

**Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority  
245 Peachtree Center Ave., Suite 2300  
Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Regional Transit Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 5, 2023**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charlie Sutlive, Chair  
Dan Buyers  
Earl Ehrhart  
Felicia Franklin  
Andy Macke  
Russell McMurry  
Howard Mosby  
Marci Collier Overstreet  
Robb Pitts  
Teddy Russell  
Michael Thurmond  
Tom Weyandt  
Paul Radford - virtual

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Sutlive, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. A quorum was confirmed for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Sutlive called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2022 meeting. Ms. Nash made the motion, and Mr. Buyers seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

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

**TAQC UPDATE**

Paul Radford gave the TAQC Report and discussed the following:

- At the December 14 meeting, which was a joint meeting of the TAQC and ARC Board, the TAQC adopted amendment #6 to the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), which was also approved by the ARC Board. This amendment adds several interchange improvements, road widenings, streetscape enhancements, and MMIP program changes to the TIP.
- The TAQC also adopted the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.
- The ARC Board at the same meeting adopted a new vision, mission, and values for the agency. The new vision is “One Great Region,” while the mission is now to “Foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning, and investments.” ARC’s new Values are Integrity, Excellence, and Equity.

### **AIR QUALITY UPDATE**

Abby Marinelli provided the committee with an overview on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, pollutants of concern and emissions reduction targets. The standards are required by the Clean Air Act and are set by the EPA and reviewed every 5 years. The six criteria pollutants are Ground-level Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), Particle Pollution (PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>), Lead (Pb), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). Georgia met 2-year and 4-year emissions reduction targets due to Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funded transportation projects.

### **PRIORITY INVESTMENT LIST MARTA’s PROJECT PRESENTATION**

Carrie Rocha gave the Board an overview of MARTA’s 6 projects:

1. Five Points Station Rehabilitation
  - Refresh the aesthetics of the station with new materials, and easier to maintain design and a new look. This initiative focuses on the station’s interior.
2. Airport Station Rehabilitation
  - Improve aesthetics with new, more durable materials that will help make the station easier to maintain. Improvements will include new flooring, new wall cladding, ceilings, lighting, a new platform canopy, a new Ride store and more.
3. Canine Facility
  - Supports MARTA’s Police Force. The new infrastructure will be modernized for technology/safety and expanded for growth.
4. SMART Restrooms
  - Provides an opportunity to improve security and functionality throughout the various stations while renewing the restrooms. The project will consist of the demolition of existing restrooms, and buildout of a new SMART restroom with technological advantages such as controlled entry, exterior motion sensing, metered bathroom supplies and regulated water dispensing.
5. Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit

- The route will run 5 miles roundtrip with 14 stops, will utilize electric buses and will operate 85% of its length in dedicated lanes.
- 6. Fleet Upgrades and Replacements: Rail Cars
  - This project will allow for the purchase of new CQ400 rail cars to fully replace the existing rail car fleet. These technologically advanced cars will provide a brand-new and enhanced passenger experience for generations of customers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.


**APPROVED:**

  
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Charlie Sutlive, Committee Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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Monica Rossell, Board Liaison

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Merryl Mandus, Chief Legal Counsel

**DATE MINUTES APPROVED:**

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