



TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

September 4, 2020 Meeting Notes

On-Line Meeting

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr	<i>Forsyth</i>	---
<i>ATL</i>	---	<i>Fulton</i>	David Clark
<i>Atlanta</i>	Michelle Wynn	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	Geoff Morton	<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>	---	<i>Newton</i>	Chester Clegg
<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>	---
<i>MD-1</i>	Brantley Day	<i>MD-4</i>	Michelle Wright
<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>	---

September 4, 2020 Meeting Summary

John Orr, Chair

1. Legislative Update

John Bayalis, ARC, provided federal and state legislative updates. On the federal side a tentative short-term Continuing Resolution has been agreed to by Congress that will help avoid a temporary shut-down. The FAST Act extension will likely go through until the end of the year along with additional COVID-19 relief funding. Additionally, the FAST ACT reauthorization will likely be at the FY 2020 levels for one year. On the state side the creation of the Joint House and Senate Freight and Logistics Commission will start its second year of deliberations on September 15th at the Capitol. Upcoming presentations will cover freight cluster plans, CID's, truck parking, and a review of the trajectory the commission will take over the next few months as they build toward final recommendations which is expected to be made in November. The recommendations will guide any further legislative action on freight and logistics as we enter into next session in January/February of 2021.

Also, Bayalis noted that the governor has communicated his potential intent to call for a special session to rectify a logistical error dealing with HB105. If there is a special session it would not convene or will not move forward until after election day due to expected trials candidates would have to go through to suspend campaigning.

2. TIP Amendment #1 (Action Item)

Patrick Bradshaw, ARC, provided an overview of the First Read and briefing of TIP Amendment #1 to the Atlanta Regions Plan that was made in July with GRTA, ARC Committees and the ARC Board in August. The First Read includes recommendations from the 2019 TIP Solicitation and upcoming FY 2021 TIP Solicitation. There was one public comment during the 20-day public comment period which also had a public hearing during the August TAQC meeting. This month the ARC Board, Committees and GRTA will consider this Amendment for approval. Upon approval it will go to FHWA and the USDOT EPA. Upon an approved conformity determination an update to the TIP and RTP list will be done no later than mid-October.

Mr. Bradshaw noted that the one major public comment was a partner/agency request to change the financials on the Mcginnis Ferry Road Interchange in Forsyth County. The request is to move the local match on the construction and utility phases to be replaced with a state match along with a minor increase in the federal funding commitment on the utility phase of approximately \$1.5 million. Details on this request is available on the public comment report on ARC's website: atlantaregional.org/Amendment.

A vote was taken on TIP Amendment #1. A motion to approve the action item was made by Miguel Valentin and Brian Allen seconded the motion. There were no opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Strategic TSMO Plan and ITS Architecture Update (Action Item)

Maria Roell, ARC, provided an overview of the plan along with the plan goals and outcomes. The team completed several supporting resources that are available on ARC's website which includes regional technology that's already in place in the region, data governance best practices report, ITS architecture update, a pilot project screening assessment and the local agency deployment guide. Ms. Roell noted that creating a regional TSMO strategic plan encompassed an assessment of where we are today, compared with the best practices nationally, and to the vision that created the goals and outcomes. The results of the assessment helped identify the strengths and opportunities which helped the team focus on the gaps in the strategic initiatives. Additionally, short-term, mid-term, and long-term steps were created to get to the strategic vision. The three initiatives outlined include: 1) strengthening TSMO planning and institutions, 2) enhancing data sharing and management, 3) and encouraging TSMO innovation. Each of these initiatives comes with several actions and each action then has a checklist for short, mid, and long-term actions. All the documentation pertaining to the strategic plan and supporting documents are available on ARC's website.

John Orr, ARC, mentioned that the ITS plan is a federal requirement and that an emphasis is being made on the transportation systems management operations side of the plan. Mr. Orr mentioned that the plan is important because it will lay out the future work program for a broad array of programs such as connected vehicles and transit technologies.

