

Transportation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
6:00 PM

Call to Order

The Peachtree City Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the Community Room at City Hall. Chairman Paul Schultz called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Other members present were Vice Chair Keith Larson, Amanda Toronto, Alan Reeves, Brian Bartal, and Blake Hayes, along with ex-officio member Public Works Director Jonathan Miller. Patrick James was absent. Assistant Public Works Director DeMarcus Hunter also attended.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

A. April 8, 2025 Minutes

Larson moved to approve the April 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Local and Regional Transportation Project Status Review

A. City Paths, Bridges and Tunnels Planning and Construction

Larson said he had put all of these topics on the agenda because a citizen had complained to Council about incompleteness in the UDO agenda. Council had requested that all groups be more thorough in their documentation.

Larson said it would be good if TAG was aware of what Public Works was planning so they could add a citizen viewpoint before the plans were finalized.

B. SR 54/74 Continuous Flow Intersection

Everyone wanted to know when SR 54/74 work would be done, but that information was not presented on the City or Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) website. He suggested the City include more information on its website. Schultz said there should be a listing of milestones that could be published. The information had to come from GDOT, Miller stated, but it was hard to stick to specific dates. Larson said he just wanted citizens to have a way to be informed.

C. Redwine Road Path Tunnel Construction

The road would be blocked once school was out so they could dig the trench and drop the box for the tunnel. The County would soon be publishing a detour plan for when Redwine was closed to the south of Robinson.

D. Fayette County Safe Streets and Roads For all (SS4A) 2025 Safety Action Plan

The safety action plan steering group met the previous week, and the plan would be presented to an upcoming Council meeting. The County would be sending a

Federal grant request to include all cities, as well.

E. Fayette County Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2025 Update - Timeline

The County Comprehensive Plan was being updated, and the City had to submit the path master plan and the comprehensive plan. This was being done.

F. Atlanta Regional Commission Regional Trail Plan 2025 Update - Southern Crescent Focus

Schultz said this was an opportunity to add trails to connect to other communities. Larson said there was already one trail planned through Fayette County that ran from Fayetteville to Coweta County. The elected officials wanted it to be complete within the next five years, and money could be available in 2027. The ARC roundtable on trails would be held at Trilith in September.

Old Agenda Items

A. Multi-Use Path System Master Plan Update Recommendations - Final Review

Larson moved to amend the agenda to move Item 5, Old Agenda items, ahead of Item 4. Hayes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Schultz said Miller had changed the Master Plan based on suggestions from City Manager Justin Strickland and had done some quality control checking before sending drafts out to the committee members for a final review. Miller said he did not get any further comments from committee members. Bartal asked if the bridge placement over SR 54 was accurate, and Miller replied it was just a general idea of where it would be.

Larson had updated the spreadsheet to match Strickland's input. He said Public Works could bring the big map to the Council meeting presentation, and Council would also have the spreadsheet. Larson said he hoped they could explain to Council their process in developing the Master Plan.

There being no further comments, Hayes moved to approve the Multi-Use Path Plan as recommended and send it on to Council. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Review of the Master Path Plan presentation to the City Council Workshop

Schultz asked how they would be presenting this to Council, commenting that the map would be difficult to read. Miller said he could break it into quadrants for projection. A list might be easier to present, and someone could zoom in on the computer if there was a map area they needed to view.

Schultz said he would like for TAG members to attend the Council meeting, if possible. Miller said he would notify them when this was placed on an agenda and also ask Strickland what kind of presentation he wanted. He envisioned Council getting the plan at a work session, reviewing it and perhaps coming back for changes or questions at the regular evening meeting. However, they could vote in

a work session if they wanted.

Larson said he had created a draft presentation regarding their ranking methodology that he thought should be presented to Council with the plan. Bartal suggested he simplify it, and Hayes suggested some slides could be used as background. Schultz asked them to look it over and get any changes to Larson by Thursday. Miller said he would ask that they present at an evening Council meeting.

C. City Ordinances Update #1 - Review of Golf Cart Registration presentation to City Council Workshop

Schultz said the one question they were trying to answer was "will there be tags on the back of the carts?" Once that was answered, they could move on to how that would be implemented, keeping in mind that the next cycle of issuing decals would begin in January.

Reeves said he would like to see stickers issued for both the front and back. The City already issued two stickers for each side of the cart, so this would not cost any more. Larson said he understood from the discussion at the most recent TAG meeting that they wanted to reduce it to one decal or tag on the rear of the cart. Bartal pointed out that citizens would have to incur an additional expense to affix a plate to the rear. Affixing them to the front of the cart could be problematic on some carts, too. Larson presented information about the requirements in different cities and states.

Council would have to decide if the additional cost to the cart owners would balance out the safety issue of having registrations more visible on the carts, Miller stated. Schultz said he felt them passing on a recommendation would help Council make that decision.

Reeves suggested they request data from the Police. Larson said they needed to show that they were not chasing an issue that did not exist; they needed crash data. Reeves said citizen complaints about speeders would probably outnumber crashes. Could the City post a survey about tag placement? Reeves asked. Miller said there were many angles they could use to sell this, other than just people fleeing from crashes.

Schultz suggested they table this topic until the next meeting. Reeves said he could get data from the Police Department. Larson reminded them of the deadline, but Miller said the deadline was not that important; the main thing was to get the topic in front of Council.

D. City Ordinances Update #2 - UDO Steering Committee response to transportation "Quick Wins" for street standards, bicycle and cart/Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) parking, cart/PVT charging stations, and ADA accessibility.

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Steering Committee had included Larson's memo on this topic in their working folder. He added that the Recreation Department was moving forward in splash pad design, and if TAG developed a recommendation on the size of cart parking, they should share it with Recreation. Larson suggested they measure and look around to determine the standard width and length for a cart space, then wrap it with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements to get the size of an ADA compliant space.

Bartal suggested this be tabled until they had finished with the master plan and the location of the golf cart stickers. He did not want them to keep adding things before they had finished others. Schultz agreed with the tabling of the cart space requirements.

Hayes moved to table Old Agenda item 5C until the first meeting in May and item 5D until the second meeting in May. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Agenda Items

None

Upcoming TAG meetings date and time

The next TAG meeting would be Tuesday May 13, and they would discuss then if they should hold the May 27 meeting since it would be the day after Memorial Day.

Adjourn

Reeves moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary


Paul Schultz, Chairman