

The Blooming of Buckhead

Completion of Phase One of the Peachtree Boulevard transformation, carried out as result of the efforts of the Buckhead Community Improvement District, was celebrated in October with a ribbon cutting by Mayor Shirley Franklin and other community officials. The Peachtree Road transformation is the major enhancement of a section of Peachtree Road in Buckhead into a more livable, walkable, bikeable and drivable avenue.

In the past twenty years the population of the Atlanta metropolitan area has doubled and the resultant increase in vehicular traffic has created problem spots around the city, on roadways that were never intended or designed to accomodate this increase in volume. As the traffic around the city grew, so too grew the market for high-end, high rise, in-town, multi-family residences, especially along the Buckhead corridor of Peachtree Road. While the increased population density in Buckhead reduced traffic elsewhere, it meant a more constant flow of traffic along Peachtree during the day, and at peak hours the volume became overwhelming.



The new Peachtree "Boulevard" and some of the recent and in-progress new high rise office, retail, hotel and condo projects.

The idea of developing the street into a destination, not just a thoroughfare, was originally envisioned by Sam Friedman, Chairman of the Buckhead Coalition. The Buckhead Coalition is a group formed by former Mayor Sam Massell and is made up of property owners and others interested in improving the urban development of Buckhead and the well being of the area.



Looking north on Peachtree Road at the intersection with Piedmont Road, the features of the new boulevard are easy to see. Maintaining six lanes of moving traffic, the corridor includes wider sidewalks, new tree plantings along the curb, bicycle lanes, a center median wide enough to accommodate left turn sideslips, all utilities underground, all new street lighting and more attractive traffic signal boom arms.

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