

**Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority**

**Regional Transit Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**September 1, 2022**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charlie Sutlive, Chair  
Earl Ehrhart – virtual  
Felicia Franklin  
Andy Macke  
Russell McMurry  
Howard Mosby  
Charlotte Nash – virtual  
Marci Collier Overstreet  
Robb Pitts  
Teddy Russell – virtual  
Todd Ver Steeg  
Chuck Warbington  
Tom Weyandt  
Paul Radford

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Sutlive, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. A quorum was confirmed for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2022 meeting. Mr. Mosby made the motion, and Ms. Overstreet seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve today's agenda. Ms. Franklin made the motion, and Mr. Mosby seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

**TAQC UPDATE**

Paul Radford gave the TAQC Report and discussed the following:

- The TAQC met twice since the last meeting of our committee. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the TAQC and the ARC met jointly to discuss the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, or IJA, and ARC's approach to informing members about opportunities provided by the act.

- Three key policy focus areas in IJJA will be – Equity; Climate; and Workforce Development. The bill contains over 240 programs relevant to the ARC region, mostly in the area of transportation but also additional programs in other areas of infrastructure.
- At the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TAQC, the committee approved TIP Amendment # 5, which supplements the region’s short-range transportation plan for fiscal years 2020-2025.
- The projects being funded with \$45 million in newly available federal funds include: a new pilot program funding regional electric buses and EV charging stations; accessibility improvements throughout the CobbLinc system; upgrades to Clayton County’s main transit center; improvement of truck lanes in the SR 6 logistics corridor in Cobb and Douglas counties; and safety improvements at a busy intersection in the City of South Fulton.
- ARC also held in collaboration with GDOT an event called Connect ATL on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, which included a panel on IJJA and its impacts to the region featuring Interim Director Aquino and Commissioner McMurry. FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez spoke to the attendees and mentioned recent accomplishments of the ATL and the region in her remarks, and Senator Jon Ossoff also provided remarks at the event.

#### **PRIORITY INVESTMENT LIST UPDATE**

Aileen Daney provided the committee with an update on the Priority Investment List. The next steps include board action on Priority Investment List during the Board Meeting today, submit approved PIL to Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) and the General Assembly today, finalize PIL packet by October 6<sup>th</sup> and share recommendations for specific project funding at later dates.

#### **FTA CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY: PURPOSE AND GOALS**

December Weir gave the board an overview of a Climate Action Strategy. A climate action strategy outlines methods for meeting a 50% reduction in U.S. GHG emissions goal by 2030 as established by the FTA. It creates savings in several ways by offsetting local dollars by federal dollars, energy consumption costs and allows access to carbon markets.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

**APPROVED:**



Charlie Sutlive, Committee Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Merry Mandus, Chief Legal Counsel

**ATTEST:**



Monica Rossell, Board Liaison

**DATE MINUTES APPROVED:**

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