

Atlanta - Chattanooga HSGT Study

Status & Action Plan

August 18, 2010



Progress Since June 16 Meeting

- Held bi-weekly progress meetings
- Continued meeting with Matching Funds Contributors
- Held monthly coordination meetings with FHWA & FRA in July and August
- Streamlining of Schedule for an Administrative DEIS to GDOT by end of 2010

Progress Since June 16 Meeting (Continued)

- Distributed Revised Coordination Plan to Participating Agencies for review
- FHWA & FRA Approval of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Outline

Next Steps

- Meet with Participating Agencies
- Complete Screening Report
- Analysis & preparation of DEIS for selected alternatives

Summary Schedule

Screening Methodology and Criteria Technical Memorandum

- **September 10, 2010** - FHWA & FRA approval
- **September 10, 2010** - Submit document to Participating Agencies (PAs)
- **September 23, 2010** - Present methodology to PAs

Screening Report

- **September 2, 2010** - Present technical results to FHWA and FRA
- **October 10, 2010** - Submit draft Report to FHWA and FRA
- **October 19, 2010** - Meeting to present screening results to PAs
- **October 25, 2010 to November 5, 2010** - Stakeholder and public outreach

DEIS Documentation

- **August 10, 2010 to December 2, 2010** - Development of DEIS Chapters
- **December 29, 2010** - Initial draft Administrative DEIS submitted to GDOT

MagLev Deployment Grant

- GDOT/TDOT applied for \$15M from FRA (12/2008)
 - Purpose: Tier 2 EIS work & related activities
 - Requires: \$4.5 M non-federal match
- Submitted pledges of \$1.5 M from Atlanta, Chattanooga & Dalton areas
- Notified of \$13.8 M grant (09/2009)
- Notified pledge areas of adjusted requirements
- Working with those local/regional partners to fulfill pledges

MagLev Deployment Grant Matching Funds - Status

- \$1.5 M in Georgia State General Obligation Bonds
- \$1.3 M in City of Chattanooga capital budget for project
- Balance remaining \$1.1M
- September 30, 2010 target for securing remaining funds needed

High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program

- US Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) invited HSIPR applications for \$2.3 Billion
- GDOT filed joint application with Tennessee DOT for \$32 Million in federal funds on August 5, 2010
- Four (4) main objectives for new funds, if approved:
 - Create Service Development Plan (SDP) as now required by FRA
 - Enable TnDOT to begin Tier 1 EIS effort Chattanooga-Nashville
 - Begin station design activities in areas of known station locations
 - Begin engineering design for Howell Junction, necessary for MMPT
- FRA determination this Fall/Winter



Questions?