

Atlanta - Chattanooga HSGT Study

Status & Action Plan

March 17, 2010



Progress Since January 20 Meeting

- Federal agency coordination at SCORT (AASHTO)
- Held bi-weekly progress meetings
- Completed Revised Purpose & Need
- Continued meeting with Matching Funds Contributors
- Completed response to FHWA & FRA comments on AA
- Completed draft “Revised Evaluation Criteria” document
- Started Definition of Alternatives document
- Developed schedule to complete alternatives screening
- **Received FHWA & FRA decision regarding Maglev only**

FHWA & FRA Decision

- February 18, 2010 - FHWA & FRA response to GDOT request
- Clear direction given:
 - Cannot limit to Maglev technology
 - Must include all reasonable transportation alternatives
 - Complete Tier 1 EIS

Schedule

- Definition of Screening Alternatives
 - April 2010 submit final to FHWA & FRA
- Revised Screening & Evaluation Criteria
 - May 2010 submit final to FHWA & FRA
- Revised Alternatives Screening Report
 - June 2010 draft completed
- Public & stakeholder meetings – May/June
- Draft Tier 1 – December 30, 2010

Next Steps

- Submit Revised Screening & Evaluation Criteria document to FHWA & FRA
- Submit Response to FHWA & FRA Comments on the Alternatives Screening Summary Report (AA)
- Complete Definition of Screening Alternatives
- Revise Alternatives Screening Report
- Outreach to Coordinating Agencies
- Work with FRA on Cooperative Agreement