



Atlanta Regional Commission



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

March 28, 2008

ARC Study Shows Need for More Truck Parking in Region, Explores Possible Solutions

John Orr, Transportation & Access Group Manager, provided an overview of the Atlanta Regional Truck Parking Assessment Study, which addresses concerns of local governments and residents regarding large tractor-trailers parking on interstate ramps, in vacant lots, and other unsafe places. The study shows that there is not enough designated truck parking in the Atlanta region to meet existing or future demand.

Federal law restricts commercial truck drivers to 11 hours per day behind the wheel. New Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) will ensure more consistent enforcement of those restrictions. These federal regulations, along with safety issues and an anticipated growth in freight traffic, make this a subject worthy of study and discussion. The study shows that more than 90% of truck drivers surveyed regularly spend 30 minutes to an hour driving around the Atlanta region looking for parking, often during hours of peak traffic congestion.

This study approaches the truck parking issue from the perspective of both the driver and local jurisdictions to find common ground: providing adequate, safe parking for truck drivers while meeting the desires of communities, which often oppose large truck stops in their communities. The study outlined several potential strategies to deal with the issue, such as expanding the supply of truck parking and developing policies and reviewing zoning codes to encourage more truck parking options.

The board heard a first reading of the study findings and will act on them at a future meeting.

More information:

- [Presentation: Atlanta Regional Truck Parking Assessment Study](#)
- [Issue Summary and Resolution: Atlanta Regional Truck Parking Assessment Study](#)
- [Atlanta Regional Freight Mobility Plan](#)

ARC in Process of Updating Transit Funding Formula

John Orr, Transportation & Access Group Manager, provided the ARC board with a first read of the Regional Transit Funding Policies for the Atlanta urbanized area. The policies reflect how Federal Transit Administration funds are allocated to eligible recipients in the region through three FTA formula fund programs. Although each policy is similar in structure, the distribution formulas differ based on certain variables, such as: population, population density, bus vehicle revenue miles, directional route miles, and more.

The formulas were developed by the Transit Operators Subcommittee and are being reviewed by both the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Transportation & Air Quality Committee (TAQC). TCC and TAQC are expected to vote on the formulas in April. The board will consider the policies at a future meeting.

More information:

- [Summary and Resolution 1](#)
- [Summary and Resolution 2](#)

ARC Policy Changes

Doug Hooker, ARC Executive Director, provided an overview of proposed policy changes related to purchasing and procurement, travel and reimbursement, and personnel, as part of the agencies response to the state DOAA audit. The board approved a resolution to revise the policies.

More information:

- [Memo to ARC Governance Committee](#)

Legislative Update

Scott Haggard, Manager of ARC's Government Affairs Group, provided a legislative update, focusing on bills related to transportation such as legislation to create a regional transit authority and a bill to increase penalties for distracted driving.

Announcements and References

- Recruitment for 2018-19 MARC Class is now open – www.atlantaregional.org/marc

- Applications open for 2018 Regional Leadership Institute – www.atlantaregional.org/rli
- 2018 ARC Board Work Session will be held on **April 18-19** in Augusta, GA.
- Annual LINK trip is May 9-12, 2018 in San Diego
- Council for Quality Growth “Meet & Greet” is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 25 at the Comcast Center at the Battery Atlanta
- ARC Annual State of the Region Breakfast is Friday, **Nov. 2, 2018** at the Georgia World Congress Center, 7:30 a.m.
- Next Commission Meeting: **Wednesday, May 23, 2018** at 1 p.m.