

Transportation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Abbreviated Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
6:00 PM

Call to Order

The Peachtree City Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 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, Patrick James, Alan Reeves, Brian Bartal, and Blake Hayes, along with ex-officio member Public Works Director Jonathan Miller. Amanda Toronto was absent. Assistant Public Works Director DeMarcus Hunter also attended.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

A. April 22, 2025, Tag Minutes

Larson moved to approve the April 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Local and Regional Transportation Project Status Review

A. Multi Use Bridge B18/Cedar Croft Path Fencing Replacement

Larson said he had sent them all information on the replacement of the fence along the SR 74 path bridge, which Council would take up at its next meeting.

B. Huddleston Road Path & Sewer

Larson also sent out information on the Huddleston Road project, which Miller said was in the request for proposal (RFP) stage. Details wouldn't be known until a firm had been selected. TAG could review the project once conceptals had been submitted, he stated.

Miller found it challenging to submit items to TAG for review before the meetings where Council addressed them, and asked if they wanted to move the meetings to the same week as Council. Larson recommended they keep the schedule they had decided on for at least the next six months, and the other members agreed with that. They decided to keep to the schedule in the summer, too, but cancel meetings if necessary.

C. 2025 Street Paving Bid Award

Schultz asked if TAG should review the paving plan before it came to Council. Miller acknowledged that was in the ordinance, and it could come to TAG for a preliminary review before going to Council in the future. Meeting scheduling this year meant there had been no time for that this year.

Miller explained the process of how the paving list was devised, using road condition ratings provided by a third party. The concept was to catch roads before

they dropped into a condition where rehab was more costly. Most of the roads on the paving list would be these less costly jobs, with a few really bad roads included if there was funding remaining. He said the pavement condition index (PCI) had improved from 65 to 87 since they had been using this evaluation system. Miller said he had a presentation explaining this that he had made to Council, and the TAG members asked him if he would present it at their next meeting.

Later in the meeting, Miller said Atlanta Paving and Concrete was once again the low bidder. He noted that all paving funds came from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

He showed the paving map and explained the different categories of paving, such as full-depth reclamation and full-width mill. The type used depended on the road's condition. He again stressed that it was not "worst first" and said they tried to pave streets in the same general area.

Larson said citizens would like to see a long-range forecast, but Miller remarked it was difficult to make a priority list more than a year out. He was hesitant about setting expectations because of factors beyond his control. Larson said a list would show people that their neighborhoods were not forgotten. Hayes suggested the City do a better job at publicizing the process, maybe through The Slice newsletter, the Public Works website, or the weekly Mondays with the Mayor program on YouTube.

Schultz requested they think about this outreach as homework for the next meeting. Hayes volunteered to produce a memo with his ideas to share with the group.

D. Fayette County Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) 2025 Action Plan and Implementation Award Application

Larson said Council heard a presentation on the Fayette County Safe Streets for All 2025 action plan, highlighting safety issues along the roads and paths. Council was asked to accept the recommendations of the plan, then participate in the implementation award application to help fund the proposed bridge over SR 54 on the east side. Peachtree City would have to provide a 20% match, which it would take from the SPLOST money already earmarked for this. Another project would be an automated signal at Kelly Drive. Larson proposed they make a recommendation to the City Manager that these actions be pursued.

Larson moved to recommend that Council proceed with pursuing the grants to construct a multi-use bridge across SR 54 and install crossing alerts at Kelly Drive and MacDuff. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously. This recommendation from TAG would be forwarded to the City Manager.

Old Agenda Items

A. Multi-Use Path System Master Plan Council Review

This was on the agenda at Council's May 15 meeting. Miller said he would introduce the topic, then members could tag team the presentation to Council. They discussed who would review which sections at the meeting.

B. City Ordinance Update #1 - Golf Cart Registration Location Discussion

Homework for this meeting had been to consider if decals should be only on the back of a golf cart or on both the front and back. The members agreed that both front and back would be best and wouldn't incur any additional cost since two decals currently were required for each side. They discussed issues such as placement on windscreens, the lack of tag brackets on many carts, and obstruction from rain covers.

Schultz noted that they didn't have to answer all the questions. They could put together a loose concept for required front and back decals and ask City staff to work out the details. They decided to work on a presentation at their May 27 meeting and present it to Council at its June 5 workshop. It would then be up to Council to decide if they wanted to follow through with a change in the ordinance.

New Agenda Items

A. Golf Cart Parking Space Size, ADA-Compliant Cart Parking Space Size, and Ratio of Cart Parking to Vehicle Parking Spaces and Who Should Perform This Work

They had previously discussed making a recommendation to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Committee that there be a requirement for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant golf cart parking. The UDO Committee wanted to include language that would require golf cart parking at all new developments, Larson said, but there were no ADA standards for golf cart parking. Miller suggested they should decide on an acceptable size, keeping the five-foot stripe-out required for other ADA parking. They went on to talk about other parking requirements, such as the minimum number of spaces and allowing trade-offs for golf cart spaces.

Their homework, Schultz said, would be to decide what they would recommend as a suitable size for ADA golf cart spaces. Larson had some information he offered to share.

B. Placing TAG Ordinance Items Into An Annual Calendar For Review

Schultz suggested Miller create a calendar of recurring items such as reviewing the paving plan and the path master plan, and Miller agreed.

C. Solicitation and Receipt of Gifts, Bequests and Donations Process Review

Larson said this was mentioned in the ordinance creating TAG. Many times,

community groups made donations to the City, such as the Rotary Club's directional signs on paths. Some of these items were at the replacement point. TAG members might know of something that needed to be done, and Larson offered to take that information back to these organizations. Council would then have to accept the gift. Miller said he believed the City Manager had mentioned TAG could look into new village signs, and he would ask him about it.

Upcoming TAG Meetings Date and Time

A. May 27, 2025

The next TAG meeting would be May 27.

B. June 10, 2025

They discussed meetings in the summer and decided to keep with the schedule and hold the first meeting in June on June 10.

Adjourn

Thirty new bicycle parking racks had been ordered, and Larson said TAG had been asked to make recommendations of where to put them. Schultz said that could be on their May 27 agenda. Larson then noted that May was National Bike Month and handed out the City's brochure about the rules of the path, noting that it incorrectly said all e-bikes were allowed, when Class 3 bikes were not. There might be other things they should correct. He also shared printed information on how to pass a bicycle on a street or path.

There being no further business, Larson moved to adjourn at 8 p.m. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary


Paul Schultz, Chairman