

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

October 7, 2022 Meeting Notes

Online Meeting

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

<i>ARC</i>	John Orr		
<i>ATL</i>	Cathy Gesick	<i>Fulton</i>	---
<i>Atlanta</i>	---	<i>GDOT</i>	Charles Robinson
<i>Barrow</i>	---	<i>GRTA/SRTA</i>	Jamie Fischer
<i>Cherokee</i>	Jim Wilgus	<i>Gwinnett</i>	---
<i>Clayton</i>	---	<i>Henry</i>	Sam Baker
<i>Cobb</i>	Laura Beall	<i>MARTA</i>	---
<i>Coweta</i>	---	<i>Newton</i>	---
<i>DeKalb</i>	---	<i>Paulding</i>	---
<i>Douglas</i>	Miguel Valentin	<i>Rockdale</i>	John Moretto
<i>EPD</i>	Gil Grodzinsky	<i>Spalding</i>	---
<i>Fayette</i>	Phil Mallon	<i>Walton</i>	---
<i>Forsyth</i>	John Cunard		
<i>MD-1</i>	---	<i>MD-4</i>	---
<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>	---

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John Orr, Chair

1. Welcome Public comment

John Orr, ARC, greeted the committee and welcomed them to the meeting. There were no public comments.

2. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) New Funding Opportunities and Regional Coordination Activities

David Haynes, ARC, briefly explained two USDOT Programs that are oriented around technology, the SMART and the ATTIMD Programs. The NOFO for the SMART Program was released for 2022 and is broken into two stages. The first stage is for planning and prototyping and second stage is for implementation. This year only planning and prototyping applications are being accepted. It is anticipated that there will be between 30 to 50 grants awarded up to 2 million dollars with no local match requirements which is a big plus. When stage two grants become open next year, applicants would have to have gone through stage one in order to apply for stage two in 2023. In the application it's important that the technology is cutting edge projects that is relatively new, has proven its value and possibly been implemented around the country before. There is up to 100 million dollars that's available this year and up to 2 million will be specifically for planning and prototyping grants. The application deadline is November 18th about six weeks from now.

Additionally, David reviewed some of the eligible activities but also mentioned that emphasis will be placed on how the proposed project is addressing safety, equity, climate change, workforce development, scalability, etc. Next steps that were discussed by the consortium are to think about what those opportunities are that could be good candidates for the applications. Ultimately, the consortium would like to figure out a collaborative approach so that we could be ready as a region to identify a specific project, get all the partnerships onboard and pull in all the applications in time for the deadline. However, a more realistic goal would be to come to a consensus on a regional SMART application for 2023. Hopefully, there will be some input and a consensus on what a 2023 application could look like. Also, if we can identify a target project that we can go after that would help inform and strengthen any locally lead application as well.

In conclusion, David presented the timeline for the consortium. The consortium met on September 30, throughout October we will figure out how to approach the SMART pilot and in November see if we can identify a project for 2023.

3. Regional Safety Strategy (RSS Plan)

Tejas Kotak, ARC, provided an overview of the RSS Plan. Tejas explained that the final report has several main components. One component is a review of the practices around the region, nation, and internationally to better understand what the best practices are for achieving safety results, what processes we need to think about and what data we really need to understand. Tejas also described some great stakeholder and public engagement. In this plan they were able to do a lot more virtual interviews, surveys, and engagement since the pandemic.

Interviews and surveys were done with elected officials and their staff, other state DOTs around the nation and citizen focus groups. Tejas presented some key takeaways from the engagement that will be folded into in the safety analysis and safety application that includes:

- Safety and mobility, how can we make them work together? or are they inheritably competing against each other?
- Equity, how do we best define and measure equity? And also, equity for who and what is the most equitable distribution?
- Education for driver safety and reaching out to individual communities on what the opportunities are and what are the best data analysis is and how to use it.
- Funding, how do we best tier our processes as a region so we can best capitalize on it?
- What should our role be at ARC? Continued guidance, data, and technical expertise?

Additionally, Tejas provided an overview of what the regional safety issues are. Data from GDOT show that death and serious injuries has risen over the years especially during the pandemic. Therefore, we are now reaffirming our vision zero goal which is something that has been incorporated in previous regional safety plans. We will also adopt a 5% reduction goal for our annual safety targets. This report will allow us to commit to this and make future discussions for safety targets much easier rather than coming to you for options we will simply go ahead and commit to it.

Tejas also presented maps that show corridors and intersections that had the highest number of risk factors for intersections, roadway departures, pedestrian, and bike riders. The maps will help us better prioritize were to invest in high impact safety intervention. These maps can also be used at the local level for planning. Local agencies can also go through the list of proven safety countermeasures and incorporate it into their product design. ARC will be looking for proven safety countermeasures and overall safe systems design when evaluating projects for TIP funding. In conclusion, Tejas recognized the consultants and ARC partners that participated in the safety plan.

4. Other Items and Announcements

- State of the Region – John announced the ARC is busy preparing to welcome our board members, partners, elected officials, civic leaders, and the business community to our signature State of the Region event. This year, the breakfast will be held **Friday, October 28** at the Georgia World Congress Center and 100% in person.
- ARC Governance Committee meeting, Wednesday, October 12, 2022, following the TAQC meeting.