

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

August 6, 2021 Meeting Notes

Online Meeting

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr	<i>Forsyth</i>	John Cunard
<i>ATL</i>	Cathy Gesick	<i>Fulton</i>	---
<i>Atlanta</i>	---	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jaime Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	Jim Wilgus	<i>Gwinnett</i>	Vince Edwards
<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>	Sylvia Smith	<i>Paulding</i>	Ann Lippmann
<i>Douglas</i>	Miguel Valentin	<i>Rockdale</i>	Brian Allen
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>Spalding</i>	---
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon	<i>Walton</i>	Joe Walter
<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 July 9, 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. TIP Amendment 3 (FIRST READ)

Jean Hee Barrett noted that the public comment period is currently open for Amendment 3. The public comment period runs from August 5, 2021 to August 19, 2021. The official public meeting will take place concurrently with the TAQC meeting scheduled for August 11, 2021.

Patrick Bradshaw reviewed the contents of Amendment 3. Due to the nature of the changes being made, Amendment 3 is a modeling and conformity amendment. There are major project additions to areas in Tucker and Henry County. There are also changes to the MMIP projects, including the west wall and along I-75 in the southern part of the region.

TCC will be asked to take action on the Amendment on September 17. The ARC Board and the GRTA Board will take action on September 8, and TAQC will take action on October 13. The documentation will then be sent to USDOT and USEPA for approval. ARC expects a federal response by mid-November at the latest.

3. Lane Impacts from I-285/SR 400 Construction

Marlo Clowers of GDOT presented information on the Transform 285-400 project. The project includes new ramps and bridges in the 285/400 interchange. It also includes lane additions, and deck and bridge replacements along both 285 and 400.

Recently opened sections of the project include:

- I-285 westbound ramp to SR 400 northbound
- I-285 eastbound ramp to Glenridge Drive
- Abernathy Road to SR 400 southbound
- SR 400 southbound ramp to I-285 westbound Phase 2
- I-285 westbound ramp to Roswell Road
- I-285 westbound Collector-Distributor lane

Upcoming changes include:

- I-285 eastbound Collector-Distributor lane opening
- I-285 lane reductions both eastbound and westbound from Roswell Road to Ashford Dunwoody Road by closing the two inside lanes; this is being done to begin bridge reconstruction at several locations; GDOT anticipates major impacts to traffic for 6-8 months

The public can stay informed on this project via website, email, hotline, and social media.

4. ARC Safety Plan

Byron Rushing, ARC, gave an update on the current status of the safety plan project. Safety is a required and desired aspect of planning in the region. Tejas Kotak, ARC, reviewed the aspirational performance targets, and the strategy seeks a 5% annual reduction in fatalities and serious injuries. The current targets are simply a projection of what is expected to occur, which means the trendlines are going up for both fatalities and serious injuries, and the safety plan seeks an actual reduction instead.

The majority of lane-miles in the region are locally owned, but most of the fatalities and serious injuries occurred on state-owned roads. This is to be expected because the state owns 14% of the lane miles but those lane-miles host 52% of the region's VMT. It is important for local and regional governments to work with the state to achieve safety targets.

Rushing introduced the consulting team helping with project. The consultants are from VHB, Gresham Smith, Sycamore Consulting, and Modern Mobility Partners. He also reviewed the project schedule. The project is currently in the literature review phase that includes stakeholder input and some data analysis. The project is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2022.

Rushing noted that there is a survey currently available for TCC members to take. Jamie Fischer from GRTA thanked the team for their progress so far. Miguel Valentin, Douglas County, noted that, in his experience, people are speeding up with less traffic on the road and that could be a factor in the increased rate of fatalities and serious injuries recently. Philip Mallon, Fayette County, also gave his thanks for this project being done at a regional level so that results can be applied locally.

5. FAST Act Transportation Reauthorization Update

John Orr, ARC, gave an update on the FAST Act reauthorization status. The U.S. House and the Senate are currently working on their bipartisan proposal for this bill. He noted that most programs are expected to have increased funding in the reauthorization. He highlighted two new programs: the Carbon Reduction Program funded with over \$1.3 billion and the PROTECT Grants funded with over \$1.4 billion. He also pointed out that funding for the Transit Formula Grants and the Transit Capital Investments Grants are also significantly increasing.

6. Other Items

No other items.

7. Announcements

John Orr announced that TCC member Vince Edwards, Gwinnett County, is retiring. He received many congratulations. There are position changes in Cherokee county as well.

Gil Grodzinsky noted that we are collecting data for the 2020 National Emissions Inventory and he needs information related to transit and school bus usage for 2020.

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