### ASCE Winter Meeting

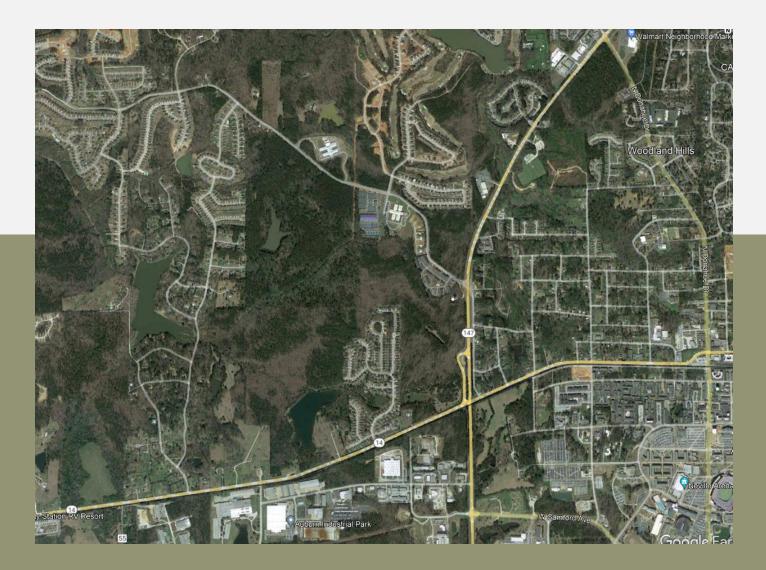
# Will Buechner Parkway March 14, 2024







# The Project Location – Prior to Project



# **Project Goals**



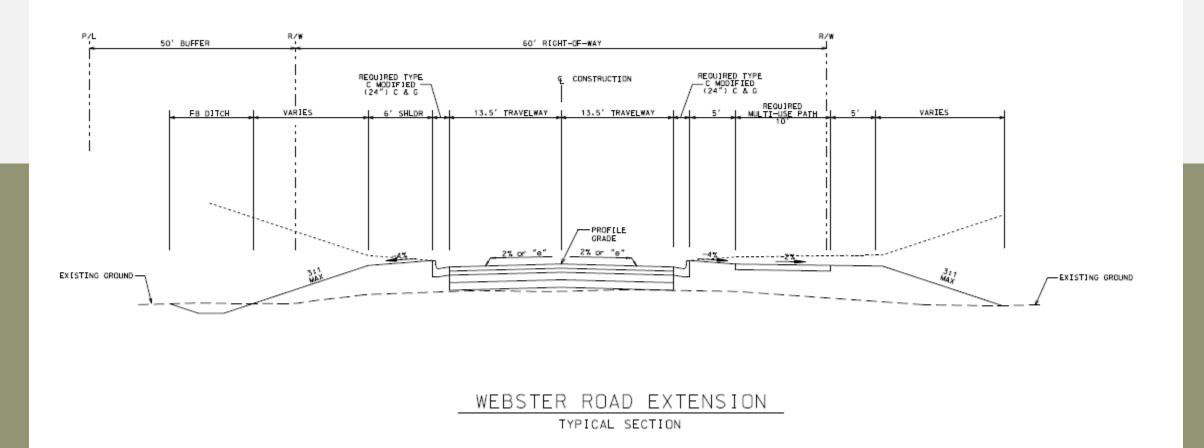
Connect Martin Luther King Dr. (AL Hwy 14) near Webster Rd. to Richland Rd. near Creekside Elementary School. Enhance connectivity to residential neighborhoods, public schools, and future parks. Accommodate future growth.

# **Concept Plan**



# Everything looks so easy on paper!

# **Concept Typical Section**



# Challenges





Major Drainage Crossings Property Owners and Impacts Steep Terrain Planned Development Improvements to State Route Railroad Utilities New Location ???

# **New Location**

#### Things to Consider:

- Environmental Studies
  - Might be land that has never been disturbed.
- Geotech
  - Staking of CL, removal of trees.
- Property Owner Permission
  - Might have to clear or dig on their property before acquiring it; consider drone survey.



## What??!!

In October 2021, Southern Research, Historic Preservation Consultants, Inc., conducted a Phase II investigation of a small portion of archaeological site 1LE560 in Auburn, Alabama. When first recorded, the site was purported to contain a cemetery. Through thorough documentation and ground-truthing by means of backhoe stripping, the principal investigator concludes the area initially identified as a cemetery was, in fact, the remnants of an outbuilding, and that no human remains were associated with the concrete foundation remnants.

Possible cemetery area. Extents could not be determined.

