

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

July 9, 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>	Michele Wynn	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Parker Martin
<i>Cherokee</i>	Jim Wilgus	<i>Gwinnett</i>	Vince Edwards
<i>Clayton</i>	Keith Rohling	<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>	Ann Lippmann
<i>Douglas</i>	---	<i>Rockdale</i>	Brian Allen
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>Spalding</i>	---
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon	<i>Walton</i>	---
<i>Forsyth</i>	---		
<i>MD-1</i>	---	<i>MD-4</i>	April McKown
<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 June 4, 2021 TCC Summary

John Orr, ARC opened meeting at 9:30 am with an introduction and requests for comments or edits to the meeting summary. Hearing none, meeting summary accepted as submitted. Mr. Orr opened the floor for public comment. No public comment.

2. Demand Response Implementation Plan

Sidney Douse, ARC gave an overview of the Demand Response Implementation Plan policy and its origination from the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP), required by Federal Transit Administration for 5310 funds. The Regional Demand Response Transportation Plan focuses on paratransit and county demand response. Recommendations from the plan include:

- Establish consistent ADA eligibility and rider policies.
- Better coordinate ADA transfers.
- Integrate Demand Response Transit into regional trip planning.
- Regionally coordinate micro-transit services.
- Sustain regional coordination and collaboration.

Strategy Primers which are work items for consideration that lay the groundwork for future plan updates include:

- The FTA section 5310 program.
- Fare payment.
- Volunteer driver programs.
- Non-emergency medical transportation brokerage.
- Post 2020 census planning.
- TNC trip booking assistance.
- Co-mingling riders

Next steps include:

- Demand Response Implementation Plan Adoption in July
- Establish regional coordination and collaboration in the Spring/Fall of 2021
- Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan update in 2022

John Orr called for motion to approve the resolution approving the plan. Motion Brian Allen, seconded by Jim Wilgus. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Regional Transit Safety Performance Measures & Targets

Sidney Douse provided background on the Federal rule on Regional Transit Safety Performance Targets requiring a certified safety plan and adoption of the plan.

The plan proposes four transit safety targets fatality, injuries, safety events and system requirements.

- **Fatalities** -Total number of reportable fatalities and the rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode.
- **Injuries** - Total number of reportable injuries and the rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode.
- **Safety Events** - Total number of reportable events and the rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode.
- **System Reliability** - Mean distance between major mechanical failures by mode.

The region adopted the highest rates for 2021 to allow for more time to:

- Work with TOG to establish a better methodology for future years
- Collect more historical data as annual PTASP's are updated
- Analyze post COVID transit route changes
- Work with the Performance Analytics and Monitoring Group
- Collaborate with other MPOs
- Find the best way to weight/average large versus small operators

The 2021 Draft Regional Safety Performance Targets were reviewed highlighting the zero safety target for fatalities. Next Steps include ARC Board in July and after adoption, work toward new targets and setting methodology.

John Orr called for motion to approve the 2021 Draft Regional Safety Performance Targets. Motion by Brian Allen, Sam Baker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion on Project Evaluation Procedures

Tejas Kotak provided an overview of current methodology, specifically the weighting structure for scoring elements. The discussion focused on Key Decision Point 2 of the project evaluation process.

The current methodology includes 12 factors/criteria which are compressed into four categories under the new methodology. Sam Baker, Henry County, proposed a question on land use evaluation as it pertains to different types of projects.

Mr. Kotak responded to a question about how a project may be evaluated as it pertains to social equity and explained the proposed methodology and its four main categories of:

- Mobility and Access
- Equity
- Safety
- Resiliency

Brian Allen, Rockdale County, expressed concern on the impacts of the new weighting and scoring methodology on projects from smaller jurisdictions. Project types generally remain the same except for Transportation Systems Management Operations will be broken into two categories: Built Environment and Technology. The committee members participated in an

interactive survey using the Menti online program to determine priority weighting for the four evaluation criteria.

Results of the weighting exercise:

- Bike/ Ped-mobility and access scored highest followed by safety, equity and resiliency respectively
- Multiuse Trail- safety and mobility and access both tied for highest followed by equity and resiliency.
- Roadway Asset management - Safety scored highest followed by mobility and access, resiliency then equity
- Roadway expansion- safety took priority with mobility access, resiliency and equity following
- TSMO Technology- safety scored highest, followed by mobility access, equity then resiliency
- TSMO Built environment-safety scored highest, followed by mobility access, equity then resiliency
- Transit access management-safety and mobility access tied for highest, followed by equity then resiliency
- Transit expansion- mobility scored highest followed by equity, safety then resiliency

John Orr noted that ARC staff will continue the conversation with TAQC on project evaluation weighting methodology.

5. FAST Act Transportation Reauthorization Update

John Orr updated the committee on the Fast Act authorization which includes funding for transportation infrastructure. House passed Invest in America Act legislation which includes an increase in transportation infrastructure funds. Both bills include a significant increase in transportation funding allocation for Georgia. An ad hoc meeting of TCC members will be scheduled to discuss once a bill is approved.

6. Other Items

John announced new funding opportunities available through the Freight Cluster Plan program. Daniel Studdard is the ARC staff contact for freight cluster plan questions and sponsors should reach out to him for login in credentials.

Amy Goodwin is the point of contact for LCI program. Funding available for FY22 funding for LCI Call for projects. Funds will be available for Preliminary Engineering phase only. Projects that trigger air quality compliance process will not be funded. One project application per LCI area is permitted.

Announcements

None.

Adjourn