



**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**May 03, 2019 Meeting Notes**

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr		<i>Fulton</i>	---
<i>Atlanta</i>	Jason Morgan		<i>GDOT</i>	Phil Peevy
<i>Barrow</i>	---		<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	Geoff Morton		<i>Gwinnett</i>	Vince Edwards
<i>Clayton</i>	Keith Rohling		<i>Henry</i>	David Simmons
<i>Cobb</i>	Eric Meyer		<i>MARTA</i>	---
<i>Coweta</i>	---		<i>Newton</i>	Tony Wright
<i>DeKalb</i>	Sylvia Smith		<i>Paulding</i>	Ann Lippmann
<i>Douglas</i>	---		<i>Rockdale</i>	Genetha Rice-Singleton
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky		<i>Spalding</i>	Eric Pitts
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon		<i>Walton</i>	Joe Walter
<i>Forsyth</i>	---	<i>GRTA/S</i>		
<i>MD-1</i>	---		<i>MD-4</i>	---
<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 4/5/2019 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. ATL Transit Authority Work Activities**

Chris Tomlinson, SRTA, provided an update on the new ATL Transit Authority. He reviewed the authority's auditing responsibilities and role to report on consolidated regional transit funding. He detailed committee structures for the authority and partner agencies, including the regional Transit Executives Working Group and Transit Operators Working Group. He updated the committee on ATL branding and regional transit rebranding issues.

He noted that the ATL will be able to provide consulting services to jurisdictions and entities within their 13-county area. He outlined several example projects that the Authority will be able to provide. Other ATL services will include regional procurement, grant writing support, capacity building and training, and other research efforts. He also outlined regional policies and efforts in process of development.

Mr. Tomlinson outlined the ATL's regional planning roles. He reviewed the regional plan development process as well as the authority's project prioritization process. The authority will use a "multi-criteria" prioritization model focusing on performance impacts, market potential, and project deliverability. The authority's plan assessment framework will help develop transit project lists for state funding and will also establish processes for ATL supporting grant funding applications for federal transit funds. He concluded with a schedule of upcoming authority work.

Gil Grodzinsky, EPD, expressed his support for a Transit Operators Working Group and the process for regional coordination and communication. He also offered a suggestion about how to use environmental sustainability criteria for improving regional equity and innovation also.

### **3. TIP Amendment #7 Update (ACTION ITEM)**

Patrick Bradshaw, ARC, introduced TIP Amendment #7. He reviewed several project highlights, including road widenings, new interchanges, bus rapid transit, and a trail project. He summarized the public hearing held in April 2019 and the public comments received. The bulk of public comments received supported increased funding for Beltline transit service.

The Clayton County representative raised motion and the Spalding County representative seconded. TCC voted to support the TIP Amendment.

#### **4. Planned TIP Project Solicitation**

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, presented on ARC's upcoming 2019 project solicitation. Ms. Barrett reviewed the previous 2017 solicitation, including funding levels, project distribution, and project solicitation processes including application and mapping portals.

Amy Goodwin, ARC, presented on the Project Prioritization Process, including the Key Decision Point (KDP) process: KDP1 provides an initial regional policy filter; KDP2 incorporates technical evaluation criteria; and KDP3 for final factors, including LCI Evaluation, Deliverability Assessment, Regional Equity, and professional judgement. This is the same process used in 2017 and will rely on the same criteria weighting. For 2019 the process manual will also incorporate study assessment criteria.

Ms. Barrett provided a summary of preliminary funding levels for Surface Transportation, Transportation Alternatives, CMAQ, and LCI programs (see presentation for details). She noted that funding levels are subject to change during the summer, specifically after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Administrative Modifications in May 2019. She provided a schedule of the solicitation, including application period of August 12 – October 11, 2019 and upcoming open houses and coordination discussions (see presentation). She concluded with some reminders for project sponsors to note schedule dates, meet with ARC staff, ensuring LAP certification, and working on project resolutions of support.

John Orr, ARC, gave some insight into solicitation success, including the need for coordination with the Georgia DOT on state routes, the need for early work on resolutions of support, and ongoing communication with ARC on local priorities.

#### **5. Update of Community Engagement Plan (FIRST READ)**

Melissa Roberts, ARC, presented on ARC's new Community Engagement Plan. The intent of this plan is to refresh the processes and procedures to involve the community during transportation plans and TIPs. The plan will provide some basic information on ARC and regional planning processes, including regional issues such as "what is the Atlanta Regional Commission?", "what is an MPO?", "how do regional processes work?" as well as guidance on general issues like "who do I call to fix potholes".

