

DeKalb County Georgia

Proposed

Traffic Control Policy and Procedures

To Implement the Community Designed  
Traffic Control Plan

for

Clairmont Heights and Medlock Areas

## **I. Statement of Purpose**

This policy provides the spirit and intent related to implementing the Clairmont Heights and Medlock area traffic control plan. The goals, objectives, guiding principles, definitions and the reasoning underlying the community designed plan are provided. Additionally, requirements for police enforcement are detailed.

## **II. Program Goals Objectives and Guiding Principles**

### **A. Goals**

Develop a traffic control plan that is comprehensive in nature and does not result in burden on one area at the benefit of another area

Enhance and preserve the overall quality of life for residents in the Clairmont Heights and Medlock areas

Create a safe and pedestrian friendly residential neighborhood street system by enhancing the safety of streets within the Clairmont Heights and Medlock areas

### **B. Objectives**

Reduce cut-through traffic during rush hours from 6-9 AM and 4-7 PM

Reduce the number of speeding cars during rush hours from 6-9 AM and 4-7 PM

Improve the safety and perception of safety for non-motorized users of the streets

### **C. Guiding Principles**

The traffic control plan must not involve traffic calming devices

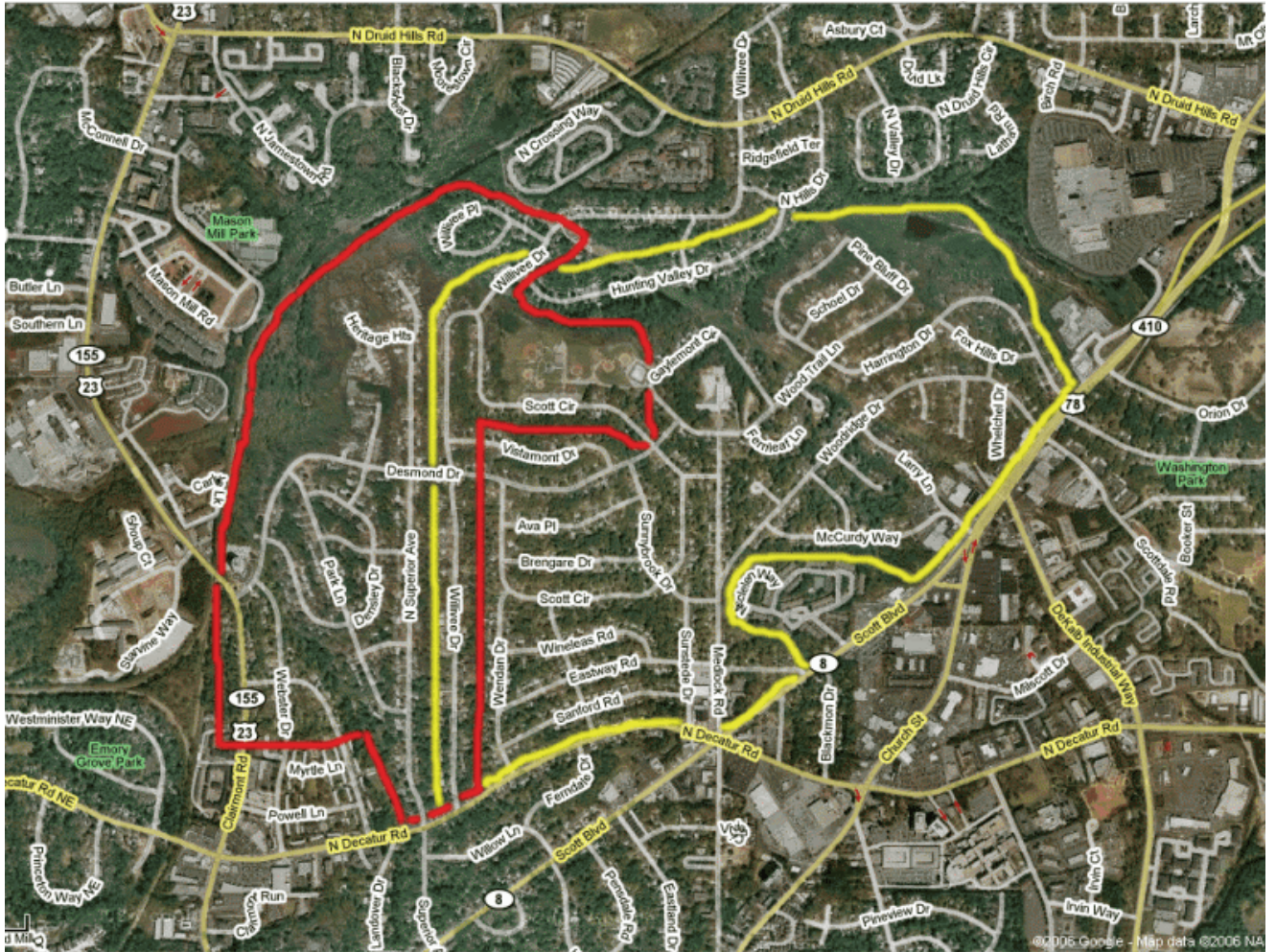
The traffic control plan must not change street routes or directions of travel

