

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**October 8, 2021 Meeting Notes**

**Online Meeting**

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| <i>ARC</i>      | John Orr        | <i>Forsyth</i>   | John Cunard      |
| <i>ATL</i>      | Cathy Gesick    | <i>Fulton</i>    | ---              |
| <i>Atlanta</i>  | Michelle Wynn   | <i>GDOT</i>      | Charles Robinson |
| <i>Barrow</i>   | ---             | <i>GRTA/SRTA</i> | Jamie Fischer    |
| <i>Cherokee</i> | Jim Wilgus      | <i>Gwinnett</i>  | ---              |
| <i>Clayton</i>  | Keith Rohling   | <i>Henry</i>     | ---              |
| <i>Cobb</i>     | ---             | <i>MARTA</i>     | ---              |
| <i>Coweta</i>   | ---             | <i>Newton</i>    | ---              |
| <i>DeKalb</i>   | Sylvia Smith    | <i>Paulding</i>  | ---              |
| <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>     | ---             | <i>MD-4</i>      | April McKnown    |
| <i>MD-2</i>     | ---             | <i>MD-5</i>      | ---              |
| <i>MD-3</i>     | ---             | <i>MD-6</i>      | ---              |

Advisors (Non-voting):

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| <i>CBMPO</i>        | --- |
| <i>GHMPO</i>        | --- |
| <i>GDOT I'modal</i> | --- |
| <i>FHWA</i>         | --- |
| <i>FTA</i>          | --- |

**October 8, 2021, Meeting Summary**  
*John Orr, Chair*

**1. Welcome**

John Orr, ARC opened meeting at 9:30 am with an introduction and requests for comments or edits to the meeting summary. Hearing none, meeting summary accepted as submitted. Mr. Orr opened the floor for public comment. No public comment.

**2. 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (1<sup>st</sup> Read)**

Orr provided a summary of upcoming major UPWP work activities. The first area of activity is the Regional Transportation Plan update. This plan is approved every four years and the last approval was in February 2020. Items in this plan include planning assumptions, scenario planning, equity, climate change, etc. A new item for next year for advancing transportation technology is the Regional Electrification Plan.

Another key funding initiative is the Project Database Modernization (PLANIT). This initiative is a critical tool that ARC uses to manage the finances in the TIP along with the status of projects. Patrick Bradshaw, ARC, commented that this initiative would reduce labor overhead and make it a lot easier for sponsors to make any change requests in the system and process administrative modifications.

David Haynes, ARC, provided an overview of ARC's CTP Program spreadsheet that will be sent out to sponsors on the distribution list. Sponsors will be given instructions on what information to include on the spreadsheet, and types of projects that should be captured for the update. The deadline for sponsors to return their updated spreadsheet is October 22nd.

**3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Solicitation**

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, provided an update on the TIP Solicitation application process. Project sponsors should have received notification via email last week of the application open date of October 1, 2021, and a close/due date of December 2, 2021. After December 2<sup>nd</sup>, ARC staff will be reviewing applications for completion to make sure all data items are appropriately completed. Initial recommendations are expected to be around late Spring 2022. The final recommendations are expected in time for the TIP Amendment #5.

Due to COVID-19, in person workshops will not be held. Please send all application questions to the appropriate jurisdiction liaison. You may contact Jean Hee for information on your ARC jurisdiction liaison assignment. Project sponsors can request a login online at [TIPsolicitation@atlantaregional.org](mailto:TIPsolicitation@atlantaregional.org) for both the studies and infrastructure applications. The solicitation website can be viewed at [www.atlantaregional.org/projectsolicitation](http://www.atlantaregional.org/projectsolicitation).

Tejas Kotak, ARC, provided an overview of the project evaluation framework changes in terms of how projects are scored. Some of the changes include affordable housing metric added to equity score; green infrastructure for resiliency score; air quality and safety have additional checks; and new TSM&O Technology project type.

#### **4. FAST Act Reauthorization Update**

The reauthorization is expected sometime this fall. Right now, an extension of FAST Act along with the Highway Trust Fund (gas taxes) is in place. There will be more updates provided in the coming weeks when we know more.

#### **5. Other Items**

Dave Cassell from SRTA provided information on a funding opportunity. The GTIB is accepting grant and loan applications up to \$15 million. The application deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. Announcements**

Steve Lewandowski was promoted and will be taking Kyle Kim position left earlier this year to take a position with a consultant firm in Washington D.C.

#### **7. Adjournment**