The plan is split into three volumes: Community Engagement Values, Techniques, and Process (purple cover); the Residents Guide to Regional Transportation Planning (green cover); and the Guide for Metropolitan Planning Basics (red cover). Ms. Roberts noted that each of the volumes serves a different audience, provides a different level of detail, and/or meets a different federal or state mandate. Together the three volumes constitute the Community Engagement Plan and are intended to provide information to a wide range of regional planning issues, processes, procedures, and avenues for public and community input.

She concluded with the upcoming schedule for adopting the plan. Public review will last from April 12 – May 27, 2019. Committee review and adoption will be conducted in June 2019. The

draft plan files can be found at: <https://atlantaregional.org/leadership-and-engagement/community-engagement/public-participation-plans-and-guidelines/>

## **6. Aerotropolis CIDs Transit Study**

Kirsten Mote, Aerotropolis CID, and Tim Preece, VHB, presented on the area's newly completed transit study. Ms. Mote explained that the purpose of the study was to examine transit opportunities for providing increased access to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and service around the Aerotropolis Communities.

Mr. Preece summarized the plan development process, the goals and needs of the area, and new opportunities for transit technology and innovation. He noted the ability for the Aerotropolis area to become a central transit hub and node for multimodal and intermodal connections for the region and the state. He provided a brief overview of recommended projects from the plan, including a larger mobility district for the area, intermodal transportation centers, connector roadways, and general connectivity with MARTA and other transit providers.

Ms. Mote concluded with a summary of next steps for the transit plan as well as some upcoming construction projects and grant opportunities.

Eric Meyer, Cobb County, asked about whether "personal rapid transit" was incorporated as a technology opportunity. Ms. Mote replied that their team had visited London, UK and Amsterdam, Netherlands to understand the technologies. They will be working on a demonstration project for new bus technologies and that may be a solution to investigate.

Gil Grodzinsky, EPD, asked whether there were potential years for the proposed Corporate Crescent Phase I and II projects. Mr. Preece explained they had not anticipated project years but implementation will depend on available funding.

Mr. Meyer asked about the intended audience for new transit service. Does the plan intend to support airport employees or travelers? Mr. Preece said their core focus was employee service, given reliability and district needs, but they were working with transit providers to better understand how they can serve a wide range of airport visitors.

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

John Orr, ARC, asked whether other local staffs could provide updates on local planning efforts at future TCC meetings. He requested volunteers to contact him when new projects are finalized and to present them as informational sessions for TCC.

Byron Rushing, ARC, and Reid Passmore, ARC, gave a brief presentation on ARC's new Regional Bikeway Inventory. They reviewed the process to collect bikeway locations, summarized stats for regional bikeway segments, and presented an introduction of some technical analysis they are conducting to better understand regional bikeway connectivity. They are incorporating edits to the inventory by the end of May 2019 and will develop a summary

report of the date during Summer 2019. They asked TCC members to review the draft online map: <http://arcg.is/1iSLv1>

Phil Mallon asked about whether golf carts are being used or designed for in other parts of the region. Rushing noted many opportunities for small “neighborhood electric vehicles” but noted that golf carts cannot currently navigate on or across state routes. He noted the need to re-examine design factors for trails when considering carts and more effort regionally to focus on small electric vehicles as transportation options.

Daniel Studdard, ARC, provided an update on Freight Cluster Plan applications. He noted that recent awards have gone to Fulton Industrial Boulevard CID and Metro South CID for warehousing district planning and Central Atlanta Progress (with Midtown Alliance) for local delivery and curbside management. John Orr, ARC, asked that sponsors interested in freight issues reach out to ARC staff for more details on planning opportunities.

John Orr, ARC, gave a brief update on ARC’s MPO Self-Certification process. The agency staff are working with GDOT and federal partners to proceed through that process and will be finalizing the effort in late summer 2019.

## **8. Announcements**

None.

**Adjourned.**

## **Handouts & Presentations:**

- 05-03-2019 Meeting Agenda
- Issue Summary and Resolution: TIP #7
- TIP Project Solicitation
- ATL Transit Authority Activities
- Community Engagement Plan Update
- Issue Summary and Resolution: Community Engagement Plan
- Aerotropolis CIDs Transit Study
- Bicycle Inventory Update
- ARC Self-Certification