



# Commuter Rail Update

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# Commuter Rail Action Steps

## □ Commissioner's Meetings in Station Jurisdictions

- Meetings very informative
- Obtained contact information
- Provided opportunity to visit station sites
- Creation of CR Corridor Advisory Committee
- Creation of Jurisdiction led Stakeholder Group



## Action Steps (cont'd)

### □ Commuter Rail Station Advisory Committee

- Purpose is to tackle technical “nuts & bolts” issues
- Opportunity for representatives from jurisdictions along the corridor to provide outreach/coordination with GDOT
- First Meeting – December 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Issues Discussed and Ground Work Laid Out
    - Monthly Meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month)
    - Next Meeting – January 16<sup>th</sup> (Griffin)
  - Future meetings along corridor



## Action Steps (cont'd)

- ❑ Commuter Rail Stakeholders Group
  - Jurisdiction lead (City of Morrow currently spearheading)
  - Includes Public/Private Sector
  - Focused on financing tools
  - First meeting in Morrow (January 9<sup>th</sup>)



## Action Steps (cont'd)

### The Decatur Belt

- Importance to GDOT
  - 4.3 mile segment of track
  - No feasible alternative for Amtrak/intercity rail service/other commuter lines to serve the proposed MMPT
- NS initiated abandonment – Dec. 2, 2009
- GDOT filed for Stay – Jan. 2, 2009
- Engage Atlanta Beltline in discussions (30 days – goal for resolution)



# Action Steps (cont'd)

- ❑ Commuter Rail Implementation Plan
- Finalized document
- Critical Path Identified
  - Consultant Contract
  - Project Management Plan
  - NS Contractual Approach
  - Design Basis



# Critical Path Items

- ❑ New Consultants for Commuter Rail
  - Negotiations in progress
  - Goal for contracting by mid-February



# Critical Path Items (cont'd)

## Project Management Plan - (Feb – June)

- Required by FTA to address:
  - \*Project Management
  - \*Timelines for implementation
  - \*Financial Plan
    - Operating Costs
    - Capital Costs



# Critical Path Items (cont'd)

## NS Contractual Approach (April 2009)

### -Direction on Delivery Model

- \*NS Turnkey
- \*Usage Rights

### -1<sup>st</sup> Step of Negotiations Underway

- \*PE Contract with NS (February-May)
- \*Track work could possibly begin 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2009 (depending on funding)



# Critical Path Items (cont'd)

## Design Basis (May/June 2009)

- Need policy direction and standards for:
  - \*Vehicle type
  - \*Stations
    - Minimal Standards
    - Locations
  - \*MMPT
    - Start Phase 1 Design



## Next Steps Supporting Critical Path

- ❑ Resolve/get guidance from FTA on these issues:
  - Environmental Documentation (60 days)
  - ADA Issues surrounding Commuter Rail (60 days)
  - 20 year financial assumptions (April)

