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### PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Intersection Design/Construction Lindsay Lane and Forrest Street

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The City of Athens Public Works Department will begin construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Forrest Street and Lindsay Lane in January 2008. A roundabout was selected for the intersection improvement based upon a traffic study by BWSC and confirmation of the recommended design by Skipper Consultants. Julie Lenoir, P.E., of Skipper Consultants recommended the roundabout for the intersection upon completion of a traffic study conducted for The Meres, a new planned residential development on Linton Road.

The City selected this solution to reduce speed in the area and to increase the traffic flow through the intersection. There are several residential developments close to this intersection and others which are in the construction and development stages. Several cities in Alabama have successfully implemented roundabouts in similar suburban environments such as the City of Auburn as shown below.



Every study we have reviewed shows that roundabouts do precisely what they are supposed to – their presence slows down vehicle speeds in high volume areas and increases traffic flow. Roundabout design intends for any accidents that might occur to result in low-speed impact. Since all traffic must yield to vehicles driving around the center island, it lessens the severity of any crashes that may occur.

The conceptual design is shown below. There will be public information available on how to maneuver a roundabout before changing over from the current four-way stop. The project timeline is dependant upon the relocation of communication lines. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Athens Public Works (256) 233-8725.

## Navigating a Single-Lane Roundabout



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