JOINT MEETING OF THE ARC POLICY COMMITTEES
CRC - COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE,
RTC - REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE,
TAQC - TRANSPORTATION & AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE
SRC - STRATEGIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND
AHRC – AGING & HEALTH RESOURCES COMMITTEE
September 10, 2015 - Meeting Notes

Committee Members Present:
Mr. Kerry Armstrong, RTC & TAQC
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens, RTC & TAQC
Commissioner Tim Lee, RTC & TAQC
Commissioner Tom Worthan, RTC, TAQC, & AHRC
Commissioner Charles Oddo, RTC, TAQC, & CRC
Commissioner John Eaves, RTC & TAQC
Commissioner Richard Oden, RTC, TAQC, & CRC
Mr. Fred Daniels, RTC & TAQC
Ms. Martha Martin, TAQC
Mr. Rich McDonald, TAQC
Mayor Eric Clarkson, TAQC
Mayor Mark Mathews, RTC, TAQC, & CRC
Mayor Harvey Persons, TAQC

Ms. Liane Levetan, TAQC & AHRC
Mayor Clark Boddie, RTC, TAQC & AHRC
Mr. Doug Hooker, RTC
Mr. Sonny Deriso, RTC
Mr. Dan Post, CRC
Mr. Kip Berry, CRC
Mr. Dennis Burnette, CRC
Mr. Mickey McGuire, CRC
Ms. Allie Kelly, CRC
Mr. Wade Lnenicka, CRC
Ms. Julie Arnold, SRC
Mayor Eric Dial, SRC
Mr. Bob Reeves, SRC and AHRC
Ms. Clair Muller, SRC
Mayor Willie Oswalt, AHRC
Ms. Lois Ricci, AHRC

This Joint Meeting of multiple ARC committees was not a formal ARC Committee meeting; no actions were taken.

1. Welcome and Chair’s Comments – Kerry Armstrong, ARC Chairman, welcomed attendees. There were no requests for public comment.

2. Overview of The Region's Plan
Jane Hayse, ARC, provided an overview of development of The Region’s Plan, targeted for ARC adoption in February 2016. ARC is nearing the completion of the plan using the recently adopted Policy Framework. During the coming months, the focus will be on identification of implementation actions to meet the Goals and Objectives identified in the Policy Framework.

Tim Lee initiated a discussion on the use of the word “metro” in the plan’s title, “The Region’s Plan – Leading Metro Atlanta into the Future.” After much discussion, it was the consensus of the attendees that the title should be changed to “The Atlanta Region’s Plan – Leading Metro Atlanta into the Future.”

Doug Hooker noted that considerable thought had gone into the naming of the plan to lessen the chance for misconception (i.e., no use of Atlanta Regional in the title), as ARC is steward of the Region’s Plan, not the owner.

3. Results of Population and Employment 2040 Forecasts

Mike Alexander, ARC, presented data on future growth forecasts and how our region is expected to grow.

4. Relation of Forecast to the Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM)

Dan Reuter, ARC, provided an overview of the UGPM, noting that ARC must follow the DCA Regional Planning Rules in developing The Region’s Plan. The UGPM was produced during PLAN 2040 development and must now be updated to reflect new issues and conditions.

5. Relation of Forecast to Transportation Investments

John Orr provided an overview of recommendations to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as it relates to transportation investment in the region; particularly updates to the region’s managed lane and transit visions.

Much discussion was generated regarding what was perceived as a disparity in projects on the I-85 south corridor on the fiscal constrained Managed Lane Program illustration. In response to a question from John Eaves, Orr stated that the managed lanes projects were identified by GDOT following two intensive studies and were identified based on congestion levels in the corridor.

For the fiscal constrained Transit Expansion Program, Fred Daniels questioned why the MARTA decisions on the I-20 E corridor are not reflected on the illustration (i.e., MARTA adopted a preferred project terminating at Stonecrest, but the illustration shows the project terminating at Wesley Chapel). Liane Levetan suggested that in this case, this information should be noted in the illustration (i.e., MARTA selected project terminates at Stonecrest, however, due to fiscal considerations, the project is included terminating at Wesley Chapel pending the identification of additional revenue). Orr added that ARC will continue to work closely with MARTA staff and FTA to assure that this inconsistency with MARTA’s selection does not slow MARTA’s environmental work on the corridor.

6. The Region’s Plan Implementation/2016 Work Program
Jane Hayse wrapped up the presentations by identifying 2016 work activities that will support development and implementation of The Region’s Plan.

7. Discussion

8. Announcements

Doug Hooker made the following announcements:

- No ARC Board meeting in September due to Yom Kippur.
- Millennial Mixer on 9/14/15, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Citizen Member Election – nominations and elections will be in October.