



Transportation Coordinating Committee

Member Sign-in Sheet

August 1, 2025 - 9:30am-11:30pm

Harry West Conference Room (229 Peachtree ST NE, STE 100, Atlanta, GA 30303)

Name	Affiliation	Member/Alternate (check one)
Jerry Oberholtzer	Gwinnett County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Suleman Rana	Douglas County DOT	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Keith Rohling	Clayton County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Brett Buchanan	Cherokee County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Phil Mallon	Fayette County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Sid Bedenbaugh	Coweta County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Ann Day	FHWA	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Sam Baker	Henry County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Tricia Prevost	Dekalb County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Megan Weiss	GDOT	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Chester Clegg	Newton County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Brian Kelley	Rockdale County/DOT	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Gil Grodzinsky	EPD	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Michele Wynn	City of Atlanta	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Jamie Fischer	GRTA/SRTA	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate
Ann Lippman	Paulding County	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate

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TCC Meeting Minutes

Actions

- None

Information

- **Tip Amendment 5 Briefing, Michael Haire (ARC)**
 - *Discussion:* Sam Baker (Henry County) asks about new online TIP tool and specifically cites a tech issue with accessing the site from a web browser bookmark. Michael Haire and Jean Hee Barrett (ARC) reply that users need to bookmark the dashboard landing page after logging in. Users can also email or contact ARC for help.
- **Passenger Rail Station Alternatives Plan, Tejas Kotak (ARC)**
 - *Discussion:* Kaycee Merts and Luke Derochers from WSP are the lead consultants on this plan, Brian Allen (Rockdale County) asks if this plan is part of a larger rail initiative in the region or if it is strictly for downtown. WSP replies that the primary focus is to serve existing Amtrak service. Sam Baker (Henry County) asks if Amtrak is involved. WSP confirms that Amtrak is part of the stakeholder committee. Tejas Kotak explains that representatives from Amtrak helped write the RFP and stay informed. There is a question about if Amtrak has provided ridership data. WSP says the project team has asked for that data but hasn't gotten a response yet. Team can confirm that 25% of all Southern Crescent riders use the current station, so there is an opportunity for growth. WSP adds that Amtrak ridership is back up to pre-COVID levels. There is a question about the station size. WSP replies that the team is focusing on downtown around the Gulch, the core line of Norfolk Southern (NFS), and some of the CSX. WSP adds that the most efficient method will be to stay on the North/South NFS line for operational purposes. WSP also clarifies that one of the impetuses for the plan is the Gulch development, so that will remain a main focus. Gil asks what the goal of the study is, how likely it is to be built, and if the plan will include multi-modal considerations such as bike-ped, buses, and last mile issues. WSP replies that the plan will be multi-modal in every sense, including bikeshare, trail, and park n ride. The plan's task is to come up with a scalable, implementable, actionable plan. WSP explains that there aren't any funds identified for construction, and part of WSP's role is finding funding and partnerships to make the station happen. Gil Grodzinsky (Georgia Environmental Protection Division) highlights the fact that plans don't have to do a quantitative PM2.5 measurement which could help with timeline and implementation. Tejas adds on to multi-modal conversation and clarifies that the plan is more about improving and increasing multi-modal access options and proximity to housing and amenities. The plan will be focused on the needs of

Amtrak and the connected Class 1 stations, and that focus allows more specific analysis on what kinds of parcels could allow for a smaller, more affordable package. WSP adds that Amtrak has a book of design guides they are referencing, and they are also researching other cities with examples. WSP says that it's too early to identify peer stations, but North Carolina could be a close fit. WSP explains that the plan will leverage everything else already going on so that the station can plug into that existing and emerging network. Tejas ends the discussion by encouraging ARC and its regional partners to dream big and believe that big things are possible in our region if we allow ourselves to do them.

- **2026 UPWP Early Coordination**
 - *Discussion:* John Orr (ARC) adds that MTP will be a huge lift for ARC next year, no comments from members or public

- **Upcoming RFP Opportunities, Ansley Goddard (ARC)**
 - *Discussion:* Question about the resiliency plan that is moving forward and if ARC is planning to release the RFP. John Orr (ARC) answers yes, and thanks USDOT for helping with that contract. John adds that ARC just received the email announcing the award, and ARC hopes to release the associated RFP by end of Aug or early Sept since multiple regional partners had reached out. Sam Baker (Henry County) asks if these RFPs have explicitly stated Small/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (S/DBE) goals. Ansley confirms that yes, ARC's DBE goal is 16.7%. There's a follow-up question about ARC's local expectations for DBE. John replies that regulations require local governments to follow their local procurement process, and that ARC encourages localities to have DBE goals. Gil Grodzinsky (Georgia Environmental Protection Division) asks two questions: 1) what is the source of the \$225,000 funding for the medium and heavy duty vehicles plan, and 2) how does ARC define alternative fuels in the alt fuels RFP. Sade Alao (ARC) replies that SDBG funds are the source, and alternative fuels are defined as a variety of non-diesel fuels.

- **Transportation Forum Update, Eleanor Swensson (ARC)**
 - *Discussion:* None

Announcements

- **CFI Update, David Haynes (ARC)**
 - *Discussion:* Gil Grodzinsky (Georgia Environmental Protection Division) asks about the status of the \$6.1M for CFI. David Haynes (ARC) explains that it's in two obligations, one of which is \$200K already received, and that there is uncertainty about if ARC can access the remaining funds. Gil asks to clarify if there's no guarantee ARC get the \$5.9M. David answers that yes, that's correct.