The traffic control plan must provide for ease of resident movement in and out of the neighborhood

The traffic control plan must provide exception for bona-fide use by service and trades persons, care providers, taxis, Emory sponsored shuttles, school buses, MARTA buses, ambulance services, paramedical transit vehicles, DeKalb County government vehicles, Police, Fire and EMS services.

### III. Demarcation of Traffic Control Area

The areas within the red boundary (Clairmont Heights) and the yellow boundary (Medlock Area Neighborhood) represent the affected area for the traffic control plan. Some portions of this area lie within both Clairmont Heights and the Medlock Area.



### IV. Definitions

*Clairmont Heights* – a neighborhood established in 1946, located in DeKalb County Georgia bounded by Clairmont Road, North Decatur Road, the CSX rail line and Willivee Drive. Clairmont Heights contains portions or the entirety of the following streets: Clairmont Circle, Desmond Drive, N. Superior Ave., Park Drive, Reckle Drive, Superior Place, Webster Drive, Willivee Place, Woodmore Lane, and a portion of Willivee Drive. Clairmont Heights also contains the developments of Heritage I, Heritage II, and Heritage Hills.

*Medlock Area* - a neighborhood established in the 1940's, located in DeKalb County Georgia bounded by an overlapping boundary with Clairmont Heights at Willivee Drive,

by Lawrenceville HWY/Scott Boulevard, North Decatur Road, and North Druid Hills Road. Medlock Area contains portions or the entirety of the following streets: Ava, Blackmon, Brengare, Desmond Drive, Eastway, Fern Leaf, Fox Hills, Gaylemont, Harrington, Hunting Valley, Larry Lane, McCurdy, Medlock Road, Pine Bluff, Sanford, Scott Circle, Sunnybrooke, Sunstede, Schoel, Vistamont, Wendan Road, Willivee Drive, Wineleas, Woodridge, Wood Trail,

