

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
November 4, 2022 Meeting Summary
Harry West Conference Room

TCC Members or Alternates Present:

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

Advisors (Non-voting):

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FHWA	---
FTA	---

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Kofi Wakhisi, Chair

1. Welcome, November 4th 2022 Meeting Summary and Public Comment

Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, greeted the committee and welcomed them to the meeting.

There were no public comments.

2. Drive Electric Georgia Program Overview

Sumner Pomeroy, Clean Cities Georgia, gave an overview of Clean Cities Georgia as to its DoE funding, goals, and the overall size of the total nationwide Clean Cities network. She detailed the state of the Drive Electric Georgia program and their public outreach activities, as well as the assistance they can provide to help people and organizations adopt EVs for personal and fleet use. She continued by describing the first steps local government can take to electrify their own community, with steps including researching the current state of EV chargers in the area, public outreach and interactions with local EV Clubs, as well the possibility of hosting an EV Car Show.

She encouraged municipalities looking to electrify to consider switching their fleets to EV. She listed current funding availabilities, such as the Community Charging Grant Program, which is \$1.25B to distribute accessible EV charging infrastructure as well sources of other alternative fuel, opening on Nov. 15. 2022, as well as the EPA based Diesel Emission Reduction Grants affecting school busses. Features of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that can assist with EV programs are the Clean Vehicle Tax Credit and Commercial EV Tax Credit.

In response, Gil Grodzinsky, EPD, detailed his department's work with the Community Charging Grant Program, and queried what efforts are in the works to expand EV access in ITP South Atlanta.

3. Amendment #6 and Transportation Improvement Plan Update

Patrick Bradshaw, ARC, began by describing the motivation for updating the TIP plan, and other project updates that require the amendment process. He discussed the data from the October 2021 to December 2021 TIP Solicitation process, and the process for evaluating the submissions.

There are \$236.4M in new and additional federal funds for 90 projects that do not require modeling updates.

The projects from the TIP solicitation are two interchanges on I-575 (City of Woodstock and Cherokee County), the widening of SR-280 (South Cobb Drive, Cobb County), the Henry County Local Bus Pilot, and the widening of Lower Fayetteville Road, as well as the Poplar Road Widening (Coweta County), I-20 at Chapel Hill Interchange (Douglas County), Northpoint Parkway Complete Street (Alpharetta, Fulton County), I-985 Interchange at Thompson Mill Road (Gwinnett County), and the SR-81 Widening from Keys Ferry Road to North Bethany/South Bethany Road (Henry County).

He continued to detail the new I-85 North Interchange at North Druid Hills Road, as well as the new road diet projects, the Chamblee-Tucker Road (City of Tucker), moving from four to two lanes, as well as Donald Holloway Parkway (City of Atlanta), moving from four to three lanes.

There were no questions.

4. Public Hearing

Liz Sandford, ARC, begins the public hearing on the RTP Amendment #6. She mentions the public comment period begins today, Nov. 4th 2022, and ends Nov. 18th 2022.

There are no questions.

The public hearing is adjourned.

5. Regional Safety Strategy

Byron Rushing, ARC, begins the presentation on the final Regional Safety Strategy documents. He mentions the expansion of thought from preventing pedestrian fatalities to stopping accidents before they happen. Regan Hammond, VHB, takes over the presentation, to discuss their involvement in the program, and to thank the Board and the ARC for their insights.

Tejas Kotak, ARC, takes over the presentation. He begins by explaining how data can help explain both how the region arrived in this current state of a high rate of crashes, as well as how it can help fix it. He mentions there are 230,000+ total crashes in the Atlanta region every year, with roughly 600 deaths and 2,600 serious injuries. Tejas continues to the topic of the Vision Zero Goal, and the ARC's 5% per annum reduction goal in the number of crashes, injuries, and deaths. He states the Governor's Office of Highway Safety has identified Intersection Crashes, Roadway Departure, and crashes involving Pedestrians and Bicycles as the three most dangerous types of crashes. He identifies trends by county/distance from Atlanta, pedestrians are overrepresented in inner-County crashes, with Intersection and Roadway Departure crashes being overrepresented in the

outer counties. In decreasing order, Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, and Gwinnett are the source of the majority of crashes in the region, but he states that as the suburbs continue to sprawl away from the City of Atlanta, crashes will continue to increase in outer counties as well.

He details the risk factors associated with Intersection crashes, including speed, arterial and collector streets, as well lower intensity development. Risk factors associated with Roadway Departure are Urban Interstates and Rural arterials and major collectors, as well as those with 5,000-15,000 vehicles per day. Pedestrian risk factors are arterials, roads that are 4+ lanes, 35+ mph speed limits, and lower income neighborhoods. Bicycle risk factors are urban minor arterials and urban major collectors, 20,000+ vehicles per day for GDOT arterials, as well as the bottom 20% of median incomes, as well as those with above-average incomes.

Tejas detailed the deeper safety analysis, and future plans for the TIP to prioritize safety and eventually develop Priority Safety Corridors. He discusses the changing of process and practices to the Safe System approach, focusing on preventing death and serious injuries, reducing the overall speed of the system, designing with human mistakes in mind, sharing responsibility, and to proactively identify and address risks. He states the 2023 ARC Safety Target (MPO Only) for fatalities is 595 next year, a 5% reduction.

Jamie Fischer, GRTA, inquired as to the 2023 projection, as well as whether or not the ARC was considering using the cost-benefit analysis involved in crashes and road safety in the TIP, Tejas stated they were still working on how to best incorporate it.

Keith Rolling, Clayton County asked if the differential in speed was the main difference between major and minor crashes, Tejas responded that by and large major crashes were at higher speeds, but they were still looking at the data and had yet to analyze the 15th/85th percentile speeds, and that the major focus was designing infrastructure to encourage safer behavior.

Gil Grodzinsky, EPD, asked why Clayton County seemed to have a disproportionate number of crashes, Tejas said he did not know for sure, but suspected it was related to the high freight traffic rate, Keith Rolling, Clayton County suggested that it might be related to population density.

Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, reminded the TCC that this topic would return at the December Meeting for Adoption, and closed the topic.

6. Draft 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Kofi Wakhisi, ARC, began the topic of the draft UPWP. He gave the TCC an update as to what will be included in the plan, with the Carbon Reduction Plan being removed from 2023 plans.

Kofi ended the presentation, and stated that John Orr, ARC, was available for questions.

7. Announcements

John Robinson, GDOT, introduces Kimberly Grayson, as the new ARC Planner with GDOT.

Kofi Wakhisi asks for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.