

June 12th, 2017 Meeting Notes and Announcements

Thank you to those of you who could attend the ARC Transportation Equity Advisory Committee meeting yesterday. We had an excellent discussion and I think it sets the stage for many more.

The presentations from ARC and GDOT regarding the project changes included in this amendment to the Regional Transportation Program, specifically the investments in the Major Mobility Improvement Program (MMIP) are attached. The formal public comment period regarding these changes begins June 21 and lasts until July 20. During that time, we will host two open houses on June 22: 11am-1pm at Peachtree Center Food Court Plaza & 3-7pm at GDOT's offices at 600 West Peachtree. The flyer for these open houses is attached.

In yesterday's meeting, in addition to the specific proposed projects, we discussed the general process for public dialogue regarding major transportation investments, DBE goals and compliance procedures for contracts, GA State constitutional laws regarding state funds for transportation (can only be spend on roads and bridges), and general thoughts on coordination. It was a good conversation and we are looking forward to continuing to work together to identify ways we can address specific issues and concerns, while also strengthening the regional transportation planning program.

Related to our discussion, attached are invitations to the upcoming GDOT DBE forums for the MMIP. The first flier is for this Wednesday's forum for agency/organization partners. This meeting will explain the upcoming outreach events and describe how partners can help GDOT to spread the word. The actual DBE outreach events for firms are scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, in Atlanta, and Wednesday, June 28, in Savannah.

Our next Transportation Equity Advisory meetings in July and August will include specific discussion about the applications ARC recently received for competitive transportation funding and a facilitated dialogue about the overall objectives and tactics of this advisory group.

I will send an invitation for the July and August meetings within the next few weeks.

Please note that ARC is moving offices!! We will close this week and re-open next Monday, June 19th in International Building at Peachtree Center.

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