

**Transportation and Air Quality Committee**  
*Charlotte Nash, Chairman*

**Thursday, August 13, 2020**  
**10:30 a.m. – Noon**  
**Online Meeting**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
Commissioner Charlotte Nash	Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms
Commissioner Romona Jackson	Mr. Kerry Armstrong
Commissioner Harry Johnston	CEO Michael Thurmond
Commissioner Randy Ognio	Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor
Mayor Eric Clarkson	Commissioner Oz Nesbitt
Mr. Mark Mathews	Mayor Rochelle Robinson
Mr. Mike Houchard	Mayor Eric Dial
Commissioner June Wood	Commissioner Dave Carmichael
Mr. Tread Davis	Mr. Jeff Lewis
Commissioner Laura Semanson	Ms. Martha Martin
Mr. Rich McDonald	Commissioner Marcello Banes
Commissioner Mike Boyce	Commissioner Kevin Little
Commissioner Jeff Turner	Commissioner Pat Graham
Commissioner Robb Pitts	Mayor Rusty Paul
Ms. Janine Miller	Commissioner Paul Poole
Mr. Jim Durrett	Mayor Rey Martinez
Mr. Paul Radford	
Ms. Liane Levetan	
Mr. Greg Cantrell	
Mayor Vince Williams	

**1. Welcome; Acceptance of June 11, 2020 meeting summary**

Chairman Nash called the meeting to order. There were no objections to the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting summary, so it was adopted as presented.

**2. Chattahoochee RiverLands Study (ACTION ITEM)**

Bryon Rushing presented a brief review of the Chattahoochee RiverLands study in preparation for the action item. There were no questions.

Mike Houchard motioned for approval, Mark Matthews seconded the motion. The motion passed and the resolution was approved.

**3. TIP Amendment #1 (FIRST READ AND PUBLIC HEARING)**

Patrick Bradshaw provided an update of the TIP Amendment #1 changes. This amendment includes changes as part of the open project call in 2019. There are routine financial, scope, and schedule changes, as well as changes to the MMIP projects. The amendment includes changes to funding from STBG, CMAQ, and TAP funding. The amendment only covers changes for FY 2021, due to funding uncertainty at the beginning of the COVID-19 related shutdowns. Changes for future years will be addressed in future amendments. ARC expects September board approvals. Mr. Bradshaw also noted that the Amendment #2 process is scheduled to begin in 2021.

June Wood asked about GDOT funding. John Orr noted that additional funding recommendations for fiscal years beyond 2021 will be coming in future amendments. Randy Ogino asked if all the recommendations presented in previous project lists were incorporated into this amendment. Mr. Orr confirmed that this is correct.

Chairman Nash opened the public hearing. Melissa Roberts led the public hearing. Ms. Roberts noted that the public comment period opened on July 31, 2020 and will be open until August 19, 2020. There being no one who had signed up for public comment at this public hearing, Chairman Nash closed the public hearing.

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

Maria Roell presented ARC's recently completed TSMO Plan and ITS Architecture. Ms. Roell noted that this project opened with a series of workshops open to regional partners. ARC performed a regional inventory of technology used in the region. The agency also updated their data government and ITS architecture process. A screening process and a local agency deployment guide were also created to assist regional governments implement TSMO-related projects. Over the TSMO Strategic Plan includes a regional vision and action items with 5-year and 10-year actions to take. Stakeholders were consulted throughout the plan development process. There were no questions.

**5. Update on Summer Air Quality Conditions**

Abby Marinelli provided an update of the year-to-date ozone observations in the region. She noted that reduced travel during COVID-19 pandemic contributed to improved air quality by reducing ground-level ozone formation. Mr. Houchard asked about EPA standards in the

future. Ms. Marinelli noted that EPA is currently signaling that the 0.070 ppm standard set in 2015 will probably remain stable in the future.

**6. Update on Regional Sales Tax Receipts**

David Haynes reviewed year-to-date tax receipts in the region. Overall, the region is down about 3.6% in collections. Mr. Haynes noted that between March and May, collections were down significantly in the core of the region, while June has been an improvement since last year. Conversely, the outer counties of the region have seen almost uniformly higher tax collection compared to last year. Statewide transportation collections are down about 3.9% for July in particular, sourced mostly from a drop in the hotel/motel tax dedicated to transportation funding. There were no questions.

**7. Other and Committee Introduced Items**

There were no committee-introduced items.

**8. Announcements**

Tejas Kotak highlighted the US Dept of Energy projects that ARC is undertaking with regional partners related to the ownership and use of electric vehicles and EV infrastructure in the region. He noted an information session is upcoming.

**9. Adjourn**

Chairman Nash subsequently adjourned the meeting.