



Atlanta Regional Commission

**Transportation & Air Quality Committee**

***Charlotte Nash, Chair***

**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**ARC Harry West Room**

**Members Present**

Mr. Kerry Armstrong  
Mayor Clark Boddie  
Mayor Eric Clarkson  
Mr. Tread Davis  
Mr. Jim Durrett  
Mr. Mike Houchard  
Commissioner Romona Jackson Jones  
Ms. Liane Levetan  
Mr. Mark Mathews  
Mr. Rich McDonald  
Commissioner Charlotte Nash  
Commissioner Paul Poole  
Mr. Charles Robinson  
Mayor Rochelle Robinson  
Commissioner Laura Semanson  
Commissioner Randy Ognio  
Commissioner June Wood

**Members Absent**

Commissioner Marcelo Banes  
Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms  
Commissioner Mike Boyce  
Commissioner Dave Carmichael  
Mayor Eric Dial  
Commissioner Pat Graham  
Mayor Nancy Harris  
Commissioner Donald Hawbaker  
Commissioner Harry Johnston  
Mr. Jeff Lewis  
Commissioner Kevin Little  
Commissioner Oz Nesbitt  
Commissioner Robb Pitts  
Ms. Donna Sheldon  
CEO Michael Thurmond  
Ms. Martha Martin  
Commissioner Jeff Turner

## **1. Welcome - Acceptance of 7/11/2019 TAQC Meeting Summary; Public Comment period**

Commissioner Charlotte Nash, TAQC Chair, asked if there were changes to the meeting summary. Hearing no additional comments, the summary was accepted as presented. Ms. Nash asked for public comments. There were none.

## **2. Five Party Agreement Update (FIRST READ)**

David Haynes, ARC, began his presentation with a history of the prior Metropolitan Planning Agreements with ARC, MARTA, GDOT and later GRTA. The new Five Party Agreement now adds the ATL. This agreement spells out roles and responsibilities of ARC including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as well as those for ATL, GDOT, GRTA, and MARTA. Key approval dates include August 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 for ATL, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 for MARTA, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 for GRTA, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 for GDOT and September 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 for ARC.

## **3. Title VI Plan Update (FIRST READ)**

Brittany Zwald, ARC, gave an update on the draft Title VI Plan for ARC. The 2019 updates include new ARC board demographics, new demographic MPO profile of low-income and minority populations, as well as new information on Title VI, LEP, and 2016-2019 Environmental Justice engagements. The DBE goal will be set based on Ready, Willing, and Able DBEs, relative to all businesses are ready, willing and able to participate on DOT contracts.

## **4. FTA Transit Formula Policies Update - ACTION ITEM**

Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, gave an update on the FTA Transit Formula Policies Update. For the Atlanta Urbanized Area, about 140 million dollars a year is received in FTA formula funding for the following programs: Urbanized Area Formula Funding (FTA Section 5307/5340), State of Good Repair Funds (FTA Section 5337) and Bus and Bus Facilities Funds (FTA Section 5339). Revisions occurring include the ATL becoming the new Designated Recipient for FTA Formula Funds, the ATL becoming responsible for the Program of Projects public involvement, and a new methodology for the sub-allocation of 5337 High Intensity Motorbus Formula Funds through a shared segment approach.

Commissioner Nash asked for a motion to approve which was made by Mark Mathews and seconded by Jim Durrett. Resolution was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mike Houchard inquired if these changes would mean an impact on staff or member jurisdictions. John Orr, ARC, answered that the money from these programs doesn't involve staffing nor impact member jurisdictions negatively.

## **5. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Work Activities and Planning Assumptions Updates**

Mike Alexander, ARC, presented Growth Trends Impacting The Atlanta Region's Plan Update. At the national level, it's predicted that population growth will decline due to an aging population, failing fertility rates, as well as a slower rural to urban migration rate. The labor force participation rate is predicted to continue to fall from current levels. However, growth is predicted in the Southeast to be the highest in the country at 32 million people between 2018 and 2050. For the 21-county region, the 2050 draft Series 16 forecast is now 8.6 million people with employment of 4.273 million. The highest forecast population and employment changes per square mile are proposed in the city of Atlanta, Cobb, Dekalb, Gwinnett, Forsyth, North Fulton and areas around the airport.

## **6. TIP Solicitation Kickoff**

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, gave a presentation regarding ARC's 2019 TIP Solicitation. A call for projects will begin on August 12<sup>th</sup> and last through October 11<sup>th</sup>. Projects selected will be included in the 2020-2015 TIP and involves source programs including Surface Transportation Block Grant, Transportation Alternatives and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality. Funds will be awarded for new TIP projects and phases, supplemental funding for existing TIP projects, or for TIP studies and related non-capital initiatives. The final recommendations are scheduled to occur late first quarter or early second quarter of 2020 with the incorporation into the TIP shortly thereafter. The TIP Solicitation website is at <https://atlantaregional.org/projectsolicitation>.

## **7. ITS Architecture and TSM&O Work Activities**

Maria Roell, ARC, updated the audience with the TSM&O Vision and Regional ITS Architecture Update. The vision statement is "Transportation systems across the Atlanta region are managed and operated to optimize safe, reliable, and efficient travel for all system users – people and freight – contributing to sustainable economic growth and a high quality of life." The key goals to that include optimizing safety, reliable travel times, efficient travel, and equitable access. The Regional Inventory of Assets includes ITS elements such as fiber, connected traffic signals, cameras, and warning systems as well as transit elements. Other updates include ARC ITS Architecture web page, a Data Governance Best Practices Report, a Local Agency Deployment Guide, as well as pilot projects and how those would fit in the ARC TIP Project Evaluation Framework.

ARC Chair Kerry Armstrong announced an upcoming Connected Vehicle Program occurring with stakeholders including North Fulton CID, Alpharetta, Aerotropolis and other cities and counties expressing interest in a future regional program.

## **8. ATL Authority Upcoming Regional Transit Plan Update**

Lori Sand, ATL, gave a brief update on projects submitted to ATL's Regional Transit Plan. A total of 195 projects were submitted from 14 project sponsors. Expansion Projects accounted for

62% of the total, Enhancement Projects 24%, and State of Good Repair Projects the remainder 14%.

#### **9. Other and Committee Introduced Items**

None.

#### **10. Announcements**

John Orr announced that ARC's USDOT Quadrennial Certification would be occurring on August 13-14<sup>th</sup> 2019. The public can comment on the region's transportation planning process at <https://atlantaregional.org/tmacertification>. Deadline is 5 PM on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Adjourned.**

## **Handouts & Presentations:**

- Agenda: 8/15/2019 TAQC Agenda
- Presentation: Five Party Agreement Update
- Presentation: Title VI Plan Update
- Presentation: FTA Transit Formula Policies Update
- Presentation: RTP Work Activities and Planning Assumptions Update
- Presentation: TIP Solicitation Kickoff
- Presentation: TSM&O Work Activities
- Presentation: ATL Authority Upcoming RTP Update Presentation
- Handout: FTA Transit Formula Policies Section 5339 Issue Summary and Resolution
- Handout: FTA Transit Formula Policies Section 5337 Issue Summary and Resolution
- Handout: FTA Transit Formula Policies Section 5307 Issue Summary and Resolution
- Handout: This Month at ARC - August 2019