



TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**August 7, 2020 Meeting Notes
On-Line Meeting**

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	Kofi Wakhisi	<i>Forsyth</i>	---
<i>ATL</i>	Cathy Gesick	<i>Fulton</i>	---
<i>Atlanta</i>	Jason Morgan	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<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>	Don Williams
<i>Coweta</i>	Michael Fouts	<i>Newton</i>	---
<i>DeKalb</i>	---	<i>Paulding</i>	---
<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>	Michelle Wright
<i>MD-2</i>	---	<i>MD-5</i>	---
<i>MD-3</i>	Tim Young	<i>MD-6</i>	---

Advisors (Non-voting):

<i>CBMPO</i>	---
<i>GHMPO</i>	---
<i>GDOT I'modal</i>	---
<i>FHWA</i>	---
<i>TA</i>	---

August 7, 2020 Meeting Summary

Kofi Wakhisi, Chair

1. Welcome; Acceptance of June 5, 2020 TCC Meeting Summary and Public Comment Period

After officially opening the meeting, Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, announced that there were no comments of the June 5th Meeting Summary.

Mr. Wakhisi provided information on accessing TCC presentations and other information online via the ARC website. There were no public comments.

2. Chattahoochee RiverLands Study (ACTION ITEM)

Byron Rushing provided a brief review of the RiverLands study in preparation for TCC approval of the project.

Sherry Williams questioned whether there is an educational piece to this project that helps people understand how to protect and not pollute the rivers. Byron noted that the Chattahoochee Working Group and others pushed to maintain water quality while bringing new people and investment to the river's watershed.

Kofi noted that the resolution was emailed to members and is available on the ARC website. A motion was made by Sam Baker, Henry County, to adopt the resolution and Laura Beal, Cobb County, seconded the motion. There was no opposition or abstention to the vote. The resolution was adopted by TCC.

3. TIP Amendment #1 (FIRST READ)

Patrick Bradshaw presented the first amendment to the FY 2020-2025 TIP. The Amendment is scheduled for adoption in September 2020 and a conformity determination in October 2020. The amendment includes the 2019 TIP solicitation projects, incorporating new modeling changes, scheduling and budget updates, and changes to the MMIP projects.

The 2019 TIP Solicitation included funding opportunities from the STBG-U, CMAQ, and TAP funds. The application period closed in October 2019 and ARC staff reviews commenced. The COVID-19 shutdowns beginning in March 2020 slowed down progress on this first amendment due to funding uncertainties. The TAQC subcommittee recommended that this amendment focus on programming funds for only FY 2021, while additional awards will be considered at future dates. Therefore, Amendment #1 covers fewer projects than initially anticipated. Mr. Bradshaw reviewed some of the specific projects addressed in Amendment #1.

Mr. Bradshaw noted that the public comment period is currently opened, and he also noted that Amendment #2 will contain additional 2019 TIP Solicitation projects. Laura Beall, Cobb

County, asked for the schedule for Amendment #2. Mr. Bradshaw replied that ARC anticipates a March 2021 action item. Kyethea Clark from Cumberland CID asked about 3rd quarter Administrative Modifications. Mr. Bradshaw noted that those admin mods are being processed concurrently with Amendment #1 and he noted that the schedule is available on the TIP website.

4. Strategic TSMO Plan and ITS Architecture Update (FIRST READ)

Maria Roell presented the TSMO plan and ITS Architecture. The vision and goals of ARC's plan include planning for safe, reliable, equitable, and environmentally-conscience projects.

At the beginning of the project, ARC inventoried the region's infrastructure and data governance. ARC then updated their ITS Architecture recommendations to provide guidance for the future. A pilot project screening assessment was administered and 49 projects were submitted. The assessment was designed to develop the screening tools necessary for new project types in the TSMO and ITS field. ARC also developed a Local Agency Deployment Guide that includes strategies for local governments who wanted to deploy TSMO infrastructure and procedures.

The Regional TSMO Strategic Plan includes a current assessment and a 5-year and 10-year action plan for each initiative. ARC developed a regional vision, conducted a technical assessment, and developed the actions plans to support the vision and actions. Each action in the plan includes near-, mid-, and long-term checklist items to achieve these actions. Ms. Roell noted that ARC would like to create a TSMO Working Group and would like to create a consistent TSMO understanding across the region.

5. Update on Summer Air Quality Conditions

Abby Marinelli provided a mid-year update on current ozone conditions. Weekday ozone observations in 2020 have been much lower than observations from previous years, due to reduced travel during the COVID-19 shutdowns. Based on these lower observations, ARC expects to meet the design value requirement for the 2015 8-hr. ozone NAAQS this year, although this trend of lower observations is also expected to be short-lived once travel behavior returns to pre-COVID levels.

Ms. Marinelli clarified that the Atlanta region is only subject to ozone standards and is no longer subject to PM2.5 NAAQS.

6. Discussion on Asset Management

Tejas Kotak reviewed ARC's assessment management strategies. He reviewed the benefits of active asset management and the needs for the region. Mr. Kotak noted that asset management ties into the TSMO plan's recommendations for ongoing technical-assisted monitoring and data collection.

Mr. Kotak opened the floor for discussion. Laura Beall asked if the survey could be pushed back in order to complete it with others in their agencies. Mr. Kotak confirmed that the due date could be extended to allow time for better quality responses.

7. Update on Regional Sales Tax Receipts

David Haynes provided an update on the region's recent sales tax receipts. He noted that the recent trends are more encouraging than the initial estimates led us to believe. The region is about 3.6% down in collections for the year-to-date. Most of that reduction has occurred since March and the COVID slowdowns. Mr. Haynes noted that the core counties and the suburban and exurban counties have very different patterns for sales tax receipts. At the state level, transportation tax collections are down about 18% for the year.

Overall, the region's tax receipts seem to be stabilizing, which is good. ARC plans to reassess revenues in 2021 to confirm that programmed funding is still available.

8. Announcements

Mr. Wakhisi welcomed Laura Beall to her first TCC meeting representing Cobb County. He also noted that it is unlikely that ARC will convene the scheduled August 21st meeting.

Brian Allen motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Laura Beall seconded. The meeting was subsequently adjourned.