

BUCKHEAD COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS (BCN) PETITION:

**CHANGE REVERSIBLE LANE TO TURN-ONLY LANE
AS AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION TO NORTHSIDE DRIVE**

SUMMARY OF PROBLEM:

The reversible lane on Northside Drive from I-75 to Arden Road poses a number of safety concerns. The system, which utilizes a series of signals to alternatively direct northbound and southbound traffic through the center lane, has directly or indirectly contributed to a number of serious accidents. The topography of Northside Drive further exacerbates the problem as the lane direction indicator signs are difficult to see particularly at intersections.

APPROVED SOLUTION:

A plan to remove the reversible lane and replace it with a turn-only lane was agreed to by the DOT, the City of Atlanta and NPU-C in 2004 after years of discussion, planning and consensus building. The plan also included numerous other improvements to Northside Drive such as the addition of sidewalks on both the east and west side of the road.

THE PROBLEM:

The main problem has been this project's lack of GA DOT funding and priority. The project, originally slated to begin in January 2007, was, at that time, postponed until 2009/2010 due to DOT funding constraints. Over that same period, three separate individuals at the DOT have been responsible for the project. DOT funding is in even tighter supply now.

THE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION:

Remove the reversible lane on Northside Drive. Convert the center lane into a "turn-only" lane. This would require little funding; would alleviate the present danger posed by confusion about the reversible lane; and would eliminate the danger left hand turns pose at the steep intersections on Northside Drive as cars in the center "turn-only" lane would be turning in tandem.

LONG TERM SOLUTION:

For consideration in future years, this major roadway would be much improved by implementing the additional improvements agreed to by the City, the GA DOT and NPU-C.

BY SIGNING THIS PETITION ON BEHALF OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU SUPPORT THE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- Removing the dangerous reversible lane on Northside Drive.
- Replacing the reversible lane with a "turn-only" lane.
- Placing this issue as a top priority of the Georgia Department of Transportation.
- Asking our elected officials at the local and state levels to join BCN in signing this petition.
- Encouraging letters of support for this petition from fellow neighbors, civic and business leaders.

The BCN hereby goes on record that the reversible lane on Northside Drive should be removed and replaced immediately with a turn-only lane.

I/We want to publicly go on record that the GA DOT must complete this project now.

Organization/ Individual's name	Signature	Date	Phone / E-mail
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**E-mail completed form to Jim King at info@chastainpark.org, fax it to 404-760-8878
or mail it to Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods, P. O. Box 11934, Atlanta, Georgia 30355**

HELP THE BUCKHEAD COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOODS SAVE LIVES! CHANGE NORTHSIDE DRIVE REVERSIBLE LANE TO TURN-ONLY LANE

