FHWA Meeting Background Information

**Project History Time Line:**

* Original Concept by GDOT: July 2000
* H&L NTP: October 5, 2005
* Validation was submitted in July 2006
* Approved Revised Concept in Feb 2007 per validation
* Value Engineering Study August 2007 -recommended 11 ft lanes and removing bike lanes
* Revised Concept , revised design and held PFPR in Nov 2008
* Right of Way Approval July 2009
* Resubmitted Revised concept February 2011
* Started Right of Way pre-acquisition in 2011 and continued to 2013 – No Parcels Acquired
* Received Traffic Study from Athens Clark County (ACC) in May 2013 with reduced volumes and projections. ACC’s concerns were impacts to commercial properties and the full access break to the Publix Shopping Center was being restricted to right-in-right-out.
  + GDOT’s volumes were 2006, analysis was based on 2011 and 2031 projections (high times for growth and volumes)
* The project was then stopped to study if reductions proposed by ACC would be valid based on GDOT current projections. New GDOT volumes are 2014 and analysis based on 2021 and 2041.
* Starting in 2014 H&L was then scoped to:
  + Perform a Traffic Analysis (Stantec) on the H&L and ACC Layouts
  + Validated the Concept Layout and Revise the Concept Report
  + Confirm Need and Purpose
  + Revise Logical Termini if required
  + Attend Public Information Open House (PIOH)
* Traffic Analysis Recommended H&L Layout over the ACC Layout.
* In order to obtain acceptance from ACC, H&L has studied adding a left turn into the Publix Shopping Center and studied reductions to minimize impacts to properties on the west end of the project.

**H&L Project Description:**

* improvements to the SR 10 Loop/Atlanta Highway (SR 10/US 78) interchange
* widening of Atlanta Highway by adding four lanes and lengthening many turn lanes in the interchange vicinity from the west mall entrance to Timothy/Mitchel Bridge Road
* adding a new loop ramp from Atlanta Highway westbound to SR 10 Loop southbound
* realigning the existing loop ramp from Atlanta Highway eastbound to SR 10 Loop northbound
* realigning the southbound and north bound off ramps
* adding a 2000 LF auxiliary lane on the SR 10 Loop
* relocating the Jennings Mill Road and the intersection with Atlanta Highway
* improvements to Huntington Road and the intersection with Atlanta Highway
* replacement of the bridge structures over the SR 10 Loop.

**Athens Clark County Proposed Reduction:**

* Reduced widening and improvements to Atlanta Highway by only adding a left turn and a through lane across the WB bridge and lengthening turn lanes in the interchange vicinity from Huntington Road to east of Jennings Mill Road.
* relocating the Jennings Mill Road and the intersection with Atlanta Highway
* improvements to Huntington Road and the intersection with Atlanta Highway
* replacement of the bridge structures over the SR 10 Loop.