

# **ARC COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOW-UP**

## **REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE**

**March 9, 2017 Meeting Notes**

### **Voting Members Present:**

Mr. Kerry Armstrong, Interim Chair  
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens

### **Voting Members Absent:**

CEO Michael Thurmond  
Commissioner Charlotte Nash  
Mr. Fred Daniels  
Commissioner John Eaves  
Mr. Sonny Deriso  
Commissioner Mike Boyce  
Commissioner Romona Jackson Jones  
Commissioner Dave Carmichael  
Mayor Kasim Reed

### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

Mr. Doug Hooker  
Mr. Donald Hawbaker  
Ms. Carol Comer  
Commissioner June Wood  
Mayor Jere Wood  
Mayor Clark Boddie

### **Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Mr. Keith Parker  
Mr. Mark Burkhalter  
Commissioner Pat Graham  
Commissioner Jeff Turner  
Commissioner Eric Maxwell  
Mr. Christopher Tomlinson  
Commissioner Todd Levent  
Commissioner Keith Ellis  
Commissioner Kevin Little  
Commissioner Al Smith  
Commissioner Oz Nesbitt

**The committee did not have a quorum, but the meeting was held for informational purposes.**

## **1. Welcome, Chair's comments, Approval of meeting summary, Public comment period**

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order. There was no public comment. Approval for the meeting minutes from the previous RTC meeting held on November 10, 2016 were deferred until there was a quorum.

## **2. Regional Bus Stop Signage Project Update**

Ms. Lori Sand, ARC, presented on the status of the Regional Bus Stop Signage Project. The project, which began in 2013, aims to promote a universal bus stop signage system throughout the region (including service provided by MARTA, Gwinnett County Transit, Cobb Linc, GRTA, and the Atlanta Streetcar). There will ultimately be approximately 80 common signs in Downtown and Midtown, and approximately 10,000 regionally as the new schema will replace all MARTA and Cobb signs. The project kicked off with an extensive stop inventory and an experience audit. After auditing the stops, the signs were designed. Each stop has a lower panel for provider information and a top panel showing route-specific information; the signs are user-friendly for a broad population (including braille, QR codes etc.). The signs are very flexible and can reflect multiple routes and/or identifying placemaking features (i.e. neighborhood banners). They are also able to attach to existing poles.

To fund this project, ARC applied for GO! Transit Capital Program Funding. Beyond that, the cost will be shared between 5307 Urbanized Flex, MARTA, Cobb, GRTA and Gwinnett. The project is moving towards implementation. ARC is currently facilitating project team meetings, and the inventories are being finalized. After MARTA identifies fabrication cost estimates and develops specs for the RFP, ARC will manage the sign procurement process and sign Intergovernmental Government Agreements with the participating partners.

As this is the first-time ARC has worked through a project of this type and scale, the timeline is still in flux. The process is still in development, but it will guide future operational implementation coordination on a regional scale.

## **3. Transit Asset Management**

In July 2016, FTA published a Final Rule for Transit Asset Management (TAM) requiring FTA grantees to define "state of good repair" (SGR), develop TAM plans, establish performance targets, and report to the National Transit Database. All TAM plans (Tier 1 and Tier 2 operators) should include: an inventory and condition assessment of assets, a description of decision-support tools, and a project-based prioritization of investments. All TAM plans for Tier 1 should also include: a TAM and SGR policy, an implementation strategy, a description of key TAM activities, a summary of resources. Tier 1 systems are also required to monitor, evaluate, and update the TAM plan.

The Final Rule required transit providers to set initial targets by January 1, 2017. Within four months of the end of FY 2018, providers must report on condition assessment, asset inventory, and annual performance targets in NTD. They must also submit a narrative report. A complete TAM is required by October 1, 2018.

To assist providers in meeting the regulations, ARC confirmed that initial targets were set by Tier 2 providers and ensured that all providers were either in a group plan or had chosen to do their own. ARC is developing a group plan for four providers (CPACS, Douglas, Henry, and Gwinnett).

ARC is also developing a regional asset database as part of the Transit Vision Update. The database will assess the Region's State of Good Repair by rolling agency level data up to the regional level. The database will help to compare targets regionally and nationally and will be the key to understanding mid to long range capital planning and budgeting. The asset inventory will have a dashboard and will integrate with FTA Term (the federal database). This will enable the region to analyze capital replacement needs and to plan for upcoming SGR expenditures.

#### **4. Updates & Meeting Wrap-Up**

##### **a. Regional Transit Vision**

ARC is in the process of updating the regional transit vision. A stakeholder meeting will be held in late March. The consultant team is currently developing a project list for evaluation and compiling and evaluating information on technology tools that may be useful at local and regional level.

##### **b. Fulton County Transit Master Plan**

ARC will be managing the Fulton County Transit Master Plan at the request of the Fulton County mayors. It will be brought before RTC for informational purposes only.

#### **Handouts supplied in advance on the ARC website: ([www.atlantaregional.com/rtc](http://www.atlantaregional.com/rtc))**

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