



ARC COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

May 19, 2017 Meeting Notes

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr	<i>Gwinnett</i>	Alan Chapman
<i>Atlanta</i>	---	<i>Henry</i>	David Simmons
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>MARTA</i>	Ben Limmer
<i>Cherokee</i>	---	<i>Newton</i>	---
<i>Clayton</i>	---	<i>Paulding</i>	George Jones
<i>Cobb</i>	Eric Meyer	<i>Rockdale</i>	---
<i>Coweta</i>	Tavores Edwards	<i>Spalding</i>	BJ Martin
<i>DeKalb</i>	Sylvia Smith	<i>Walton</i>	Joe Walter
<i>Douglas</i>	---	<i>MD-1</i>	Bryant Poole
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>MD-2</i>	---
<i>Fayette</i>	---	<i>MD-3</i>	---
<i>Forsyth</i>	---	<i>MD-4</i>	---
<i>Fulton</i>	Roussan Francois	<i>MD-5</i>	Reginald Anderson
<i>GDOT</i>	Kaycee Mertz	<i>MD-6</i>	---
<i>GRTA</i>	---		

Advisors (Non-voting):

<i>CBMPO</i>	---	<i>FHWA</i>	---
<i>GHMPO</i>	Sam Baker	<i>FTA</i>	---
<i>GDOT I'modal</i>	---		

Other Attendees

Steve Cote, RS&H	Megan Weiss, GDOT
Nick Stahl, City of Johns Creek	Henry Green, GDOT
Roshni Lawrence, GDOT	Garth Lynch, HNTB
Matt Gore, Gwinnett Village CID	Tyler Price, Henry County
James Nguyen, City of Peachtree Corners	Quinton Spann, GDOT
Lena Carstens, ABI	Dave Cox, Roswell
Erin Thoresen, Gresham, Smith & Partners	Christy Jean, WSP
Joseph Davidson, NWGA Regional Comm	Mark Dana, Roswell
Caroline Evans, Blue Cypress Consulting	Kristen Wescott, City of Sandy Springs

1. Welcome, Acceptance of 04/21/17 TCC Meeting Summary, Public comment period

John Orr, ARC, called the meeting to order. Mr. Orr asked if there were any comments on the draft 04/21/17 TCC Meeting Summary and hearing none, declared the summary accepted as previously distributed. There was no public comment.

2. Air Quality Update

David D'Onofrio, ARC, began by noting that the Atlanta region has air quality problems, but many other regions in the US and world have worse air. The Clean Air Act, passed in 1970, is the legislation that established air quality policy. This law established specific air quality standards and classifications. The Atlanta region does not consistently meet all standards. Multiple counties are currently in non-attainment for certain classifications. Transportation conformity is how the state and ARC plan for future compliance. If the region goes into conformity lapse, no roadway capacity projects can move forward, and no transit projects can move forward unless a positive impact on emissions can be shown. Air quality standards have become more stringent over the years to improve air quality nationally. Most or all summer days were exceeding air quality standards in the Atlanta region in the past, but that has been reduced to about 10-20 days currently. Clean air nationally has resulted in fewer deaths and recurring health issues such as asthma.

D'Onofrio stated that the Atlanta region is currently a moderate nonattainment area. The region is meeting the standard and has a conformity plan showing how the region will continue to meet the standard in the future. Final designations for the 2015 ozone standard will be implemented in October 2017. ARC air quality tools include the AREES Near Road Emissions Tool, the CMAQ calculator, as well as past air quality studies.

John Orr, ARC, noted that while the state identified 8 counties for nonattainment by 2015 ozone standards, the EPA could identify additional counties. Orr added that since the region has previously been in non-compliance, this is an ongoing, important issue.

3. 2017 Project Solicitation and TIP Amendment #3

Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, began by reminding everyone that the TIP Solicitation ends at 6:00 PM today. After 6:00 PM, project sponsors can continue to work on applications if they choose. These additional applications will be considered a part of the next TIP solicitation, which has not started and which has no timeline for a future start date. TIP program balances for each fiscal year are included in the presentation.

Roussan Francois, Fulton County, asked whether a local jurisdiction should apply for construction funding for a later year, i.e. 2020 or 2021, if design is not yet complete. He said the county did not want to miss an opportunity for funding by not applying, but since design was not yet complete, it was difficult to know the specific construction dates. Wakhisi said that it was fine to go ahead and apply, as a deliverability review would be conducted as part of the overall project review process.

Wakhisi said that all TIP Solicitation project applications must include a locally adopted resolution committing the project sponsor to the local match. Applications for projects on state routes must include a GDOT support letter.

