



Atlanta Regional Commission

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

March 8, 2019 Meeting Notes

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr		
<i>Atlanta</i>	Jason Morgan	<i>Fulton</i>	David Clark
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Cherokee</i>	Geoff Morton	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Clayton</i>	Keith Rohling	<i>Gwinnett</i>	Vince Edwards
<i>Cobb</i>	Jim Wilgus	<i>Henry</i>	David Simmons
<i>Coweta</i>	Tavores Edwards	<i>MARTA</i>	---
<i>DeKalb</i>	Sylvia Smith	<i>Newton</i>	Chester Clegg
<i>Douglas</i>	Miguel Valentin	<i>Paulding</i>	
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>Rockdale</i>	---
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon	<i>Spalding</i>	---
<i>Forsyth</i>	Tim Allen	<i>Walton</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>GHMPO</i>	Sam Baker
<i>GDOT I'modal</i>	---
<i>FHWA</i>	Tamara Christion
<i>FTA</i>	---

Transportation Coordinating Committee – Meeting Summary

John Orr, Chair

1. Welcome - Acceptance of 2/08/2019 TCC Meeting Summary; Public Comment period

John Orr asked if there were any changes to the meeting summary. Hearing no comments, the summary was accepted as presented. Mr. Orr asked for public comments. There were none.

2. Updates on Pending Transportation Bills Under Review

John Bayalis presented updates on several transportation related state legislation items.

House Bill 511 – Representative Kevin Tanner introduced HB 511. The bill would consolidate several existing transportation functions under the Department of Mobility and Innovation. The bill would move SRTA and The ATL under the department and create rural transit districts for the remainder of the state outside of The ATL region. The bill would dissolve GRTA and transfer its functions to the Department of Mobility and Innovation. Transit related functions from GDOT, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Community Health would all transfer to the new Department of Mobility and Innovation. Counties would also be allowed to put individual TSPLOST referendums to vote. The bill would also tax ride share trips with a sales tax percentage where the proceeds would go to a statewide transit fund. The bill also has a grant program for metro Atlanta whereby three \$500,000 grants would be available to cover items such as workforce transit initiatives and technological advancements. The same grants would be made available to the rural areas of the state. There's also language in the bill that would allow Cobb County to join MARTA. House Bill 930 allowed this but only if Cobb County voted before November of 2019. House Bill 511 extended the timeline to 2021.

House Resolution 37 – This resolution would extend the Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics another year, so the commission can continue to address important statewide freight issues.

House Bill 454 – This bill focuses on regulating e-scooters covering items like parking and their use of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The regulations would not trump any local regulations.

SB 131 – This bill would transfer ownership of Hartsfield Jackson International Airport from the City of Atlanta to the State of Georgia. This bill advanced out of the Senate yesterday after several hours of debate.

3. TIP Amendment #7 Update

Jean Hee Barrett presented a first read on TIP Amendment #7. The amendment will include model coding changes, new projections and cost estimate increases beyond the threshold of administration modifications and changes to Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) projects.

The public hearing is scheduled for Friday April 5th at the TCC meeting. The public comment period is April 4 – 18. Approval will be requested by TCC on May 3, GRTA Board on May 8,

TAQC on May 9 and the ARC Board on May 22. ARC will submit documentation to USDOT and EPA on May 9. A conformity determinization is expected late May / early June.

The amendment would add the following new projects:

- Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (*BRT along Hank Aaron Drive / Capitol Avenue / Piedmont Avenue connecting the Arts Center MARTA station to the southern edge of Summerhill*)
- Gwinnett County SPLOST capacity projects
- New capacity project in Walton County (SR 20) from North Sharon Church Road to US 78 / SR 10

Matthew Fowler, GDOT Innovative Project Delivery Office, presented the update on the Amendment 7 MMIP managed lanes projects.

4. Policy Discussions Relating to Draft Policy Framework

John Orr presented an update on the Draft Policy Framework. The ARC Board provided a directive for staff to examine our current land use and transit planning integration efforts to see if there are any opportunities for enhancement. The FAST ACT also emphasizes the need to analyze how our transportation investments influence economic development. ARC currently promotes transit and land use integration through the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) plans and through freight cluster planning. ARC currently has a freight cluster study call for projects open until March 29. ARC has taken steps to enhance these planning efforts over the past year. Funding for the LCI programs increased from one to two million annually.

The Atlanta region will also need to demonstrate land use and transit coordination as they pursue Federal Transit Administration New Starts funding for projects. The application review process will rate applications based on the project's station area plans, development patterns, zoning, sidewalk connectivity, parking policies and other factors. John Orr cited Dekalb County as an example of analyzing land use policies in advance of a New Starts project.

John Orr asked if ARC should consider adding resources to the LCI or Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) programs or if additional focused programs are needed to facilitate transit supportive land use planning.

Tavores Edwards said Coweta County would not be pursuing New Starts projects but that transit is becoming important as the county trends urban. Mr. Edwards sees benefits to coordinating their land use plan and CTP updates to address transit and land use integration. Representatives of Fayette, Dekalb and Cherokee County also emphasized the importation of coordinating transit and land use in the CTP. Andrew Morgan, City of Atlanta, said a new program focused on station area planning could be helpful. The City is working with MARTA on this currently but having a separate program carved out would be helpful.

Mr. Orr noted ARC will follow up on potential modifications to address these needs.

5. Other and Committee Introduced Topics

Tavores Edwards, Coweta County, noted the I-85 and Poplar Road interchange will be opening in mid-April. An opening ceremony will occur in advance of the project on March 20 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital.

6. Announcements

John Orr announced that ARC's Malika Reed Wilkins would be at the next meeting to discuss Transportation Demand Management planning in the region and potential future working groups.

Adjourned.