



Atlanta Regional Commission

Transportation & Air Quality Committee

Charlotte Nash, Chair

Thursday, September 12, 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. Mike Houchard
Ms. Liane Levetan
Mr. Mark Mathews
Mr. Rich McDonald
Commissioner Charlotte Nash
Commissioner Laura Semanson
Commissioner Randy Ognio
Mr. Paul Tanner
Commissioner Jeff Turner
Commissioner Harry Johnston
Commissioner Mike Boyce
Mayor Eric Dial
Mayor Nancy Harris

Members Absent

Commissioner Marcelo Banes
Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms
Commissioner Paul Poole
Commissioner Dave Carmichael
Commissioner Pat Graham
Commissioner Donald Hawbaker
Mayor Rochelle Robinson
Commissioner Kevin Little
Commissioner Oz Nesbitt
Commissioner Robb Pitts
Ms. Donna Sheldon
CEO Michael Thurmond
Ms. Martha Martin
Mr. Jim Durrett
Commissioner Romona Jackson Jones
Commissioner June Wood

1. Welcome - Acceptance of August 15, 2019 TAQC Meeting Summary; Public Comment period

Charlotte Nash, TAQC Chair, asked if there were changes to the meeting summary. Hearing no additional comments, the summary was accepted as presented. Chairman Nash asked for public comments. There was no public comment.

2. Five Party Agreement Update (ACTION ITEM)

David Haynes, ARC, provided an overview of the Five Party Agreement update. The Atlanta Regional Commission is required by federal regulations to have an agreement defining the roles and responsibilities for preparing major federal documents. The signatory agencies to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) are Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA), and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). ATL, MARTA and GRTA have approved the MOA. Approval date for GDOT is September 18th 2019, and for ARC is September 25th 2019.

Chairman Nash asked for a motion to approve which was made by Mr. Mike Houchard and seconded by Ms. Liane Levetan. Resolution was unanimously approved.

3. Title VI Plan Update (ACTION ITEM)

Brittany Zwald, ARC, gave a brief overview of 2019 Title VI plan updates including 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.

Chairman Nash asked for a motion to approve which was made by Commissioner Laura Semanson and seconded by Mr. Eric Dial. Resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Work Activities and Upcoming Community Engagement Opportunities

Melissa Roberts, ARC, shared the engagement strategy for the Atlanta Region's Plan update. Engagement activities and samples of the draft document are published at <https://www.atlantaregionsplan.org/update/>. The online scenario games have already received more than 500 responses. And six TARP Open houses will be hosted by ARC staff in the region:

- Oct. 4th at Atlanta Regional Commission.
- Oct. 9th at Arts Clayton,
- Oct. 15th at Conyers Arts Council,
- Oct. 17th at West Whitehall,
- Oct. 24th at Strand Theatre,
- Nov. 2nd at Sugar Hill E. Center.

A detailed schedule could be found at [atlantaregionsplan.org/openhouse](https://www.atlantaregionsplan.org/openhouse).

The open houses are designed to help people learn more and share their thoughts about the latest update of Atlanta Region's Plan through interactive activities. A computer will also be available on site for the public to access the transportation project database.

Mr. Mike Houchard inquired how the public could provide feedback during the interaction. Ms. Roberts explained that through the interactive activities including live games ARC staff would collect feedback from the attendees. The public can also respond online by visiting ARC's Plan Update website <https://www.atlantaregionsplan.org/update>, social media account or ARC's scenario games.

Aileen Daney, ARC, presented the Regional Transportation Plan update work. For document production, the update includes (1) updated content, (2) increased user-friendliness, (3) increased legibility, (4) consistent brand/style across all TARP documents. Key schedule for this RTP update is:

- (1) Document Draft Finalized: End of December 2019
- (2) Appendices Finalized: Mid-November 2019
- (3) First Read: January 3rd, 2020
- (4) Official Action: February 7th, 2020

5. 2020 Work Program Discussion

John Orr, ARC, provided an overview of the purpose and significance of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Orr mentioned that 2020 will be a transition year. In the following calendar year, ARC's tasks include completion of Atlanta Region's Plan Update and other major plans like (1) Chattahoochee River Lands study (2) TSMO/ITS Architecture (3) Regional Transit On-Board Survey. The planning emphasis areas will cover (1) Improving Safety, (2) Advancing Connected Vehicle Planning, (3) Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Planning, (4) Regional HST Paratransit Brokerage Study.

In discussing freight movement with Mr. Mike Houchard and Ms. Liane Levetan, Mr. Orr stated that a major update of Freight Network Plan will be conducted in 2021.

Mr. Tread Davis inquired about the project implementation tracking. Mr. Orr answered that the improvement of project implementation tracking system would be part of this Project Database (PLANIT) redesign.

6. Connected Vehicle Program Updates

John Orr, ARC, provided an introduction on Connected Vehicle (CV) Program update. The benefits could be expected on (1) emergency vehicle preemption, (2) transit signal priority, (3) warns drivers when there is pedestrian in signalized crosswalk, (4) warns drivers of congestion ahead and provide target speed advice. The CV program in Atlanta area would be a multi-year regional implementation, with initial phase beginning in FY2020.

Mr. Randy Ognio raised concern on the security issue of CV projects. Mr. Orr noted that it is indeed a problem need to keep an eye on though the CV manufacturers and network operators were working hard to ensure information security.

Ms. Laura Semanson inquired about potential signal transmission delay issue. Mr. Orr answered that the popularization of 5g technology, it could ensure signal transmission speed.

ARC Chair Kerry Armstrong noted that as the first batch area implementing Connected Vehicle Program, Atlanta would attract people and high-tech companies. The CV program will not only improve safety and mobility, but also benefit to economy development.

Ms. Liane Levetan's inquired about the cost of CV program to which Mr. Armstrong answered that broadcast installation for each signal will cost 7-10k dollar. And Mr. Paul Tanner inquired scale of this CV program. Mr. Armstrong mentioned that phase I of this CV program would cover about 1000 signals and it could rapidly extend in future phases.

9. Other and Committee Introduced Items

Mr. Paul Tanner, GDOT, announced that Jay Roberts had left and that the process to replace him had begun.

Mr. Scott Haggard, ATL, shared information about the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) funding opportunity. The GTIB is accepting grant and loan funding applications from August 15th to October 15th, 2019. Additional funding up to \$25 million is announced for this year. Mr. Haggard noted new for 2019, which including (1) loans and loan/grant combinations for preferred applications, (2) grants providing significant matching funds and economic development benefits, etc.

10. Announcements

None

Adjourned.

Handouts & Presentations:

- Agenda: 9/12/2019 TAQC Agenda
- Handout: 2019 Five Party MOA
- Issue Summary and Draft Resolution: Five Party Agreement
- Issue Summary and Draft Resolution: Title VI
- Presentation: Title VI Plan
- Presentation: RTP Update
- Presentation: 2020 UPWP
- Presentation: Connected Vehicle Program Update
- Handout: The Atlanta Region's Plan Open House