

ARC COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE

November 10, 2016 Meeting Notes

Members Present:

Commissioner Charlotte Nash, Vice Chair
Mr. Mike Houchard
Mr. Kerry Armstrong
Mr. Mark Mathews
Commissioner Tim Lee
Mayor Nancy Harris
Commissioner Pat Graham
Commissioner Donald Hawbaker
Commissioner Richard Oden
Commissioner Charles Oddo
Commissioner Jeff Turner
Mr. Clark Boddie
Mr. Rich McDonald

Mayor Eric Clarkson
Mayor Rochelle Robinson
Commissioner Tim Lassetter
CEO Lee May
Commissioner Pete Amos
Commissioner John Eaves
Mr. Tread Davis
Mr. Mark Burkhalter
Mr. Jay Roberts
Ms. Martha Martin
Commissioner Tommy Smith
Mr. Fred Daniels
Commissioner Keith Ellis
Commissioner David Austin
Ms. Donna Sheldon
Commissioner Kevin Little

Members Absent:

Commissioner Buzz Ahrens
Mayor Kasim Reed

Actions Taken:

- 2017 Unified Planning Work Program – A quorum was not present; therefore, the resolution will be forwarded to the ARC Board for action on December 7, 2016 without a recommendation from TAQC.

1. Welcome / Acceptance of October 13th TAQC Meeting Summary / Public Comment period

Charlotte Nash, TAQC Vice Chair, welcomed the group and noted that the committee did not have a quorum today. Chairman Nash asked if there were any comments on the draft 10/13/2016 TAQC Meeting Summary, and hearing none, declared the summary accepted as previously distributed. There was no public comment.

2. Action Item: 2017 Unified Planning Work Program

The Atlanta UPWP is developed annually and documents metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with federal, state, and local transportation funds in the 20 county Atlanta region.

Haley Berry, ARC, gave a brief overview of the UPWP and the purpose of that document to capture the agency's planning and project work for 2017. She noted key items for next year's workplan, including a truck parking study and a bike/ped safety action plan. Berry highlighted that GDOT and FHWA have reviewed a draft of the UPWP without comment and will approve the final document once it is adopted.

Without a quorum the action item was referred to the ARC Board (for action on December 7, 2016) without a recommendation from TAQC.

3. PDTF Action Plan Update

Patrick Bradshaw, ARC, gave a brief overview of ARC project delivery measures, including TIP phase implementation rates from FY 2003-2016, and upcoming TIP project delivery reporting efforts. He explained the need for better project delivery reporting for both regional outcomes and meeting federal reporting requirements.

Any Goodwin, ARC, provided an update on the Project Delivery Task Force Action Plan. She reviewed the action items developed in 2015 and provided a brief update on actions completed or underway. Brian Allen, ARC, provided a brief update on ARC's pending funds reprogramming policy to allow ARC staff to move funds that won't be used onto projects that need funding support. Goodwin concluded with a discussion of how deliverability criteria will impact the upcoming TIP solicitation in 2017.

4. Update on Regional Trail Inventory

Byron Rushing, ARC, gave a brief presentation on the status of a Regional Trail Report to quantify the benefits of a regional trail network. A critical next-step will be assessing the existing, programmed, and planned trail segments throughout metro Atlanta. Rushing reviewed the current regional trail inventory and asked for feedback on locations and status of trail projects as well as guidance on trail planning policy.

Mike Houchard, Rockdale County, asked for clarification about the cost benefit calculations presented. Rushing explained that these are cost benefit calculations that show dollar figures related to trail implementation.

5. Other Items

TAQC members provided updates on the status of SPLOST and TSPLOST votes in the region, including Gwinnett County, City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and MARTA.

6. Announcements

- **2017 FASTLANE Funding Opportunity** - *applications due December 15th*: Daniel Studdard, ARC, provided a brief overview of the FASTLANE funding and the general requirements for applying for funding as well as schedules and opportunities for ARC to provide research assistance.
- **2016 Metro Atlanta Speaks Data Dashboard** – www.atlantaregional.com/metroatlantaspeaks: David Haynes, ARC, gave a brief overview of ARC's new Metro Atlanta Speaks survey data dashboard. He walked through the website tool and highlighted a few of the key conclusions. Commissioner Tim Lee, Cobb County, asked that ARC highlight survey rates from registered voters in future iterations of this survey.

7. Adjourn

Handouts supplied at meeting:

- 10/13/16 TAQC Agenda
- 2017 Unified Planning Work Program Draft Resolution

Handouts supplied in advance on ARC website (<http://www.atlantaregional.com/taqc>)

- 11/10/16 TAQC Agenda
- 10/13/16 Draft Meeting Summary
- Presentations:
 - Project Delivery Task Force Action Plan Update
 - Update on Regional Trail Inventory