



Atlanta Regional Commission

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

February 21, 2020 Meeting Notes

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr	<i>Fulton</i>	David Clark
<i>Atlanta</i>	Jason Morgan	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	Jim Wilgus	<i>Gwinnett</i>	Alan Chapman
<i>Clayton</i>	Keith Rohling	<i>Henry</i>	---
<i>Cobb</i>	Erica Parish	<i>MARTA</i>	Eric Meyer
<i>Coweta</i>	Tavores Edwards	<i>Newton</i>	---
<i>DeKalb</i>	Sylvia Smith	<i>Paulding</i>	Ann Lippmann
<i>Douglas</i>	Miguel Valentin	<i>Rockdale</i>	John Moretto/Brian Allen
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>Spalding</i>	Sam Brown
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon	<i>Walton</i>	Joe Walter
<i>Forsyth</i>	---		
<i>MD-1</i>	Brantley Day	<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>GHMPO</i>	---
<i>GDOT I'modal</i>	---
<i>FHWA</i>	---
<i>FTA</i>	---

Transportation Coordinating Committee – Meeting Summary

John Orr, Chair

1. Welcome; Acceptance of February 7, 2020 TCC Meeting Summary and Public Comment Period

Brian Allen, Rockdale County, introduced John Moretto, the County's new Department of Transportation director.

John Orr, ARC, shared that Eric Meyer is now working at MARTA.

John asked if there were changes to the meeting summary from February 7, 2020. There were none, and the summary was accepted. John asked if there were any public comments, and there were none.

2. Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Strategic Plan Update

Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, introduced the update on the Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Strategic Plan, highlighting in particular the development of the Local Agency Deployment Guide.

Natalie Smusz-Mengelkoch, Kimley-Horn, gave an overview of the planning process to date, which has included workshops and stakeholder engagement throughout. A regional TSMO vision was developed at a workshop in December 2018. The consultant team has researched best practices for data governance and updated the regional ITS architecture. They have also conducted a technological assessment and identified pilot concepts. The ITS/TSMO Local Agency Deployment Guide is now being developed, along with the Strategic Plan that contains 5- and 10-year action plans.

Natalie shared that the Deployment Guide is meant to be a day-to-day resource for local governments and planning staff, helping to explain the technology and offer implementation measures and funding opportunities. The guide includes information on a range of TSMO strategies, each of which includes a description of the strategy, how it supports regional TSMO goals, applications, contexts, regional examples, and references.

The Regional TSMO Strategic Plan includes 5- and 10-year action plans that work towards the vision and goals established in this process. The action plans cover benefits associated with specific initiatives, next steps, and a timeframe. The eight initiatives are:

- Strengthen TSMO Planning and Institutions
 - Example action: establish and sustain a diverse regional TSMO committee
- Encourage TSMO Innovation
 - Example action: share information and develop structures to advance innovative procurement strategies
- Enhance Data Sharing and Management
 - Example action: develop a centralized data hub for safety and operations data
- Deploy Connected and Automated Vehicle Technologies
- Advance Regional Coordination and Network Communications

- Strengthen Work Zone Management
- Enhance Transit
- Advance Mobility on Demand

In a discussion about the idea of creating a regional TSMO committee, John Orr noted the need for coordination with engineers and those who manage day-to-day operations. John Moretto, Rockdale County, asked if this committee would be organized by ARC, and Kofi Wakhisi confirmed that ARC would convene the group if established. He also pointed to the need for an ongoing conversation surrounding TSMO, which could help ARC prioritize related projects in the TIP. Keith Rohling, Clayton County, added that it would be helpful to have an organized body to monitor technology changes and developments in the field. Phil Mallon, Fayette County, also noted that this is a topic he would like to learn more about, and hopes such a committee could provide an opportunity for communities to learn from each other.

Miguel Valentin, Douglas County, shared that it would also be helpful to have some guidance on specifications for TSMO-related RFPs.

Kofi mentioned that recommendations about freight and safety are both incorporated throughout the Deployment Guide instead of being pulled out as specific initiatives.

Natalie shared that the Local Agency Deployment Guide and Strategic Plan are being refined, and draft documentation will be shared with TCC prior to adoption, which is scheduled for the summer of 2020.

