



Atlanta Regional Commission

Transportation & Air Quality Committee

June Wood, Chairman

Thursday, June 13, 2019

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ARC Harry West Room

Members Present

Commissioner Paul Poole
Commissioner Harry Johnston
Mr. Mark Mathews
Mr. Mike Houchard
Mr. Charles Robinson
Ms. Martha Martin
Mr. Rich McDonald
Mayor Eric Clarkson
Commissioner Mike Boyce
Mayor Clark Boddie
Mr. Kerry Armstrong
Mr. Tread Davis
Mr. Jim Durrett
Commissioner June Wood
Ms. Liane Levetan
Commissioner Pat Graham
Commissioner Laura Semanson
Commissioner Randy Ognio
Commissioner Robb Pitts
Mr. Eric Dial

Members Absent

Commissioner Marcelo Banes
Commissioner Kevin Little
Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms
Ms. Donna Sheldon
Commissioner Oz Nesbitt
CEO Michael Thurmond
Mr. Jeff Lewis
Commissioner Jeff Turner
Commissioner Charlotte Nash
Commissioner Dave Carmichael
Mayor Nancy Harris
Commissioner Romona Jackson Jones
Mayor Rochelle Robinson
Commissioner Donald Hawbaker

1. Welcome - Acceptance of 5/09/2019 TAQC Meeting Summary; Public Comment period

Commissioner June Wood, TAQC Chair, asked if there were changes to the meeting summary. Hearing no additional comments, the summary was accepted as presented. Ms. Wood asked for public comments. There were none.

2. Update for Community Engagement Plan (ACTION ITEM)

John Orr, ARC, noted the Update Community Engagement Plan was previously presented as a 1st read last month, today was a recap of the plan. Mr. Orr explained the plan is divided into three components or guidebooks: 1) The Residence Guide to Regional Transportation Planning 2) Metropolitan Guide to the MPO Basics 3) Community Engagement Value Technique and Process.

Mr. Orr noted that during the public comment period which ended on May 27th only minor comments were received that were primarily administrative but overall there were good reviews.

Mr. Orr asked for a motion to approve which was made by Mike Houchard, and seconded by Clark Boddie. Resolution was approved unanimously.

3. Update of ARC's DBE Goal (First Read)

Brittany Zwald, ARC, presented the purpose of the DBE and its federal requirements. She noted that the plan is updated every three years primarily as an administrative function but generally the plan itself does not change. She explained how the goal is calculated with a base figure of 6.71% for 2019, which is low compared to the previous goal of 15.64%, however, since ARC exceeds its goal every year, for the past three years a median goal was approximately 28.5%. Based on this information a proposed DBE goal of 17.6% was established for 2019-2020 period.

Ms. Zwald stated that ARC is required to have consultation with stakeholders and community groups with DBE knowledge including TAQC, TCC and Transportation Equity Advisory Group. These groups will have an opportunity to provide feedback along with an optional 30-day public comment period ending with a board adoption (tentatively) at the July board meeting.

4. Local Planning Spotlight – SR 74 Corridor Study

Phil Mallon, Fayette County, provided background information on Fayette County's population and its economic/transportation development. Eric Muster, with the Pond Company, added that the Spirit 74 coalition was formed prior to launching the study which included cities such as Fairburn, Tyrone and Peachtree City as well as the South Fulton CID, Chamber of Commerce and other entities that came together with a common interest to support the study. The keys to success other than community engagement were the technical analysis, communication imagery and workshops with GDOT.

5. Local Planning Spotlight – Aerotropolis CIDs Transit Study

Gerald McDowell, Aerotropolis CID, presented an overview of the Aerotropolis CID study. There were two objectives for the study. The first objective is centered around Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, regarding mobility of people as they move around the airport area. The second

objective of the study focused on identifying challenges and solutions to this issue. The overarching objective was how to better connect the airport area to the region.

Additionally, Mr. McDowell highlighted that the study incorporated an Innovation Summit, where they looked around the country and around the world for innovation vendors to bring their solutions and products for display at the Georgia International Conference Center. Also, as part of the study, their team traveled to Amsterdam and London to look at solutions and feasibility for the Atlanta region.

Additionally, the study incorporated the Fulton County transit study as well as the Clayton County transit study. The study identified a corporate crescent route that would move passengers between the Domestic and International terminals, the MARTA station and residents who live in the area. Lastly, Mr. McDowell also included that the CID anticipates funding from a USDOT grant and funding for a Smart Corridor study from ARC.

6. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Projects and Program Updates

David Haynes, ARC, presented an overview of the updates. Mr. Haynes mentioned that this update is not touching the TIP the short-range component, but rather it will cover long-range components that extends out to 2050. There are two major buckets for the projects; roadway capacity, transit capacity expansion projects. The smaller scale projects, such as pedestrian projects and sidewalks that have major air quality implications, will collapse into the Lump Sums.

Mr. Haynes noted that in February/March of this year a review of the project list was completed. A review of the existing project list for 2040 plan was done, however, since there will be an extension to the horizon plan to 2050 there is a potential revenue for new projects. Any of these new projects would come out of a formal planning process. There are 96 projects identified that could potentially be added to the plan. Of the 96, 18 are interchange projects and 28 projects are on surface streets. Right now, the projects will be reviewed with GDOT and a decision on the appropriate financing is forthcoming.

Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, presented the recommendations for transit expansion projects for the RTP Update. Mr. Wakhisi noted that these were staff recommendations at this point and there will be an opportunity for committee members to provide feedback. Mr. Wakhisi did an overview of the capital cost for the 2030 and 2050 period, that included local, state and federal breakdowns and summary statistics that outlined total miles of commuter rail, BRT and light rail.

Next steps include finalizing the list so that the travel demand modeling analysis can begin. Once the draft document is ready, the public engagement/public comment period will commence, and the final recommendations will be brought back to the committee for approval.

7. Other and Committee Introduced Topics Announcements

None.

8. Announcements

None.

Adjourned.

Handouts & Presentations:

- Agenda: 05-09-2019 TAQC Meeting Agenda
- Presentation Update of Community Engagement Plan
- Presentation: Update ARC's DBE Goal (First Read)
- Presentation: Local Planning Spotlight – SR 74 Corridor Study
- Presentation: Aerotropolis CIDs Transit Study
- Presentation: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Projects and Program Updates