what all of the projects that staff knows of, that staff has been working on or what have been approved in

2010, 2008, 2012.

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When Councilman was first elected.

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when councilman alexander came on the council all those projects that they've been talking about

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prior to me prior to mr barrett let's discuss all those at the retreat so that we can have a

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good idea of where we are in the directive that we can give to you mr edmondson right now it's

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a whole lot of wish lists from staff whole lot of wish lists from every member of this council

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i think we owe it to you to make sure that the path forward is clear for you so i don't care how

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many times you hear a particular council member keeps talking about the priorities that was

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approved earlier this year that was before this council was made aware of 32.9 million dollars

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that was mismanaged that changes everything so please sir let's continue the discussions

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during the retreat of course

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i i got high hopes with this rock quarry road extension but even i know we've got to take a look

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at everything that's all thank you mayor you're welcome so otherwise uh mr edmondson when you

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talked about earlier about getting with the staff and getting all the projects to kind of lay things

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out get an understanding of that and obviously we'll have our uh our budget retreat in uh next

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month some middle late next month i think so we'll have that discussion so obviously this particular

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project along with everything else will probably be discussed during there during that time frame

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right absolutely um and i mean and i think for me what what i'm seeing is it's a whole lot of

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things have started we spent money on studies and surveys and stuff and it's things just don't go

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nowhere um and i think that's what i'm trying to avoid that's what i'm trying to pause stop roll

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our sleeves up because yesterday's prices ain't today's prices and it is different and i want us

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to to be unclear about that um so i am challenging the staff hey look let's pause let's see what we

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working on what's been approved by vote and what has not been approved by vote and and we just

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recalibrating everybody and refocusing because that money issue is something of concern um what

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you was tracking in march is different from what we're tracking today all right uh and