3. Fayette County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)

Phil Mallon, Fayette County, presented on the Fayette County CTP, developed in 2019. He noted that while the County's projected growth rate is one of the lowest in metro Atlanta, the areas surrounding Fayette are expected to continue to grow rapidly, and there is a strong need to maintain and improve access for residents to the airport area and the interstates. There are no interstates in Fayette, but this requires a great amount of coordination with the County's neighbors.

Michael Kray, Jacobs, shared some details on the engagement process, which included four open houses with 400+ attendees, electronic surveys with 1300+ responses, and a stakeholder committee. The Cities in Fayette County were involved throughout the process as well.

Michael also presented some material from the Master Path Plan, a component of the CTP. Data collection was a key component of this plan development – volunteers spent time around the County counting the number of people walking, biking, and using golf carts to measure propensity, and the consultant team purchased Strava data, which tracks those using the app for running or biking. Walking propensity was analyzed using land use, intersection density, locations of schools and parks, and bicyclist comfort level on certain road types. The focus of the plan is on multi-use paths in order to accommodate the high number of golf cart users. The plan also includes trail design guidelines, which can be used by all communities in the County.

The recommendations of the CTP largely focus on the Master Path Plan, widening of multiple state routes, new road connections, and corridor improvements.

Phil offered some lessons learned in this process, noting that the County had a large number of studies taking place at once, which put stress on the timeline. However, he said that some public outreach efforts for different studies were combined. He also noted that there needs to be better accounting for all DRIs as well as freight movement in planning studies. Growing congestion and an emphasis on TDM are pushing the County to look at additional/improved connections with neighboring counties. Finally, he shared that multi-use paths are generally appreciated by the public, but are difficult to fund, build, operate, and maintain.

Tavores Edwards, Coweta County, echoed the need for coordination between cities and counties in this part of metro Atlanta.

Miguel Valentin asked about the size of the stakeholder committee, which Michael said started with 25-30 members representing the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and citizens nominated by County Commissioners, among others. Miguel also asked for clarification on the interaction between vehicles and golf carts, and Phil responded that vehicles have priority when the two meet at an intersection, and the County is in the process of placing stop signs for golf carts at key intersections.

4. CTP Program Update

David Haynes, ARC, gave an update on the CTP program, which was established in 2005 to help counties and cities work together to identify needs, making sure projects are continuous and don't end at political boundaries. Currently, the federal funding provided through this program is broken into three tiers based on county size. Cobb, Douglas, DeKalb, and South Fulton Counties are in the process of updating their CTPs, and Cherokee, Paulding, Barrow, and Coweta Counties are expected to kick off their updates in the next year or two.

CTPs must include shorter-term fiscally constrained action plans, as well as a long-range list of major investments. They should also focus on human service transportation, transportation demand management, intelligent transportation systems, resiliency, and performance monitoring. ARC plans to provide more resources for counties to better address these newer elements of CTPs.

David offered the following discussion questions for the committee:

- What is an appropriate level of federal funding support for counties of various sizes and needs?
- Are there opportunities to continue improving the level of cooperation between counties and their municipalities?
- Can we better align update schedules with DCA comp plan deadlines, SPLOST votes, RTP development, etc.?
- What additional technical support and resources can ARC provide to help ensure successful outcomes?

Brian Allen said that funding needs to correspond to plan requirements, and that if new elements are required, communities will need more funding.

Michelle Wright, City of Douglasville, noted that they have started their CTP update.

5. TIP Solicitation Status Update

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, presented an update on the status of the TIP solicitation. She shared that a total of 180 applications were submitted, 22% of which are asset management and 25% are system expansion. In terms of funding, 43% of funding requests are for roadway projects, while 42% of requests relate to active modes. The total MPO federal funding availability through FY 2025 is currently \$343 million, while the funding requests add up to \$564 million. The fund balances as of 2/19/2020 are:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant: \$213,990,426
- Transportation Alternatives: \$32,344,642
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality: \$96,371,294

ARC is in the process of doing internal application review, now moving into KDP3 review. As of now, draft recommendations are expected in April, with final recommendations coming in May.

6. Other and Committee Introduced Items

None.

7. Announcements

John Orr reminded the committee that registration is open for Connect ATL on March 31, 2020.

8. Adjourn

With no further comments, John adjourned the meeting.

Handouts & Presentations:

- 02-21-2020 TCC Agenda.pdf
- 02-07-2020 TCC Notes.pdf
- TSMO Update
- Fayette County CTP
- CTP Program Update
- TIP Solicitation Update