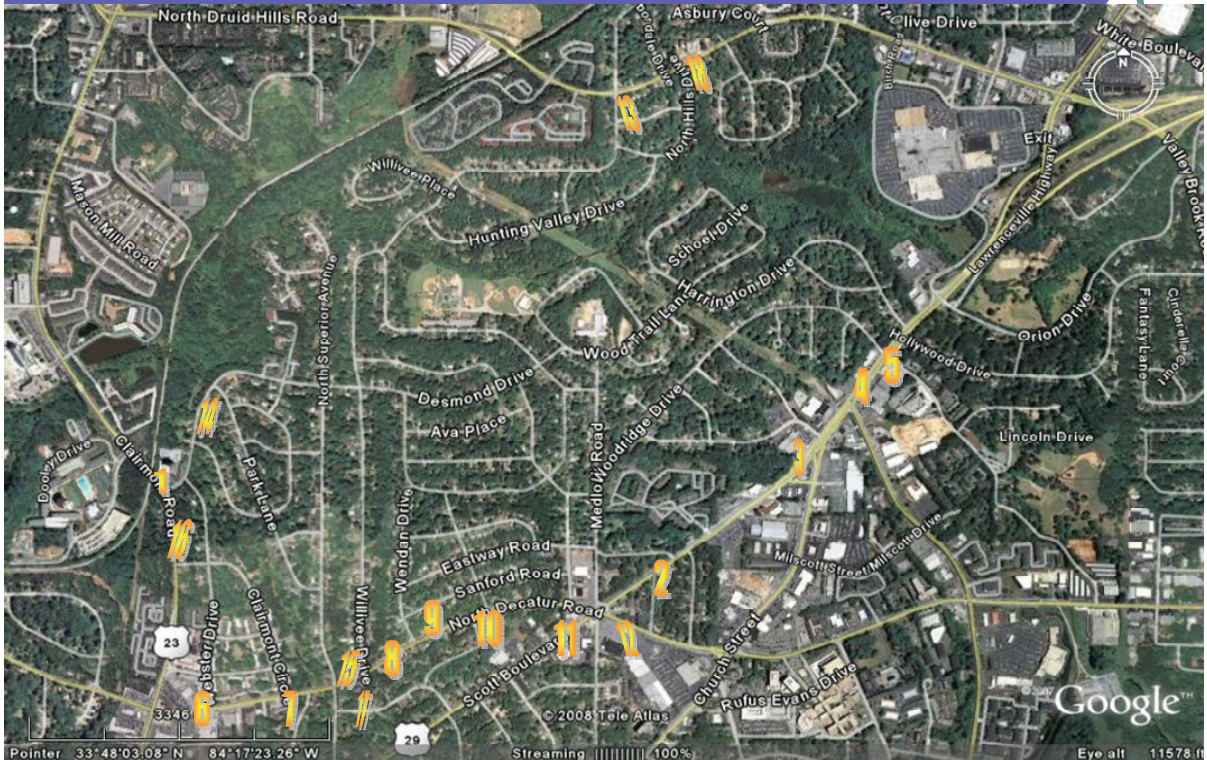
*Perimeter Control Approach* – a cut-through traffic abatement method where the perimeter of a given area provides limited legal access to cut-through traffic to the given area resulting in cut-through traffic continuing on main roads.

## **V. Summary of Community Recommendations in the Traffic Control Plan**

### **All signage is in effect Monday- Friday\***

- 1) No left turn onto Clairmont from Desmond 6-9 AM, 4-7 PM
- 2) No right onto Blackmon from Scott Blvd. 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)  
No left onto Scott from Blackmon 6-9 AM and 4-7 PM (Residents Excepted)
- 3) No right turn onto Larry Lane from Scott Blvd. 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 4) No right turn onto Woodridge from Scott Blvd. 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 5) No right turn onto Harrington from Scott Blvd. 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 6) No right turn onto Webster from N. Decatur 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 7) No right turn onto Clairmont Circle from N. Decatur 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 8) No right or left turn onto Willivee (at N. Decatur) 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 9) No right turn from N. Decatur Rd. onto Wendan 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 10) No right turn N. Decatur Rd. onto Suzanne 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 11) No right turn N. Decatur Rd. onto Sunstede 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 12) Medlock Rd. “School, Park, & Church Traffic Only” 6-9 AM, 4-7 PM (Residents Excepted)
- 13) No Left & No Right onto Willivee Drive from N. Druid Hills 6-9 AM, No Right 4-7 PM (Residents Excepted)
- 14) No Left turn onto Desmond from Clairmont 4-7 PM (Residents Excepted)
- 15) No Left turn onto N. Superior from N. Decatur 4-7 PM (Residents Excepted)
- 16) No Left onto Clairmont Cr. from Clairmont 4-7 PM (Residents Excepted)
- 17) No Right onto N. Superior from N. Decatur 6-9 AM (Residents Excepted)
- 18) No Left & No Right turn onto North Hills from N. Druid Hills Rd. 6-9 AM and 4-7 PM (Residents Excepted)

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## VI. Elaboration of Recommendations

All signage is to be enforced Monday – Friday during the hours indicated on each sign.  
All signs except number 1 except residents from turn the restrictions.

