

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
May 6, 2022 Meeting Summary
On-Line Meeting

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

ARC	John Orr	GRTA/SRTA	Jamie Fischer
ATL	---	Gwinnett	Jerry Oberholtzer
Atlanta	Michelle Wynn	Henry	Sam Baker
Barrow	---	MARTA	---
Cherokee	---	Newton	---
Clayton	Keith Rohling	Paulding	Ann Lippmann
Cobb	Laura Beall	Rockdale	Brian Allen
Coweta	---	Spalding	---
DeKalb	Sylvia Smith	Walton	Joe Walter
Douglas	---	MD-1	---
EPD	Gil Grodzinsky	MD-2	---
Fayette	Phil Mallon	MD-3	---
Forsyth	---	MD-4	Stanley Merantus
Fulton	---	MD-5	---
GDOT	Charles Robinson	MD-6	---

Advisors (Non-voting):

CBMPO	---
GHMPO	---
GDOT I'modal	---
EPA	---
FHWA	---
FTA	---

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John Orr, Chair

1. Welcome; March 4, 2022 Meeting Summary Review & Public Comment

John Orr, ARC, greeted the committee and welcomed them to the meeting. The March 4, 2022 meeting minutes were approved. Orr reminded attendees that all materials and presentations are posted on the ARC TCC website.

There were no public comments.

2. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #5 (First Read)

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, shared information on TIP Amendment #5. She stated that this is a financial amendment related to the Federal Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA). She provided numbers on increased federal funding sources, including Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives (TA); see presentation for specific details.

Amendment #5 will include several new programs – a new pilot program for regional bus electrification; MARTA clean bus procurement; Cobblinc ADA system improvements; MARTA Clayton Transfer Center upgrades. Other changes include: GDOT bridge upgrades; SR 6 truck-friendly lanes; and SR 92 continuous flow intersection at South Fulton Parkway.

Barrett encouraged TCC members to review the list and contact her with questions or concerns. The Amendment #5 will have a ten-day public comment period from May 5-18, 2022; a public hearing will occur on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in conjunction with the ARC TAQC meeting. Committee and board action will occur on June 3 and June 8, respectively. Amendment documentation and approval are anticipated for late June 2022.

John Orr, ARC, clarified the short time frame of Amendment #5 and the need for urgency due to the upcoming end of the Federal fiscal year. There were no questions or comments from committee members.

3. Project Solicitation Update

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, provided an update on the ongoing TIP Project Solicitation. She summarized application submittals, summarized the Key Decision Point (KDP) evaluation process, regional funding balances, and next steps.

The project solicitation spans four federal programs: STBG; CMAQ; TAP; and the new Congestion Reduction Program. Applications were accepted between October and December 2021 and includes transportation studies as well as infrastructure design and construction. See the presentation for specific details of applications received.

Barrett reviewed the KDP process, including the KDP 1 Policy Review, deliverability discussions with GDOT and the ATL Authority, and the KDP 2 Technical Review. She encouraged committee members to review the TIP Prioritization Framework (nicknamed the “TIP Cookbook”) for specifics on the KDP processes. She provided an update on regional Federal funding balances for fiscal years 2023-2028; see presentation for numbers.

She concluded with an updated schedule, including expected initial and final recommendations in June 2022 and programming recommended projects in TIP Amendment #6 in early 2023.

There were no questions from committee members or meeting attendees.

4. Upcoming ARC Consulting Planning Work Activities

Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, provided some information on upcoming requests for proposals (RFPs) in 2022, including: the Regional Freight Mobility Plan; Community Engagement Strategy & Implementation Support; Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (Phase 1); and Regional Transportation System Electrification Plan. Anticipated scope tasks, schedules, and budgets were provided in the presentation slides.

John Orr provided some specific insight into the planning processes, especially the need for revised community engagement strategies under the new IIJA rules. Mr. Wakhisi stated that most scopes (excluding the Freight Mobility Plan) are still in development and RFPs will be posted to the ARC website once they are ready.

There were no questions from committee members or meeting attendees.

5. Discussion on IIJA Major New Programs

John Orr presented a brief update on the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA). The bill covers fiscal years 2022-2026, includes \$1.2 trillion for a variety of infrastructure including transportation, and has roughly 400 programs including about half through discretionary funding. Mr. Orr provided a statement from ARC to “educate, communicate, prepare, and advise” community members about updates on the new law and opportunities.

David Haynes, ARC, summarized ARC’s new IIJA Resource Website and how that tool will provide information for local sponsors on the opportunities in the bill. Of the 412 IIJA programs, 241 may have high relevance to metropolitan Atlanta and 171 low or no relevance. Hayes provided a broad breakdown of funding sources, amounts, and the division between formula and competitive funding; see presentation for specific details. He encouraged committee members to attend the upcoming joint ARC / TAQC board meeting (May 11) for more details on the website launch.

Orr concluded with some insight into how to committee members can maximize competitive funding opportunities. While some programs maybe similar to previous discretionary funding, many will be specifically focused on ensuring equity, preventing climate change, and supporting

workforce development. He outlined upcoming funding opportunities for infrastructure, freight, and safe streets, though noted that many details are still emerging. Hayes noted that while many programs highlighted are transportation-focused, ARC is supportive of a wider range of infrastructure investments.

Tejas Kotak, ARC, provided a link to the Federal definition of “Areas of Persistent Poverty”: <https://datahub.transportation.gov/stories/s/tsyd-k6ij>

There were no questions from committee members or meeting attendees.

6. Other Items & Announcements

- John Orr, ARC, requested that TCC members contact him for feedback on TCC schedules and whether Fridays or other days work better for virtual or in-person meetings moving forward.
- Mr. Orr stated that TCC is anticipating an in-person meeting in June 2022.

7. Adjourn