

Citizens Advisory Group: January 11, 2010 Meeting Handout

Who's Who?

An explanation of acronyms

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

Signed into law January 1, 1970, the Act establishes national environmental policy and goals for the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the environment, and it provides a process for implementing these goals within the federal agencies. The Act requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions. It is not part of the feasibility phase.

FHWA / Federal Highway Administration:

The FHWA is a major agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). FHWA is charged with the broad responsibility of ensuring that America's roads and highways continue to be the safest and most technologically up-to-date.

USACE / The Corps / The US Army Corps of Engineers:

USACE is responsible for investigating, developing and maintaining the nation's water and related environmental resources. We are working with the South Atlantic Division, which is based in Atlanta.

SRTA / Georgia State Road & Tollway Authority:

This is the organization that operates Georgia's toll roads. It serves a valuable role as one of the financing arms for state transportation agencies.

PDA / Pre-Development Agreement:

The contract between Gwinnett County and the Skanska team for the feasibility study.

GDOT / Georgia Department of Transportation:

Georgia DOT is involved in a wide variety of programs, projects and services that are designed to meet the transportation needs of communities across Georgia. GDOT is responsible for the I-85 HOT Lane Project.