

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

June 4, 2021 Meeting Notes

Online Meeting

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr		
<i>ATL</i>	Cathy Gesick	<i>Fulton</i>	---
<i>Atlanta</i>	---	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	Jim Wilgus	<i>Gwinnett</i>	---
<i>Clayton</i>	---	<i>Henry</i>	Sam Baker
<i>Cobb</i>	Laura Beall	<i>MARTA</i>	---
<i>Coweta</i>	---	<i>Newton</i>	---
<i>DeKalb</i>	---	<i>Paulding</i>	---
<i>Douglas</i>	Miguel Valentin	<i>Rockdale</i>	John Moretto
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>Spalding</i>	---
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon	<i>Walton</i>	---
<i>Forsyth</i>	John Cunard		
<i>MD-1</i>	---	<i>MD-4</i>	---
<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 the May 7, 2021 TCC Summary

John Orr, ARC, greeted the committee and gave a brief rundown on today's agenda. A request was made for any edits to the previous TCC meeting summary. Hearing none, the meeting summary was approved as presented. No written comments were received as well.

2. Discussion on Project Evaluation Procedures Plan

Tejas Kotak, ARC, presented a discussion on the Project Evaluation Procedures Plan. The main goals of this plan are:

- Take a closer look at the processes involved and make any updates where needed.
- Compile data and review current policies.
- Undertake best practices research to recommend implementation strategies.

Tejas then began to briefly explain the RTP and the role that the ARC's TIP Project Evaluation Framework plays in project evaluation. He began to further explain how this framework is used to establish the evaluation criteria for prospective projects in the TIP.

Goals for Proposed methodology:

- Increase clarity in final scores
- Update criteria weights as necessary
- Use new models/methods and remove outdated/unnecessary ones

The proposed methods would add weight to these 4 criteria: Mobility and Access, Equity, Safety, and Resiliency.

One of the new ideas that is looking to be explored is better concentration on performance rather than location, especially concerning the Equity, Safety, and Resiliency weights.

Main areas of feedback:

- What should these weights be?
- Should they be the same by project type?
- Should TCC & TAQC decide sub-criteria weights, or should it be a staff level decision?

There was further discussion among the meeting participants via Q&A.

3. Transportation Technology Research Needs for Communities

Amy Goodwin, ARC, started the discussion on the Georgia Smart program, a partnership with Georgia Tech. Goals are to continue this partnership but without the LCI umbrella.

Stephanie Broxton of Georgia Tech then took over the presentation and began with summarizing the Georgia Smart program and the opportunities that it presents to

communities and their future. This program specializes in data research and collection to leverage these opportunities.

The common goals that this program shares with the ARC are:

- Greater flexibility and coordination in program and funds.
- Focus on providing research to drive project implementation.
- Targeting four ARC communities.

The Georgia Smart Program goals for 2022 are:

- Mobility and equity focused topic areas.
- Increasing support for project research and implementation.
- Optimizing community and researcher co-creation.

The main outcomes for the program are:

- Four fully executed projects for the above communities.
- A stronger community research partnership.
- Modeling and sharing process.

There was further discussion among the meeting participants via Q&A.

4. Potential Freight Cluster Plans and LCI Solicitation Information

Daniel Studdard, ARC, began by opening solicitations for potential freight cluster plans for the area. He then began to explain why these plans are so important for the region by using various graphs and charts to further illustrate his point.

He then began to explain how these freight cluster plans are modeled after the RTP plans emphasized that solicitations are open and that applications will be accepted until July 16th, 2021.

There was further discussion among the meeting participants via Q&A.

Amy Goodwin began the LCI solicitation discussion by saying the window will pen in July 2021.

The limited project call must meet these criteria:

- Project limits must be located at least within 50% of LCI area.
- One application per LCI area.
- Preliminary Engineering phase only.
- Must be exempt from air quality for conformity analysis.

5. Other Items

No other items were brought to the attention of the participants.

6. Announcements

- John Orr
 - Reminded participants of the July 12, 2021 application deadline for RAISE 2021 grant program.
 - Also reminded everyone of the deadline for Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning on June 21, 2021.
 - Gave an update on the reauthorization of the FAST Act and the continued development of the proposed infrastructure bill.
 - Emphasized that new climate change regulations will more than likely be in any new infrastructure bill, as well as further emphasis transportation equity.
- Sherry Williams mentioned MARTA will host two public meetings regarding the reconfiguration of their bus routes in Clayton County on June 9th and 12th.

7. Adjourn