1) This sign prohibits a left turn from Desmond Drive onto Clairmont Road. This turn was thought to be extremely dangerous and vehicles attempting to make this turn inhibit the flow of resident traffic out of the neighborhood.

2-11) The impact of these signs is meant to decrease the amount of westerly bound cut-through traffic in the morning hours. Decreased cut-through traffic volume and increased safety for children and residents is expected along the named streets and especially Desmond Drive and North Superior. Additionally, the absence of left turning cut-through traffic during the 6-9 AM week day period may lead to smoother flowing traffic along Lawrenceville Highway.

12) Medlock Road leads directly to a County elementary school, a County park, and a church. Signage is thought to have some positive impact among law abide motorists.

Traffic dynamics and signalization at the intersection of Medlock and N. Decatur are thought to be in favor of decreased cut-through traffic volume.

13) This sign prohibits a left turn from 6-9 AM from N Druid Hills onto Willivee and prohibits a right turn from 4-7 PM from N. Druid Hills onto Willivee. The impact is expected to be decreased volume and increased safety for children and residents along Willivee Drive (which has a history of crashes, property damage and one recent fatality), Desmond Drive, and N. Superior among others.

14-17) The impact of these signs is meant to decrease the amount of easterly and westerly bound cut-through traffic in the morning or evening hours as applicable. Decreased cut-through traffic volume and increased safety for children and residents is expected along Desmond Drive, Clairmont Circle, Webster Drive, and Harrington Drive, and North Superior. Additionally, the absence of left turning cut-through traffic during the 4-7 PM week day period may lead to smoother flowing traffic along portions of Clairmont Road and North Decatur Road.

18) This sign prohibits a left turn from 6-9 AM from N Druid Hills onto North Hills and prohibits a right turn from 4-7 PM from N. Druid Hills onto North Hills. The impact is expected to be decreased volume and increased safety for children and residents along North Hills Drive, Willivee Drive, Desmond Drive, and N. Superior among others.

## **VII. Police Enforcement**

It is generally thought that a substantial number of cut-through motorists will obey the traffic signs instructing them to continue on main roads. The traffic control plan includes an exception for residents to make the necessary turn to enter the subject area.

When police enforcement occurs or is requested by subject area residents during the rush hours of 6-9 AM and 4-7 PM it is demanded that common sense and the officer's discretion prevail in instances of non-resident persons entering the neighborhood during restricted turning hours.

Examples of easily identifiable vehicles that are excepted by ordinance and this policy include: school buses, taxis, fire, police, DeKalb County vehicles, emergency medical services, ambulances, para-transit shuttles, Emory shuttles, and MARTA shuttles/buses. There would be no need to stop these vehicles.

Examples of vehicles entering the neighborhood during turn restricted times that may be stopped include:

### **Unmarked Vehicles**

The enforcement policy must direct that if a caregiver/ service provider or tradesmen in an unmarked vehicle provides a destination address and purpose within the subject area that person should be free to pass on to the destination.

#### Out-of-County or Out-of-State License Plates

State law requires county residents to register their vehicle in the county in which their principle residence is located. If a resident's vehicle is not registered to a subject area address they are in violation of the law. One exception to this state law is provided for active duty members of the United States' uniformed services as provided in the overriding Federal law, the Service Members Civil Relief Act. Law enforcement officers are thoroughly familiar with this law which allows for active duty service members to maintain out-of- state license plates and driving license while residing near their duty station.

#### Renters and Students

Renters and students living within the subject area will be able to obtain a resident hang tag/decals with their proof of address such as a driver's license, a utility bill in their name at the address, or a signed lease.

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