A vote was taken, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Keith Rohling and seconded by Michelle Wynn. There were no opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Update on Human Services Transportation (HST) Planning

Sidney Douse, ARC, provided an update on the Atlanta Regional Demand Response Implementation Plan. Mr. Douse noted that back in October the name changed from Demand Response Coordination to Implementation. Mr. Douse noted that the plan, which is federally required by the FTA, was completed in 2017 and the goal of the plan is to develop a menu of local regional tactics that would better coordinate mobility with a focus on human services. HST by definition focuses on the transportation needs primarily of low-income individuals with disabilities and limited English proficiency, and older adults.

An RFP for a study was released in the spring/summer of last year and the kickoff was last fall. The study will seek to address the need for additional coordination between paratransit and county demand response system operators which is identified in the plan. Additionally, an advisory committee began working on developing stakeholder interviews and progress has been made in stakeholder engagement and the completion data compilation. Mr. Douse mentioned a variety of tasks are underway such as looking

at emerging and future models of regional coordination and new mobility options (e.g. Uber and Lyft).

Mr. Douse provided a summary of the technical meeting/workshop breakout groups and that there will be breakout groups in the upcoming meeting later this month. The breakout groups worked on a variety of regional challenges such as a growing HST population, lack of resources and qualified drivers with ADA training. Take aways from the breakout groups included a regional need for a trip planning app, grant application assistance and more education around the FTA 5310 program.

A final technical advisory meeting will be held later this month. The focus will be finalizing the implementation steps, presenting draft recommendations, finalizing strategies and reports. The committee is on schedule to finish around the end of October and anticipates presenting a final report to TCC in December or early next year.

4. ATL Authority Regional Transit Plan Update

Aileen Daney, the ATL, provided an update and a snapshot of the ATL bond list. The ATL board approved on September 3, 2020 a recommended project list that included nine different projects for state funding. The nine projects were derived from the 2019 ARTP and had to meet a number of criteria in order to be considered for the bond list. The criteria include alignment to the ATL governing principles, being regionally significant, as well as being able to meet the five year spend down period for state funding.

Ms. Daney also provided an overview of the ATL Regional Transit Plan. This plan fits into a larger, regional planning process and is considered to reflect the local transit needs of the residents for the 13-county ATL region and is updated annually. Additionally, the presentation highlighted the schedule, call for projects, plan level evaluation results and district downloads for the public outreach efforts.

Ms. Daney also provided an overview of public outreach efforts during COVID-19. Efforts have consisted of a combination of virtual engagement and adopted engagement similar to what GDOT has done for their projects. The ATL is building a virtual open house where a person can look at different boards, interactive stations, and media comments. The ATL is also hosting live meetings with staff on-hand to answer questions. The ATL is also creating a media campaign #ATLTransitPlan and #PublicComment so that the public can interact with them and provide their feedback on Twitter and Facebook in addition to the ATL website. Additional steps include leaving flyers on seats on high occupancy routes, informational boards at high traffic stations, increasing press releases, developing a media toolkit for regional partners to share their channels and a text message campaign. The ATL is hosting six open house meetings that will include a brief presentation and a Q&A. The meetings will be paired by districts and one overall meeting with a mix of afternoon and evening sessions.

6. Announcements

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, noted that a link was provided in the meeting chat box to the SRTA's website for the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank and Loans grant application which is will be open through October 23rd. This grant is managed by SRTA and not ARC.

Upcoming TIP training classes will be split into two days. Save the date for upcoming trainings held on October 1, 2020 from 1:30-4:00pm and on October 7, 2020 from 1:30-4:00pm.

Aries Little was introduced as a new staff member at ARC. Aries will be in the Implementation section and will be the jurisdiction liaison for N. Fulton cities and Forsyth County. An email was sent out with her contact information and an updated jurisdiction liaison map will be sent out as well.

David Haynes, ARC, provided an update on state and local finances pertaining to revenue streams and the potential impact on certain transportation projects.

John Orr, ARC noted an edit made on the August meeting summary and the upcoming work session will be kept on schedule. The meeting was subsequently adjourned.