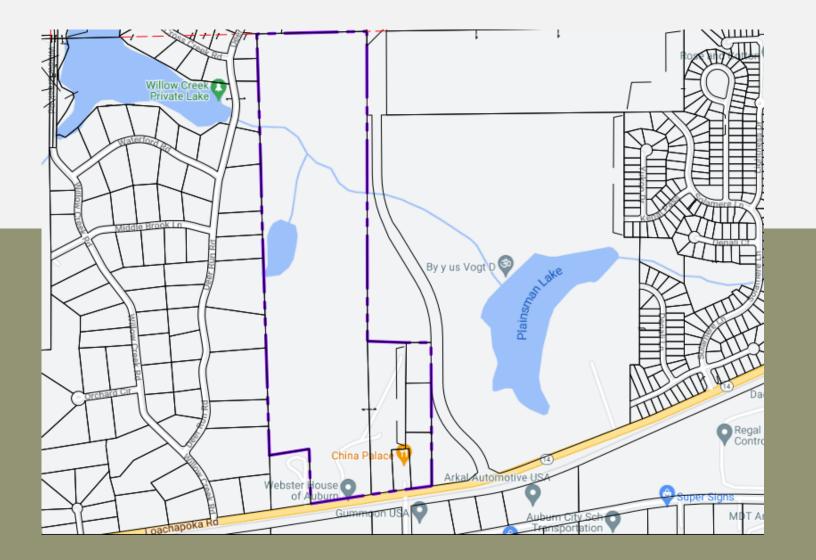
Upon review of the phase II report, we agree with the author's findings. This site (ILe560) is not a cemetery and is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur that project activities may proceed in this location.

