

ARC COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE

March 14, 2019 Meeting Notes

Members Present:

Commissioner Charlotte Nash
Commissioner Harry Johnston
Commissioner Mike Boyce
Commissioner Randy Ognio
Mr. Christopher Tomlinson
Mr. Carol Comer
Commissioner June Wood
Mayor Clark Boddie

Members Absent:

Mr. Mark Burkhalter
Commissioner Pat Graham
Commissioner Eric Maxwell
Commissioner Todd Levent
Commissioner Keith Ellis
Commissioner Kevin Little
Commissioner Al Smith
Commissioner Oz Nesbitt
CEO Michael Thurmond
Commissioner Rob Pitts
Commissioner Romona Jackson Jones
Commissioner Dave Carmichael
Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms
Mr. Doug Hooker
Ms. Elizabeth O'Neill
Mayor Lori Henry
Mr. Donald Hawbaker
Mr. Sonny Deriso
Mr. Jim Durrett
Commissioner Jeff Turner, Chair
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens
Mr. Kerry Armstrong

The committee did not have a quorum, but it was held for informational purposes.

1. Welcome, Chair's comments, Public comment period

Mayor Boddie called the meeting to order. There was no public comment.

2. Transit Planning in the Region, Lori Sand, ARC

Lori Sand, ARC, provided an update on the status of transit planning in the region. Staff recently updated the Concept 3 Regional Transit Vision to include new projects and to analyze projects against new evaluation measures. Staff used the Conveyal and Remix software tools to evaluate projects. Project evaluation information is included in the plan which is posted to ARC's website.

Ms. Sand provided an update to the schedule of ARC's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff is currently meeting with transit staff to update long range projects in the RTP which now goes to 2050.

Staff also wrapped up several local planning studies over the last year. These include the Fulton County Transit Master Plan and the Dekalb County Transit Plan. Gwinnett and Clayton counties also recently wrapped up locally led transit studies. Several transportation and transit studies are also planned throughout the region for the next year. These include studies for the Aerotropolis, Cobb County, Forsyth County, Smyrna, Newton County and Spalding County.

3. ATL Update, Chris Tomlinson, The Atlanta Transit Link (The ATL)

Chris Tomlinson, the ATL, presented an update on the status of the ATL. Mr. Tomlinson summarized the history of the ATL and the organization's board structure. The presentation summarized the ATL's responsibilities which include conducting regional transit planning and prioritizing projects, working with stakeholders to develop regional transit policies and standards, implementing regional branding for public transit operators in the region, conducting an audit of transit services in the region and monitoring air quality standards in the region. The ATL will also develop a Regional Transit Plan that will include an official list of transit projects that are eligible for consideration in the MPO's six year TIP and eligible projects for inclusion on potential public referendum project lists for funding through any transit TSPLOST. The ATL is currently developing the performance framework for the Regional Transit Plan and will finish documenting the framework in May. Mr. Tomlinson presented a list of 2019 accomplishments and a schedule of the remaining work items scheduled for 2019. The ATL is also working on setting up the Transit Executives Working Group and the joint ARC/ATL Transit Operators Working Group.

4. RTC Then and Now, ARC Leadership

John Orr, ARC, opened the floor for discussion of the evolving role of the Regional Transit Committee. Mr. Orr summarized the MPO's required federal role in transit planning. Mr.

Orr summarized a list of regional transit initiatives the RTC has helped implement since its founding in 2010. The RTC is a formal ARC committee established through bylaws. Mr. Orr noted the ARC board will be examining committees at its next retreat. ARC staff recommends continue meeting through 2019 and then reassess the functions of the RTC. ARC staff will be bringing the Regional Transportation Plan update to the RTC during 2019 for input.

5. Updates and Meeting Wrap-Up, Jeff Turner, Chair

Mayor Bodie adjourned the meeting with no additional business items.

Handouts supplied in advance on the ARC website: (www.atlantaregional.org/rtc)

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