



**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**January 5, 2018 Meeting Notes**

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr	<i>Fulton</i>	---
<i>Atlanta</i>	---	<i>GDOT</i>	Henry Greene
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	---
<i>Cherokee</i>	Geoff Morton	<i>Gwinnett</i>	Alan Chapman
<i>Clayton</i>	---	<i>Henry</i>	David Simmons
<i>Cobb</i>	Eric Meyer	<i>MARTA</i>	---
<i>Coweta</i>	Tavores Edwards	<i>Newton</i>	Chester Clegg
<i>DeKalb</i>	Sylvia Smith	<i>Paulding</i>	Ann Lippmann
<i>Douglas</i>	Miguel Valentin	<i>Rockdale</i>	Brian Allen
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>Spalding</i>	BJ Martin
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon	<i>Walton</i>	Joe Walter
<i>Forsyth</i>	---		
<i>MD-1</i>	---	<i>MD-4</i>	Michelle Wright
<i>MD-2</i>	---	<i>MD-5</i>	---
<i>MD-3</i>	---	<i>MD-6</i>	---

Advisors (Non-voting):

<i>CBMPO</i>	---	<i>FHWA</i>	---
<i>GHMPO</i>	Sam Baker	<i>FTA</i>	---
<i>GDOT I'modal</i>	---		

Other Attendees

Keli Kemp, Modern Mobility Partners	Joseph Davidson, NWGRC
James Nguyen, City of Peachtree Corners	Kristen Westcott, Sandy Springs
Richard Fangmann, Pond	Jennifer Zhan, Modern Mobility Partners
Jordyn Jones, PCID	Audra Rojek, WSP
Matt Gore, Gateway 85 CID	Roshni Lawrence, GDOT
Jennifer Winkler, ACEC	Mark Dana, Roswell
Christopher Silveira, MARTA	Mike Bradley, MARTA

## Transportation Coordinating Committee – Meeting Summary

*John Orr, Chair*

### **1. Welcome, Acceptance of 12/15/17 TCC Meeting Summary, Public Comment**

John Orr, ARC, asked if there were any member comments on the draft 12/15/17 TCC Meeting summary. Hearing none, the summary was accepted as presented. Mr. Orr asked for public comments. There were none.

### **2. FIRST READ - Issue Summary and DRAFT Resolution for TIP Amendment #4**

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, presented an overview of TIP Amendment #4. This TIP Amendment includes exempt projects only. All projects from the 2017 TIP Solicitation that need air quality conformity analysis will be in TIP Amendment #5, tentatively scheduled for adoption in May 2018. TIP Amendment #4 will also include revisions to the Major Mobility Investment Program and other financial changes. A total of \$291 million in federal funding will be awarded as a part of the TIP solicitation. Over 50% of awarded projects go to those identified as top priority for local governments.

Mrs. Barrett then provided details on example projects that were awarded throughout the region, focusing on active mode, roadway expansion, TSM&O, transit expansion, and asset management projects. She then provided information on funded planning studies, followed by details of the MMIP changes and other changes. The MMIP changes are related to specific interchange and express lane projects on I-285. Other changes are relatively small, but are too significant to be a part of an administrative modification. Mrs. Barrett said that ARC will hold a kickoff meeting for TIP Solicitation awardees on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. ARC and GDOT planning staff will be present to provide information about next steps for project administration and moving these projects forward through implementation.

Mrs. Barrett said that public comment for TIP Amendment 4 closes on January 16, 2018. The planned adoption schedule is for TCC and TAQC to take action in February, GRTA to take action in March, followed by US DOT conformity determinations.

Eric Myer, Cobb County, asked a question related to timing for implementation of TIP projects. Mrs. Barrett responded that those specific details are being finalized and will be provided at the meeting scheduled on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Brian Allen, Rockdale County, asked where he could find the TIP Amendment project lists. Mrs. Barrett said the TIP Amendment #4 project list is on the ARC website at [www.atlantaregional.org/amendment](http://www.atlantaregional.org/amendment). The TIP Amendment #5 project list will be posted after TIP Amendment #4 is approved.

John Orr, ARC, stressed the importance of attending the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as a lot of additional details related to implementation will be provided then. Orr then added that any changes related to capacity projects or questions that ARC may have asked project sponsors about capacity need to be addressed as soon as possible so that travel demand model coding can be completed on schedule.

### **3. FIRST READ - Issue Summary and DRAFT Resolution Adopting USDOT-Required Safety Targets**

David Haynes, ARC, began by saying that the USDOT required safety targets have been discussed in detail at multiple TCC and TAQC meetings, so he would be providing a summary of this issue. This resolution is related to new rules/regulations from the FAST Act, federal transportation law passed in December 2015, which require state DOT's and MPO's to set specific safety targets focused on many criteria. In 2017, GDOT adopted safety targets to meet those requirements. Mr. Haynes said that ARC has 180 days from the GDOT adoption to either adopt the GDOT safety targets or develop a separate set of targets. He said that ARC intends to adopt the targets in February 2018.

Mr. Haynes said that recent safety trends at the state level have shown an increase in crashes, and that the GDOT targets are consistent with those trends. The TAQC has directed ARC staff to analyze crash data in the Atlanta region to determine if there are specific areas where the Atlanta region can focus on more stringent crash targets. However, now ARC will be adopting the GDOT safety targets. These targets may be revisited in the future based on the ongoing safety data analysis, as directed by TAQC.

Brian Allen, Rockdale County, asked a question about the wording of the resolution, as it does not specifically use the word "adopt". Mr. Haynes said the federal regulation allows MPOs to adopt the state DOT standards or to have a resolution saying the MPO will program projects that are consistent with the state DOT targets. He said that ARC staff have worked with GDOT staff to word a resolution that meets federal requirements and is consistent with other MPO's throughout the state.

Eric Myer, Cobb County, said he had worked with ARC on the bike/ped safety plan and that Cobb County plans to do additional bike/ped safety audits in their county. He then asked whether ARC would also be looking at a roadway safety plan. John Orr, said that ARC does plan to do additional analysis for roadway safety in the future.

### **4. Other and Committee Introduced Topics**

No topics were introduced by TCC members.

John Orr, ARC introduced Ann Lippman with Paulding County, a new TCC member. Ms. Lippman said that she is the county's Community Development Director, and that her department works directly with the County's transportation and public works staff.

Mr. Orr mentioned the potential for a Congressional infrastructure bill, but that few details are known at this time. He said that ARC staff will continue to monitor actions at the federal level and communicate changes going forward to TCC members.

Mr. Orr said that ARC has been working with TAQC Chairman Nash on how to better communicate planning work in the region to TAQC members, and that TAQC has expressed an interest in having presentations from TCC members on comprehensive transportation plans (CTPs) and other planning efforts within the region. He said that Gwinnett County transportation staff will present information

on the Gwinnett CTP at the February TAQC meeting. He said TAQC is interested in getting information on projects from throughout the entire region, and that TCC members should let him know if they are interested in presenting work that they have done. Brian Allen, Rockdale County, suggested having similar presentations at upcoming TCC meetings. Mr. Orr agreed that these presentations can be given at TCC meetings as well.

## **5. Announcements**

Orr stressed again the importance of the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so that implementation of TIP Amendment #4 could move forward quickly.

Handouts:

- Agenda