

# ARC Transportation Equity Advisory Group Notes

June 12, 2019

- Empowerline Forums
  - o Katie Perumbeti, ARC announced the empowerline Forums and sought suggestions for the upcoming Lifelong Communities Forum, specifically for transportation. More information is provided below for anyone interested in attending. A flyer for the Health Equity Forum is also attached if anyone is able to promote it to their group.
  - o Website: <https://www.empowerline.org/about/forums/>
  - o Fostering Health Equity in Our Communities
    - Date: June 27, 2019 Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
    - Location: Atlanta Metropolitan State College, 1630 Metropolitan Parkway SW, Atlanta
    - Registration is open
  - o Lifelong Communities – Making the Atlanta Region Age-Friendly
    - Date: August 19, 2019
    - Location: Georgia Power, 241 Ralph McGill Blvd NE, Atlanta
    - Let Katie know if you have any ideas for speakers or panels
  - o Katie Perumbeti: KPerumbeti@atlantaregional.org
- RTP Transit Projects
  - o Why aren't there any managed lanes south of I-285
    - Analysis showed the level of traffic didn't warrant it
  - o Why turn projects that were originally Heavy Rail Transit (HRT) to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) instead of Light Rail Transit (LRT)?
    - Even LRT would be financially infeasible in this plan. Once the local funding is identified, further studies can be done to determine the final form and actual cost of the service.
  - o Other transit funding sources need to be found.
    - We can try to increase the local tax, but it still wouldn't be enough,
    - Could use toll road revenue and fuel tax since tax road users. Also fuel tax.
  - o The next SPLOST needs to have better community engagement
  - o ATL is doing their own prioritization for transit projects and will endorse certain projects for federal funding, will that be taken into consideration in the RTP?
    - The ATL's prioritized list will not be ready in time to incorporate it into the RTP, but amendments can be made to reconcile our list with their list. It might not change the funding, but could change the build year of certain projects
  - o ARC will look to see if we have data to create a historical chart of how much funding has been spent on transit historically
  - o As a region we need to start the conversation now to decide how to change the culture of transit funding in the state, whether that is through legislation or not.
    - Also need to identify early victories