Downtown Griffin Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities, PI#0010333 LCI Project December 12, 2014 - Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Amy Goodwin, ARC Kofi Wakhisi, ARC John Orr, ARC Anthony Dukes, City of Griffin Brant Keller, City of Griffin

Kenny Smith, City of Griffin Brad Saxon, GDOT Justin Banks, GDOT Andrew Heath, GDOT

Summary:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss GDOT's recent letter to the City of Griffin which stated that GDOT would reserve the right to widen intersections along SR155 in a future year if traffic conditions warranted it. Mr. Smith explained that the City Council was concerned about spending money to complete the LCI project if much of that work would be demolished in the future by GDOT. Mr. Heath explained that GDOT would not get ahead of the local and regional planning processes, especially in a historic downtown, by conducting a project that the local government was staunchly opposed to, and that reserving the right to make future improvements is a condition that applies to all roadways under GDOT's jurisdiction.

City staff also wished to confirm GDOT and ARC's support of the City's preferred concept alternative which includes reducing the number of travel lanes from 4 to 2, lengthening angled parking spaces, and constructing curb extensions. The project would no longer include a separated bike lane due to safety concerns, but would include shared lane markings (aka "sharrows"). Both GDOT and ARC agreed that this was an acceptable approach.

Next Steps:

GDOT and ARC agreed to provide the City with a letter conveying the above.