

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
August 4, 2022 Meeting Summary
In person with virtual option

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

ARC	John Orr	GRTA/SRTA	Jamie Fischer
ATL	Aileen Daney	Gwinnett	---
Atlanta	Jason Morgan	Henry	Sam Baker
Barrow	---	MARTA	---
Cherokee	---	Newton	Tony Wright
Clayton	---	Paulding	Ann Lippman
Cobb	Laura Beall	Rockdale	Brian Kelley
Coweta	---	Spalding	---
DeKalb	Patrece Keeter	Walton	Joe Walter
Douglas	Miguel Valentin	MD-1	---
EPD	Gil Grodzinsky	MD-2	---
Fayette	Phil Mallon	MD-3	---
Forsyth	Tim Allen	MD-4	---
Fulton	---	MD-5	---
GDOT	Charles Robinson	MD-6	---

Advisors (Non-voting):

CBMPO	Tom Sills
GHMPO	---
GDOT I'modal	---
EPA	---
FHWA	Ann-Marie Day
FTA	---

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John Orr, Chair

1. Welcome; Public Comment

John Orr, ARC, greeted the committee and welcomed them to the meeting. The July 22, 2022 meeting minutes were approved with one edit.

There were no public comments.

2. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Discussion on Recently Released Notices for Funding Opportunities and Rulemaking

David Haynes, ARC, provided an overview of current IIJA opportunities and technical support provided by ARC. ARC has created a resource database, which can be accessed [here](#), and acts as an electronic version of the law. It includes topics beyond transportation and allows users to filter to find relevant programs. ARC is also working with a strategic planning consultant (Deloitte) to determine the most effective ways to offer support to local governments. This work will involve identifying opportunities for collaboration across jurisdictions and the facilitation of a local government working group.

Mr. Haynes also reviewed current federal funding opportunities, which include the Bridge Investment Program, Safe Streets and Roads for All, Railroad Crossing Elimination Program, Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, and All Stations Accessibility Program. The Thriving Communities Program is another new opportunity that will provide technical assistance and capacity building resources to implement transportation projects and is scheduled to open in early fall of 2022.

Mr. Orr also provided an update on rulemaking related to greenhouse gas emissions.

3. Freight and Goods Movement Planning Update

Daniel Studdard, ARC, shared an update on ARC's freight planning efforts. Mr. Studdard discussed the effects of significant growth at the port in Savannah in metro Atlanta and some trends in development and infrastructure related to freight. ARC's current freight planning efforts include the Freight Cluster Plan Program and the Regional Freight Plan Update. The Freight Clusters are identified based on existing industrial development, and funding is provided

to these areas to plan for future development and transportation needs. The Regional Freight Plan Update is set to begin soon, and will assess freight demand and movement, interpret key trends, profile performance, and identify priority investment needs. There will be opportunities for stakeholder engagement throughout the process. Some key topics for discussion with stakeholders will center on e-commerce, design guidelines, truck parking, and transportation technology and alternative fuels.

Discussion:

- John Orr, ARC: To what degree are local jurisdictions seeing warehouse and distribution center growth?
 - o Sam Baker, Henry County: There is significant growth there, but also increased truck traffic and issues related to truck parking that need to be addressed.
 - o Brian Kelley, Rockdale County: The County is working to determine how to balance accommodating this growth and maintaining infrastructure.
 - o Miguel Valentin, Douglas County: There is demand particularly for data centers, and some developers are attempting to have residential land rezoned in order to accommodate the demand.
- Brian Kelley, Rockdale County: Is there a plan to add a fourth multimodal yard in metro Atlanta given the growth in Savannah?
 - o Daniel Studdard, ARC: There are no concrete plans for a specific location, but this may happen, particularly as the State Legislature is pushing as much freight traffic as possible to rail.
- Gil Grodzinsky, EPD, noted that addressing freight parking and alternative fuels is key for reducing emissions.
- Ann-Marie Day, FHWA, suggested bringing in someone from the FHWA Office of Safety to discuss truck parking on interstates.

4. ATL Regional Transit Plan Update

Aileen Daney, ATL, presented on the ATL Regional Transit Plan, Fast Forward, which is currently being developed, as well as the new Priority Investment List. Ms. Daney shared the planning process, which is fed by local, and operator plans that have undergone robust public engagement. These projects flow into Fast Forward and are prioritized, along with the identification of strategies to close funding gaps. This, in turn, feeds into ARC's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Daney also shared the work done as part of a Transit Network Analysis, which was used to develop a priority regional transit network. Project prioritization has been modeled after ARC's TIP Evaluation Framework to ensure consistency across agencies. Currently, the ATL is working with operators and local leaders to synthesize proposed projects and make connections across county and operator boundaries, developing financial models, and educating the public.

The Priority Investment List is a statutory requirement and allows for the opportunity for projects to be considered for inclusion in the state bond package. The list is based on the 2020 ATL Regional Transit Plan, as the current plan is not yet completed. Ms. Daney also discussed the State Match Advancing Regional Transit (SMART) Program, which helps to address the issue of matching funds for operators by providing new rideshare fee revenue. Next steps include finalizing the list, along with project fact sheets, and submitting it to the Office of Planning and Budget on September 1, 2022.

5. Other Items and Announcements

ARC is hosting the ConnectATL Summit on August 23, 2022. TCC and TAQC members are encouraged to attend.

Morgan Bray, ARC, was introduced as the new Executive Assistant for the Transportation Access & Mobility Group.

There is no update on when TIP recommendations will be released.

6. Adjourn