Phase II Investigations at Site 1LE560

# Major Drainage Crossings



# **Property Owners**





# **Planned Development**

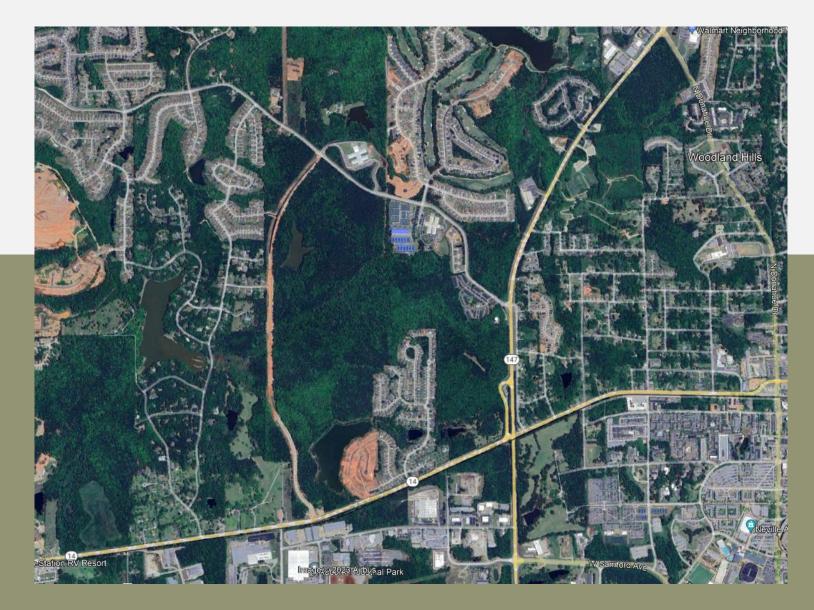


# Webster Road @ SR-14

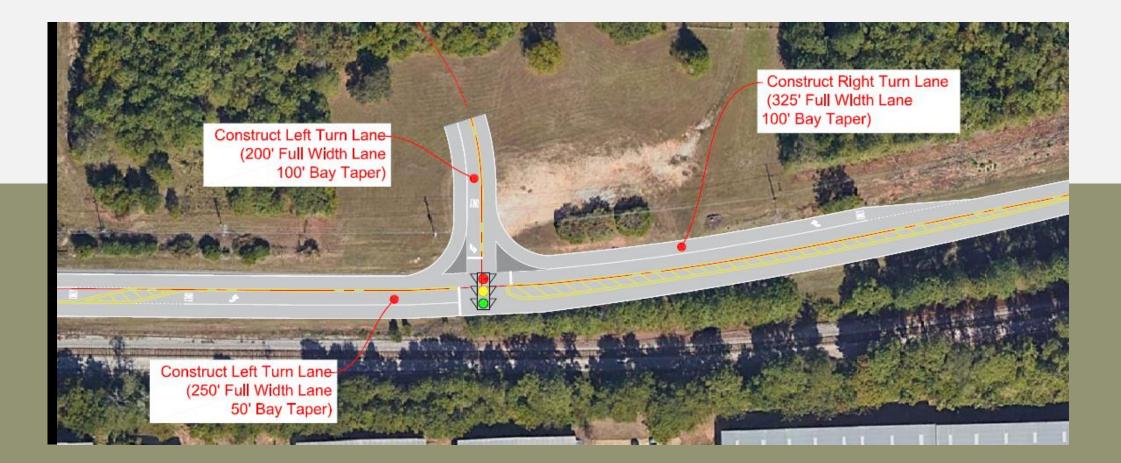




# **Recent Aerial View**



# Intersection @ SR-14



# Signals @ SR-14



# Railroad

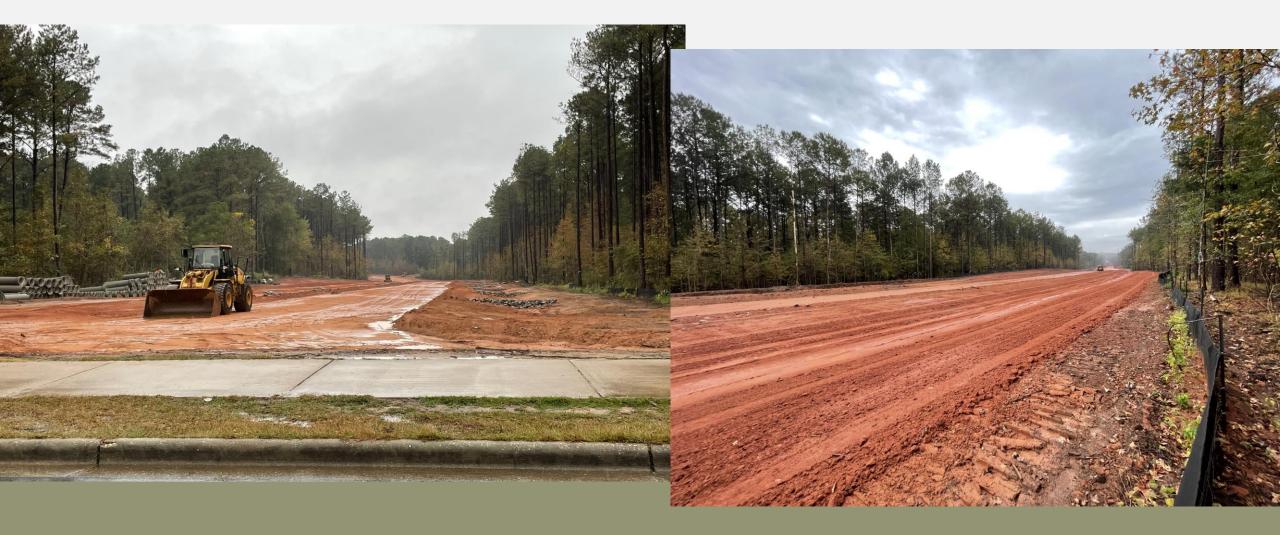


RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRACK MAP THE WESTERN RAILWAY OF ALABAMA MAIN LINE STATION 14-70-20 TO STATION 1681+40 SCALE 1 IN =400 FT JUNE\_30, 1918 PART OF PROJECT 5-400. AUBURN-NOTASULGA From A.+W. P. Mile Post, M-55 to M-58 Showing Distance & R.R. to Construction on Highway. No Scale

# Utilities



# Construction



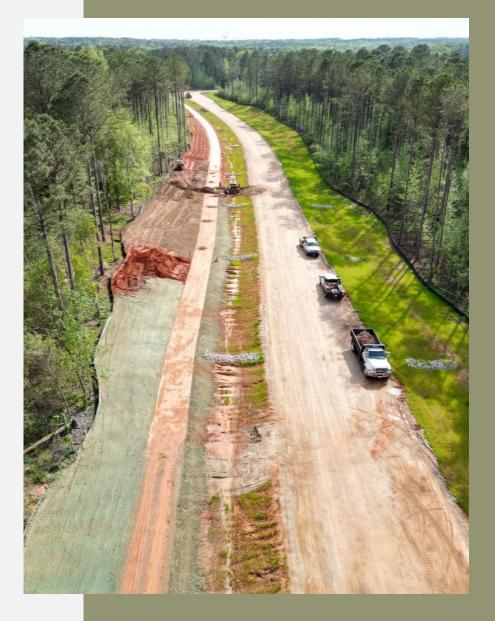
# Construction



Will Buechner Parkway Auburn, Alabama

# Completion

- D&J Enterprises
- Total capital budget of \$8,348,000
- Substantial completion achieved in late October
- Parkway dedication and opening occurred on January 8<sup>th</sup>



# QUESTIONS?

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