

ARC COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

February 5, 2016 Meeting Notes

TCC Members or Alternates Present: 13 total

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr	<i>Forsyth</i>	---
<i>Atlanta</i>	Jonathan Lewis	<i>Fulton</i>	Roussan Francois
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GDOT</i>	Matthew Fowler
<i>Bartow</i>	Tom Sills	<i>GRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	Geoff Morton	<i>Gwinnett</i>	Alan Chapman
<i>Clayton</i>	Bill Andrews	<i>Henry</i>	Stacey Jordan
<i>Cobb</i>	Marty Sewell	<i>MARTA</i>	Janide Sidifall
<i>Coweta</i>	Tavores Edwards	<i>Newton</i>	---
<i>DeKalb</i>	Syliva Smith	<i>Paulding</i>	George Jones
<i>Douglas</i>	Randy Hulsey	<i>Rockdale</i>	Miguel Valentin
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Godzinsky	<i>Spalding</i>	BJ Martin
<i>Fayette</i>	Carlos Christian	<i>Walton</i>	Joe Walter

Advisors (Non-voting):

<i>CBMPO</i>	---	<i>FHWA</i>	Tamara Christion
<i>GHMPO</i>	Sam Baker	<i>FTA</i>	---
<i>GDOT Modal</i>	---		

Other Attendees

Vince Edwards, Gwinnett County	Sally Flocks, PEDS
Marlo Clowers, GDOT	Michael Kray, Jacobs
Michelle Wright, Douglasville	
Cristina Pastore, Kimley Horn	Randy Meacham, Gw Cnty Municipal Assoc
Megha Young, GS&P	Maggie Maddox, VHB
Richard Fangman, Pond	Kristen Wescott, Sandy Springs
Tim Kassa, HNTB	Emily Ritzler, Jacobs
Kaycee Mertz, GDOT	Mark Dana, Roswell
Claudia Bilotto, WSP/Parsons Brinkerhoff	Randall Parker, Mulkey
Patrece Keeter, DeKalb County	

Actions Taken:

1. The Atlanta Region's Plan- Motion to approve made by Tom Sills, Bartow County, seconded by Matthew Fowler, GDOT and unanimously approved by TCC.

1. Welcome, Acceptance of 01/22/16 TCC Meeting Summary, Public Comment Period

John Orr, ARC, called the meeting to order. Orr asked if there were any comments on the draft 01/22/16 TCC Meeting Summary and hearing none, declared the summary accepted as previously distributed. No public comments were made.

2. The Atlanta Region's Plan/RTP

David Haynes, ARC, presented The Atlanta Region's Plan. Haynes mentioned that the plan is comprised of multiple modes and topic specific components. The total plan investment of 85.1 billion is presented in a context of user groups not just the physical infrastructure. The majority of the plan goes toward maintaining what we already have. The plan builds on Plan 2040, formalized in the policy framework document. Updates of project scope and schedules and the fiscal constraints resulted in a draft plan that was put out for public comment in December 2015. Melissa Roberts, ARC, gave an overview of the public comment results and responses. Roberts reported that the process was very comprehensive. Most comments received were about affordable housing, better connection in neighborhoods, bike paths, and improve air quality. Roberts also stated that the comments did not require changes to the plan. Roberts also presented highlights from the online survey administered during the public comment period.

Discussion –

- Is the Unified Growth Policy Map aimed at directing growth or controlling growth?
 - The concept is more about unified growth and that communities plan their own growth.
- Were the survey responses all voluntary?
 - Yes, the survey was administered online. There were 1,500 responses which is smaller than previous surveys.
- There seems to be disconnect between the survey responses and the funding. Survey data is supportive of transit and bike/ped amenities; however, the funding doesn't seem to align with that notion. Is that because transit funding is more competitive than highway funding?
 - There is more certainty with highway funding from FHWA than with transit funding. It is important to note that express bus will benefit greatly from the managed lanes; therefore, support of the managed lanes could be because of the increased transit benefit. Survey did not delve into that specifically.
- A lot of discussion is on the potential of the impacts smart phones on how we travel and the information even impact the ways we monitor the system. There is still changes in the automobile industry that will impact safety and give more emphasis to technology.
 - It's very helpful to us hear these comments for technology. We will see more change in the next ten years. We are setting our work program to tackle and these issues.
- The plan is very holistic in nature. The suburbs are partners and will benefit. What is surprising is we are getting so much support for transit. 40 miles from the central city benefiting from managed lanes. Henry county has over 200 thousand people and want to get to the city easily, express support for partnering,

Orr stated that with the passing of HB170 we will be working with the governor and GDOT on projects changes. Details will probably be worked out not until March. Our jurisdiction representatives will be reaching out to you.

3. Action Items; Draft Resolutions

The Atlanta Region's Plan- Orr presented a resolution to adopt The Atlanta Region's Plan. This is a comprehensive plan to "win the future" through an emphasis on world class infrastructure, support for a competitive economy, and establishing healthy, livable communities. The Atlanta Region's Plan encompasses both the Regional Agenda and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)). The resolutions was unanimously approved and will go to TAQC on 2/11/2016.

4. I-285/GA 400 Interchange

Marlo Clowers, GDOT, provided an overview and update on the Design-Build-Finance (DBF) project at I-285 and GA 400 interchange. The goals of the project are to reduce congestion and improve safety. DBR was used to accelerate delivery, utilize innovative design and construction methods while also minimizing impacts to the traveling public. The use of a private developer was used. The State Transportation Board approved the selection of North Perimeter Contractors in December 2015. The bid amount was \$459,949,588; an estimated \$200M less than the estimated total project costs. The financial close is scheduled for early April. Construction will begin last 2016. GDOT is currently acquiring ROW. Construction is scheduled to be completed in mid-2020.

Discussion –

- Do we think the Design Build finance is the way we will set standard for future projects?
 - We can advance the project to serve the needs of a lot of the upcoming projects which are Designed Build Financed. We had good success in other projects from other corridors. This is a higher level of developer financing and we think this will be very well and successful.
- Travel maintenance what are the strategies to maintain traffic?
 - There will be restricted periods where the contractors can't work, however, the contractor is encouraged to complete as much of the work outside of the travel lanes as possible first. It will be congested but will be alternative commute efforts are encouraged. The developer has a communication plan and serious communication efforts will be done. We will try to be timely and provide very accurate reports.
- Did you use a different model to get environmental clearance?
 - We got buy-in on the accelerated approach. We committed to an accelerated review time as well. GDOT then had to return the review around quickly. FHWA was faithful to the commitment to an accelerated timeline for review of the documents.

5. 2016 Work Program-SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program

Haley Berry, ARC, presented an overview of the SHRP2 Program. ARC received an implementation assistance grant through the SHRP2 program from FHWA. The visioning

process will include engaging stakeholders in a discussion about how to ‘win the future’ based on emerging trends and disruptors. The three phases consist of preparing the vision, creating the vision and implementing the vision. The program will look at the impact of major trends and identifying and refining the region’s policies and strategies to be robust and nimble to adapt to whatever future presents itself. All of this will role in the 2020 Plan.

6. Announcements

- Jane’s retirement in March 2016.
- Planned Special Events Transportation Capability Maturity Workshop, materials will be emailed.

Handouts supplied at meeting:

- The Atlanta Region’s Plan, Executive Summary

Handouts supplied in advance on ARC website (www.atlantaregional.com/tcc)

- Agenda + Presentations