

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**September 17, 2021 Meeting Notes**

**Online Meeting**

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr	<i>Forsyth</i>	John Cunard
<i>ATL</i>	---	<i>Fulton</i>	David Clark
<i>Atlanta</i>	Jason Morgan	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Aileen Daney
<i>Cherokee</i>	Jim Wilgus	<i>Gwinnett</i>	---
<i>Clayton</i>	Keith Rohling	<i>Henry</i>	Sam Baker
<i>Cobb</i>	Laura Beall	<i>MARTA</i>	---
<i>Coweta</i>	---	<i>Newton</i>	Toney Wright
<i>DeKalb</i>	Sylvia Smith	<i>Paulding</i>	---
<i>Douglas</i>	Miguel Valentin	<i>Rockdale</i>	Brian Allen
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>Spalding</i>	---
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon	<i>Walton</i>	Joe Walter
<i>MD-1</i>	---	<i>MD-4</i>	April McKnown
<i>MD-2</i>	---	<i>MD-5</i>	---
<i>MD-3</i>	---	<i>MD-6</i>	---

**Advisors (Non-voting):**

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

## **Transportation Coordinating Committee- Meeting Summary**

*John Orr, Chair*

### **1. Welcome; Acceptance of the August 6, 2021 TCC Summary**

John Orr, ARC opened meeting at 9:30 am with an introduction and requests for comments or edits to the meeting summary. Hearing none, meeting summary accepted as submitted. Mr. Orr opened the floor for public comment. No public comment.

### **2. 2020 Census Results**

Mike Carnathan, ARC, shared the results of the 2020 Census including a high-level analysis of the results and population growth over the last decade. Regional growth impacts the transportation network and drives regional travel demand. Atlanta is becoming more diverse, and the diversity is more widespread than ever before. Overall population growth, however, has slowed when compared to what we saw in the 1990s and 2000s.

The current Census shows that the 11 counties that make up ARC's region collectively grew by 16 percent, from 4.3 million people to 5 million people. The group that grew most was Non-Hispanic Other races, which went from 2.3 percent of residents (97,858 people) in 2010 to 4.6 percent (228,568 people) in 2020. The group that saw a decrease in its share of the population was Non-Hispanic White, which saw a 7.1 point decrease, from 45.6 percent (1,951,981) to 38.5 percent (1,912,447) during the past decade.

### **3. TIP Amendment #3 (ACTION ITEM)**

John Orr, ARC, reviewed the contents of Amendment 3. Due to the nature of the changes being made, Amendment 3 is a modeling and conformity amendment. There are major project additions to areas in Tucker and Henry County. There are also changes to the MMIP projects, including the west wall and along I-75 in the southern part of the region.

Conditional Approvals have been given by the ARC board and the GRTA Board on September 8. TAQC will take action on October 13. The documentation will then be sent to USDOT and USEPA for approval. ARC expects a federal response by mid-November at the latest.

John Orr called for motion to approve the TIP Amendment. Motion Brian Allen, Rockdale County, and was seconded by Miguel Valentin, Douglas County. Motion passed unanimously.

### **4. ATL Regional Transit Plan (ARTP) Update**

Aileen Daney, ATL Authority, gave an update on the ARTP planning process. The ARTP serves as the primary source of transit projects for the Regional Transportation Plan. The ARTP also serves as the source of transit projects submitted to the Governor and General Assembly for potential inclusion in the annual state bond package. This plan feeds into ARC's RTP and then into the TIP.

The ARTP kicked off in early 2021 and will finish in summer 2022. This spring the vision and goals were set and information on existing condition were collected this summer. The team is now moving forward in analyzing the current transit network and regional travel patterns. The next step will be to identify project recommendations and evaluate those projects. Public engagement is anticipated to begin in Spring 2022.

#### **5. ARC TIP Solicitation Update**

Jean Hee Barrett, ARC, gave an update on the next TIP solicitation. An announcement via email will be sent out with the date of the solicitation opening. An email has been sent out in preparation including prioritizing projects. Announced funding levels are subject to change based on federal funding reauthorization. All project sponsors must be LAP certified. More information can be found on GDOT's website. If planning on flexing any project funds to FTA, please coordinate with a direct recipient before submitting a project application. Also, ensure adequate time for any city council approvals, etc. ARC will be supplying a check list for local entities to use as a guide for preparing their applications.

Applications will not be limited by number per jurisdiction during this solicitation. It is possible a limit will be put in place for the next solicitation.

#### **6. FAST Act Transportation Reauthorization Update**

John Orr announced that there has not been much movement recently on the Federal level for reauthorization or the overall infrastructure package. If the bill is not passed by the end of the month, Congress will need to pass a continuation of the current bill for some amount of time.

#### **7. Other Items**

Miguel Valentin: Impact of telecommuting if all business could reduce traffic by 5% and how it can help during MMIP construction traffic disruption and the long term impacts on climate change. An outreach plan after would also be useful.

Roz Tucker, ARC, a TDM Plan update has just kicked off and will be studying the changes and impacts in the region.

#### **8. Announcements**

Please ensure all invoices and progress reports are complete and correct.

#### **Adjourn**