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ISSUE SUMMARY: GRANTING THE ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS AND MOBILITY GROUP MANAGER APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR GHMPO AND CBMPO AMENDMENTS

FROM: Charlotte Nash, Transportation & Air Quality Committee

IMPORTANCE:

GHMPO and CBMPO periodically conduct amendments requiring an updated air quality conformity analysis which involve projects only within their planning jurisdiction. Those change do not impact project recommendations within the ARC MPO jurisdiction nor require an update to the regional emissions analyses. For amendments in those areas to be approved, ARC must affirm to federal oversight agencies that no changes have been made to project recommendations within the ARC MPO jurisdiction which would require the opportunity for public review and comment. That affirmation can be made most efficiently by the ARC Transportation Access and Mobility Group Manager. For that reason, TAQC will delegate that responsibility to the Transportation Access and Mobility Group Manager, rather than continuing to provide that affirmation via committee resolution.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS AND MOBILITY GROUP MANAGER TO SIGN RESOLUTIONS ON BEHALF OF ARC REGARDING TIP AMENDMENTS FOR OTHER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (CARTERSVILLE AND GAINESVILLE) WITHIN THE ATLANTA REGION'S AIR QUALITY NONATTAINMENT OR MAINTENANCE AREAS

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning within the Atlanta Metropolitan Area Boundary which includes all or portions of 20 counties; and

WHEREAS, each MPO within an air quality nonattainment or maintenance area must provide public involvement regarding amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for other MPOs within the same nonattainment area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation and Air Quality Committee (TAQC) is the recognized transportation decision making body for the ARC MPO jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO), and the Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization (CBMPO) are all located within the Atlanta nonattainment or maintenance areas; and

WHEREAS, GHMPO and CBMPO periodically conduct amendments requiring an updated air quality conformity analysis for the nonattainment area but which involve projects only within their planning jurisdiction and which neither impact project recommendations within the ARC MPO jurisdiction nor require an update to the regional emissions analyses; and

WHEREAS, receipt of a new conformity determination from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the nonattainment area requires ARC to affirm that no changes have been made to project recommendations within the ARC MPO jurisdiction which would require the opportunity for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, these affirmations have historically been made by ARC via formal resolutions; and

WHEREAS, such affirmation can be made more efficiently by the Transportation Access and Mobility Group Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ARC TAQC delegates to the ARC Transportation Access and Mobility Group Manager the authority to sign future resolutions in cases when an air quality conformity analysis has been performed for the Atlanta nonattainment

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or maintenance areas, there have been no changes to the ARC TIP/RTP, and all relevant ARC documents are consistent with the new conformity analysis.