



**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**November 6, 2020 Meeting Notes**

**On-Line Meeting**

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr	<i>Forsyth</i>	John Cunard
<i>ATL</i>	Cain Williamson	<i>Fulton</i>	David Clark
<i>Atlanta</i>	Jason Morgan	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	Geoff Morton	<i>Gwinnett</i>	---
<i>Clayton</i>	Keith Rohling	<i>Henry</i>	Sam Baker
<i>Cobb</i>	Laura Beall	<i>MARTA</i>	Don Williams
<i>Coweta</i>	Tod Handley	<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>	Joe Walter
<i>MD-1</i>	---	<i>MD-4</i>	---
<i>MD-2</i>	---	<i>MD-5</i>	---
<i>MD-3</i>	---	<i>MD-6</i>	James Miller

Advisors (Non-voting):

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

## November 6, 2020 Meeting Summary

*John Orr, Chair*

### **1. 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (ACTION ITEM)**

John Orr, ARC, outlined the major tasks ARC completed in 2020 and would be working on in 2021. Completed in 2020 included the Atlanta Region's Plan, the Chattahoochee RiverLands Study, TSMO/ITS Architecture and the Regional Transit On-Board Survey. Planning areas to be highlighted with ARC's 2021 UPWP include safety, Transportation Demand Management, freight and goods movement, as well as advancing transportation technology.

Phil Mallon, Fayette County, made a motion of approval and Brian Allen, Rockdale County seconded. The action item was unanimously approved.

### **2. Incorporating Resilience into Atlanta's Data-Driven Transportation Planning Process**

Abby Marinelli, and Tejas Kotak, both of ARC, gave a briefing on how resiliency was being incorporated into ARC's transportation planning process. Through an FHWA Resilience and Durability to Extreme Weather Pilot Program grant, a tool called City Simulator was developed to forecast resilience for the Atlanta region. A case study using this tool was shown that revealed potential vulnerabilities in the Intrenchment Creek drainage basin in Southeast Atlanta.

Phil Mallon commented that the work would be helpful to citizens and elected officials in addressing stormwater issues.

### **3. Regional Transit On-Board Survey**

Guy Rousseau, ARC, updated the work activities regarding the Atlanta Regional Transit On-Board Survey that occurred in 2019, before the Covid-19 pandemic. The survey included all mature transit operators within the ARC modeling area. Those included Cherokee Area Transportation System (CATS), CobbLinc, Gwinnett County Transit (GCT), Hall Area Transit (Gainesville Connection), and the regional XPRESS service in addition to MARTA.

The main reason the survey was conducted was to provide information such as travel patterns and demographics of transit riders to update ARC's Regional Activity-Based Travel Demand Forecasting Model. The sampling goal of at least 10% of all bus and rail ridership in the region was met which resulted in over 40,000 questionnaires being completed. Survey results can be viewed at <https://atlregional.github.io/ActivityViz/>.

Don Williams, MARTA, asked about the upcoming regional household survey and how those results would be incorporated within a new forecasting model. Rousseau answered

that would involve a hybrid approach of a traditional survey with big data. The survey would be a multi-year effort with GDOT and FHWA through the NextGen NHTS program and supplemented with origin destination passive data for the region. Williams followed up by inquiring how the impact of COVID-19 on MARTA's ridership would be incorporated in the regional travel demand model. Rousseau said that MARTA's ridership would have to go back to normalcy post-COVID-19 before adjustments were made.

Sam Baker asked why Henry County Transit was not included in the survey. Guy explained that FTA advises that transit systems should be at certain level of maturity before they are included in a regional survey. Since Henry County Transit has only operated one fixed route with a public schedule for less than a year before the survey began, it did not meet that threshold.

#### **4. Other Committee Introduced Items**

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, gave an update on the status of projects and studies that were recommended from the TIP Amendment #1 Solicitation, as brought up by Phil Mallon. Barrett said ARC would keep project sponsors up to date as those projects and studies acquire PI numbers from GDOT.

Barrett also updated the progress of the second phase of the TIP Solicitations that involve years beyond 2022. ARC is currently meeting internally and is planning on announcing funding soon.

Barrett announced that the TIP Amendment #2 schedule would be announced in December.

#### **5. Announcements**

Melissa Roberts, ARC, announced that she has taken on a new role managing the LINK and Leadership Programs within ARC's Community Development Group effective on 11/2/2020.

John Orr mentioned the 2020 State of the Region Virtual Breakfast would occur on 11/13/2020. Details are available at <https://atlantaregional.org/sorb2020>.

Orr reported that the upcoming TCC work session on 11/20/2020 would likely be cancelled.

Jean Hee Barrett reminded members that any 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Administration Modifications would need to be submitted into ARC's Planit by 11/20/2020.

Barrett thanked those who participated in the virtual TIP Training held by ARC on 10/1/2020 and 10/7/2020. The next training dates will occur in Spring and Fall 2021.