John Orr added that this evening ARC is switching to a new website, so there were no guarantees about accessibility to the application after 6:00 PM. Patrick Bradshaw, ARC, noted that all TIP solicitation files are housed separately from the main ARC website and should remain unaffected if there are any glitches with the new website.

Wakhisi said that TIP Amendment 3, which is primarily focused on adding the GDOT MMIP projects into ARC's RTP/TIP, was scheduled for adoption in August. Sam Baker, Gainesville Hall MPO (GHMPO), said that the GHMPO is going through a TIP amendment now. He asked if information on this amendment was needed for ARC's TIP Amendment 3. David D'Onofrio said that while ARC will need updated project information from the GHMPO TIP Amendment, this information is not needed for ARC's TIP Amendment 3.

Kristen Wescott, City of Sandy Springs, asked if specific details would be available for each project. Kofi said that project specific details would be provided online as part of the outreach process. Orr noted that many project specific details for the MMIP projects were already available on the GDOT website.

4. Atlanta Regional Truck Parking Assessment Study

Daniel Studdard, ARC, gave a brief introduction for the Atlanta Regional Truck Parking Assessment Study. Truck parking was identified as a regional issue during the freight plan update completed in 2016. This study is one of the first steps towards implementation of that plan. Studdard then introduced the consultant project manager, Steve Cote, to present the consultant team's work so far.

Steve Cote, RS&H, began by walking through the overall methodology as well as the need for this study. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has strict hours of service regulations for commercial truck drivers. They may drive a maximum of 11 hours in a 14-hour period after 10 consecutive hours off duty. This creates the regulatory need for overnight truck parking. The required implementation of Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) in December 2017 is expected to result in an increase in demand for truck parking.

Cote then presented a series of maps showing truck parking locations in the Atlanta Region. The maps showed that no public rest areas are located within the Atlanta Region, although rest areas are located along I-20 east and west of the region. Numerous private truck parking facilities are located within and on the edges of Metro Atlanta, primarily on the west and south sides of the region. A number of private truck parking facilities are also located in counties just outside the Atlanta Region. Some counties within the Atlanta Region, including counties with large populations and large amounts of freight movement, have no public or private truck parking facilities.

This study will conduct outreach by hosting ARC Freight Advisory Task Force meetings, conducting stakeholder interviews, and seeking input via multiple surveys. Caroline Evans, Blue

Cypress Consulting, then walked through the survey options. Survey input is being sought from truck drivers, shippers/receivers/private fleet operators, law enforcement, truck stop owners/operators, and planners with local jurisdictions and community improvement districts (CIDs). Input from planners as well as law enforcement is being sought to better understand how truck parking is managed at a local level and to identify where unauthorized parking is taking place. Links to the surveys will be sent via the TCC email list.

Tavores Edwards, Coweta County, said that his county has a congestion issue at a major truck stop. This is due to site design and roadway access that would not meet the County's current design standards. He added that the county needs more coordinated planning when it comes to the location of truck stops. Edwards also noted that there is a negative perception of activities taking place at and near truck stops. Therefore, more law enforcement is needed at these truck stops to monitor potential illegal activities.

Sam Baker, Gainesville-Hall (GHMPO) asked if the primary goal of the study is to develop existing conditions or to make county recommendations. Daniel Studdard, ARC, replied that corridor recommendations will be made rather than county recommendations. A corridor level analysis will be conducted that provides information on parking supply, projected demand, and the difference between these two values.

Gil Grodzinsky, EPD, asked if there will be funding provided based on the study results. Studdard replied there is federal funding available through the FASTLANE grant program. This is primarily related to potential opportunities for ITS improvements/deployment, particularly for improved communication of truck parking space availability. New truck stop parking spaces will likely be constructed and operated by the private sector. This study will seek to better understand how significant truck parking is as a regional issue, what parts of the region have the most substantial truck parking problems, and potential ways to address these issues.

5. Other

- Brian Allen, ARC, said that ARC will send out an email to all contacts within the next few weeks to get details about past and upcoming SPLOST and T-SPLOST funding activities occurring in the region.

6. Announcements

- ARC Office Move- No Committee Meetings in June

Handouts supplied at meeting:

- TCC Agenda: May 19, 2017

Handouts supplied in advance on ARC website <http://atlantaregional.org/transportation-coordinating-committee/>

- TCC Agenda: May 19, 2017
- Draft Meeting Summary: April 21, 2017
- Presentation: Air Quality Update
- Presentation: 2017 Project Solicitation and TIP Amendment #3
- Presentation: Atlanta Regional Truck Parking Assessment