

# ARC COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

## REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE

September 12, 2019 Meeting Notes

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Jeff Turner  
Mr. Kerry Armstrong  
Mr. Sonny Deriso  
Mayor Clark Boddie

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Harry Johnson  
Commissioner Mike Boyce  
Commissioner Michael Thurmond  
Commissioner Romona Jones  
Commissioner Rob Pitts  
Commissioner Charlotte Nash  
Mr. Fred Daniels  
Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms  
Commissioner Dave Carmichael  
Mr. Doug Hooker  
Commissioner Pat Graham  
Mayor Lori Henry  
Commissioner Paul Poole  
Mr. Jeff Parker  
Commissioner Marcello Banes  
Commissioner Oz Nesbitt  
Commissioner Rita Johnson  
Mr. Mark Burkhalter  
Commissioner Kevin Little  
Commissioner Randy Ognio  
Commissioner Laura Semanson  
Mr. Christopher Tomlinson  
Commissioner June Wood  
Ms. Carol Comer

**The committee did not have a quorum, but it was held for informational purposes.**

### **1. Welcome, Chair's comments, Public comment period**

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order. There was no public comment.

### **2. ATL Regional Transit Plan Update, Lori Sand, ATL**

Lori Sand, ATL, provided an update to ATL's Regional Transit Plan including:

- Performance Measures /Criteria & Evaluation
- Distribution of projects submitted by county & by type of project
- Timeline for next steps

### **3. Discussion of Potential RTP Project Changes for the Regional Plan Update, Kofi Wakhisi, ARC**

Following-up from the June RTP transit project presentation, Kofi Wakhisi shared the finalized draft transit concept for the RTP. With new details since the June meeting, Mr. Wakhisi then gave a brief summary of all the regionally significant transit expansion planning and coordination that has taken place since the RTP was adopted in 2016 including:

- DeKalb County Transit Master Plan (2019)
- Clayton County high capacity corridor planning (ongoing), Fulton County Transit Master Plan (2018)
- Major Mobility Improvement Program Express Lane System

The Committee was also reminded of the various key assumptions and conditions that ARC staff relied upon when adjusting the long-range transit expansion list. Those assumptions include:

- Approximately \$5 billion (year of expenditure) of federal New Starts and Small Starts funding will be available over a 30-year period for transit capital expansion projects;
- Federal participation rate will continue to decline (35% assumed vs. 45% in current plan);
- Projects by sponsors with established dedicated revenue sources will be programmed based on implementation priorities and schedules submitted by those agencies;
- A limited number of BRT projects by sponsors without a current dedicated revenue source can be included in the constrained plan, but will be placed in the 2050 network; can be advanced when and if long-term funding is in place; and
- Some portion of New Starts and Small Starts funding should be reserved for dedication to additional projects in future plan updates.

Mr. Wakhisi concluded with the proposed updates to the premium transit network, by decade (i.e., 2020-2030; 2030-2040; and 2040-2050). The slides included a map and corresponding list of the various premium expansion projects that were proposed to be in the financially constrained RTP project list.

#### **4. Regional Transit On-Board Survey, Guy Rousseau, ARC**

Mr. Rousseau updated the Committee on the status of the survey work actives and observations gathered to date from the results. Below is a summary:

- Data collection routes, locations sample size
- Survey sample demographics
- Initial data findings/revelations
- Next steps

#### **5. Updates and Meeting Wrap-Up,**

Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting with no additional business items.

**Handouts supplied in advance on the ARC website:** ([www.atlantaregional.org/rtc](http://www.atlantaregional.org/rtc))

- 9/12/19 RTC Agenda
- 6/13/19 RTC Meeting Notes and Summary
- Presentations
  - ATL Regional Transit Plan Update
  - Regional Transportation Plan Changes
  - Regional Transit On-board Survey