



**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**October 19, 2018 Meeting Notes**

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr		<i>Fulton</i>	---
<i>Atlanta</i>	Jason Morgan		<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---		<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	---		<i>Gwinnett</i>	Allen Chapman
<i>Clayton</i>	---		<i>Henry</i>	David Simmons
<i>Cobb</i>	Aries Little		<i>MARTA</i>	Christopher Silveira
<i>Coweta</i>	---		<i>Newton</i>	---
<i>DeKalb</i>	---		<i>Paulding</i>	Ann Lippmann
<i>Douglas</i>	Miguel Valentin		<i>Rockdale</i>	---
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky		<i>Spalding</i>	BJ Martin
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon		<i>Walton</i>	---
<i>Forsyth</i>	Bill Powell	<i>GRTA/S</i>		
<i>MD-1</i>	Doug Edwards		<i>MD-4</i>	Michelle Wright
<i>MD-2</i>	---	<i>MD-5</i>	<i>MD-5</i>	---
<i>MD-3</i>	---	<i>MD-6</i>	<i>MD-6</i>	James Miller

Advisors (Non-voting):

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

## Transportation Coordinating Committee – Meeting Summary

*John Orr, ARC, Chair*

### **1. Welcome - Acceptance of 10/05/2018 TCC Meeting Summary; Public Comment period**

John Orr, ARC, asked if there were changes to the meeting summary. Hearing no additional comments, the summary was accepted as presented. Mr. Orr asked for public comments. There were none.

### **2. FY 2018-2023 TIP Amendment #6 Public Hearing**

Melissa Roberts, ARC, opened a 10-day public comment period for the TIP Amendment #6. She explained that this time will be considered a public hearing for the TIP Amendment and that all statements would be recorded in the TIP as official public comments for the record. There were no comments and the hearing was closed prior to the TCC committee business beginning.

### **3. Upcoming Transit On-Board Survey & Next Steps**

Guy Rousseau, ARC, explained ARC's upcoming Transit On-Board Ridership Survey. The survey is meant to capture travel patterns to and from regional and local transit and provide calibration for the regional travel demand model. He explained several new pieces of the upcoming survey: components for every transit provider in the region; questions regarding new modes of access to mass transit (TNCs, scooters, etc.); ongoing access via bicycling, walking, "kiss-ride", and park-ride; and use of "big data" transit technologies to validate survey responses.

Steve Lewandowski, ARC, provided some background data on general trends in both mass transit and general transportation patterns. He explored 20 years of transit ridership, results of prior on-board surveys, and anticipated impacts of new modal (TNC) and non-driving (teleworking) systems on overall transit use. See presentation slides for statistics.

John Orr, ARC, stated the importance of this survey for future regional transportation and transit planning. He requested TCC members' assistance in promoting the survey once it begins.

Miguel Valentin, Douglas County, asked whether there was good data supporting reasons for general decline in transit ridership. Mr. Rousseau stated a few general theories – rise of TNCs, increase in teleworking, etc. – but stated that the survey will be exploring the contributing factors to transit ridership.

Christopher Silveira, MARTA, requested details on the schedule. Mr. Rousseau stated that the project will kick off in December 2018 and last through the year of 2019.

Gil Grodzinsky, EPD, stated that many survey respondents provide positive opinions of transit but that "big data" will help assess opinions compared to actual patterns.

Jason Morgan, City of Atlanta, requested details of the next household travel survey once the on-board data is complete. Mr. Rousseau stated that the household travel survey preparation will begin during 2019 and kick off officially in 2020 or 2021.

Sherry Williams, Georgia Standup, requested more details on the transit trend history (see slides for chart), whether surveys would be conducted in the field or online, and whether the survey process would consider Rides to Wellness. Mr. Rousseau provided some details on previous surveys and stated that surveys will generally be in-person, but paper response forms would also be available for respondents to follow-up later.

#### **4. Discussion of Next Steps for the Evolution of the LCI Program**

Sam Shenbaga, ARC, provided some insight into the evolution of the Livable Centers Initiative program. Mr. Shenbaga reviewed a decade's worth of impacts from the LCI program, including air quality, economic competitiveness, housing and equity impacts of historical and recent LCI studies. He explained the emerging issues facing the region, including climate change and resiliency as well as growing interest in transit options.

Mr. Shenbaga stated that the future of LCI will begin to focus on three main program areas: catalytic investments; tactical investments; and experimental efforts. Along with LCI, ARC will begin to offer a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) to support communities without LCI study areas. He reviewed past and anticipated trends in LCI program funding and reviewed prior public input.

Phil Mallon, Fayette County, requested more details on CDAP studies outside of LCI areas. He stated that the studies seem more actionable than typical planning efforts.

Mr. Shenbaga provided some details on increasing LCI funding trends and a previously held Ideas Exchange Workshop hosted at ARC to better understand regional needs. He stated that many respondents expressed support for a new LCI direction to better incorporate equity and resiliency and better address barriers to implementation.

Miguel Valentin, Douglas County, requested more information on experimental studies and suggested changing that label to “complementary” or “innovative” instead.

Michelle Wright, City of Douglasville, mentioned that her community was one of the first LCI areas and hoped that her small, suburban community will still be supported by LCI regardless of not having TOD opportunities. Mr. Shenbaga stated that several other programs will remain available to small towns for accommodating their needs. Ms. Wright stated that she liked the visual graphic of the “mobility hub” featuring TNCs shown in the presentation slides.

Jamie Fischer, SRTA/GRTA, stated that access needs to be considered alongside any discussion of proximity to transportation to achieve better system equity.

Gil Grodzinsky, EPD, stated that the dramatic increase in teleworking is an interesting component of future transportation needs. Miguel Valentin, Douglas County, echoed teleworking should be considered in future transportation planning.

Inga Kennedy, PEQ, stated that she hopes that small communities will continue to be supported by LCI efforts, beyond just those current or future provisions for transit and TOD developments. She stated the importance of small communities in robust planning and particularly for supporting positive and robust community engagement. She stated a concern is that “workforce housing” is alienating to people who consider housing simply housing for communities and neighbors rather than purely transactional.

Sherry Williams, Georgia Standup, thanked ARC and the LCI program for supporting the Greenbriar community and appreciated the new messaging that ARC is pursuing for the program.

Phil Mallon, Fayette County, requested more information on the schedule for an upcoming LCI program call. Mr. Shenbaga stated that he is happy to visit any local government to provide more information on the program.

## **6. Other and Committee Introduced Topics Announcements**

None.

## **7. Announcements**

Miguel Valentin, Douglass County, stated that the county’s new transit system is currently in scheduling and routing discussions and is preparing for a successful launch. Michelle Wright, City of Douglasville, stated her enthusiasm for scooters as connections to transit.

Aileen Daney, ARC, invited TCC members to an open house to explore the agency’s new equity tool after today (October 19) meeting.

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, invited TCC members to attend a Project Delivery Taskforce meeting this afternoon (October 19) to review the action items developed by the taskforce several years ago.

**Adjourned.**