

Transportation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
6:00 PM

Call to Order

The Peachtree City Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 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, and Blake Hayes, along with ex-officio member Public Works Director Jonathan Miller. Amanda Toronto attended virtually. Alan Reeves and Brian Bartal were absent. Assistant Public Works Director DeMarcus Hunter, Assistant City Manager Chris Hobby and two citizens were also present.

Schultz explained that he had to leave the meeting after about 30 minutes. There would then be no quorum present, and the meeting would be adjourned.

Because of that, Larson made a motion to move to the beginning of the New Agenda section items 6A #3, Control Motorized Cart Access to Spyglass Island, and 6B #5 and #6, Improvements to Navigate PTC App and Highway Signs Alerting PTV Use on City Streets. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

A. June 10, 2025 Minutes

Larson moved to approve the June 10, 2025, meeting minutes. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Updates from Local Municipalities

PeopleForBikes.org

Larson announced that PeopleForBikes.org had released its city bike ratings, which were based on the quality of the bike network. Peachtree City was listed as a city on the rise for the second consecutive year and was ranked 228th in the United States, 16th in the South, and second in Georgia.

Bike Repair Stand Donation

At the last TAG meeting, Larson presented a proposal for Southside Cycling Club to donate a bike repair stand to the City. If TAG voted to move ahead, he would forward this proposal to the City Manager to be placed on the next Council meeting agenda. Larson said the club's board had approved the donation. Miller confirmed that the City Manager would decide where the stand would be located.

Hayes moved that TAG recommend to City Council that they accept this donation as presented in the agenda. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

A. Bike Rack locations recommendations for 2026

New Agenda Items

A. Measures to mitigate safety concerns throughout the multi-use path system

1. City Ordinances - Electric Devices Updates

Schultz said he was fine on time, so they moved back to discuss how the City could keep pace with the new types of motorized vehicles and give Code Enforcement and the Police the tools they needed to cite people with vehicles that were not legal on the paths. Larson said E-bikes that were capable of speeds more than 20 mph were not legal on the paths, on nature trails, or on the streets unless they were licensed as motorcycles.

He presented a summary of the types of vehicles missing from the City ordinance. Overall, Larson stated, the ordinance needed updating and that could serve as a springboard to public education about what was permitted. He asked the other members to think about what was needed in an ordinance update and send their ideas on to him.

Toronto said she wanted to get the message out to the public before they purchased these vehicles to let them know they were not legal on the paths. Larson said that was one of his recommendations.

Hayes pointed out that there were no speed limits on the paths; State law did not allow it. The City controlled speed by defining what vehicles could access the paths. Some people were misled by the dealers when they bought their vehicles, and Hayes suggested putting a statement on the registration forms that said the owner understood that their vehicle could not go more than 20 mph.

Schultz said it seemed there were a couple of things going on here. They were looking at ordinance changes, along with education and outreach, plus enforcement. He thought Larson had done a great job listing all the banned vehicles but noted there would be more types in the future. The ordinance already stated that if a vehicle went more than 19 mph, it was illegal. James, too, said parents needed to be made aware of what was legal on the streets and paths.

The first thing was to define what was legal and that would give them the means for a public education campaign. That could lead into Hayes' idea of cleaning up the path rules brochure.

Schultz recommended they continue this discussion at the next meeting.

2. City Ordinances - Penalties for Violation Updates

3. Control Motorized Cart Access to Spyglass Island

There was a memorandum describing this situation in the agenda packet. Larson related that Spyglass Island Park was created as a project of the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), and the scope of the project said carts would not be allowed on the island. However, a gate was never installed, and carts were accessing the island and destroying the surface. The Recreation Master Plan cited this as a problem that needed rectifying. Larson said the City would still be able to open the gate under special circumstances, such as to provide parking for the July 4th fireworks show.

Hayes moved that TAG recommend to the City Manager that Public Works install a locked gate and barrier to block motorized cart access to Spyglass Island except for approved special events. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Cart and eBike Path Safety Checks

B. Promotional and Educational Strategies for Transportation Awareness and Safety

1. Improvement to City brochure about the multi-use path system

2. Helmet usage promotion for children and adults on bicycles, scooters, etc.

3. City Ordinances governing required youth training

4. Public Outreach on Path Safety

5. Improvements to Navigate PTC App

The Navigate PTC App, which offered directional guidance and other assistance for the path network, needed some tweaks to improve functionality. Larson said one upgrade would be to move the buttons that offered help on reporting problems or referencing path rules, for instance, so that users did not have to scroll through the app screen. Also, the shopping link button did not provide directions to cart and bike rental shops, making it difficult for visitors to return their rentals. Links to cart towing and repair shops could also be added. Larson said he had talked about this with the Visit PTC Director, and he concurred.

Hayes moved that TAG recommend that the City Manager consider making the

changes to the Navigate PTC App based on the presentation in the agenda packet. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Highway Signs Alerting PTV Use on City Streets

Larson said TAG should consider a recommendation that Public Works install the Personal Transport Vehicle (PTV) traffic warning signs required by Georgia Code on SR 54 and SR 74 entries into the City. He also suggested signs be added at significant local roads entering the City. This was especially needed to alert visiting motorists about the presence of carts crossing the roads.

Larson showed an example of the type of sign required but said Public Works could figure out a design as long as it met State standards. Hayes said that would be fine, legally. He noted that the law required signs only on State highways, but Larson had proposed them for other roads. He said he thought that should be a separate motion because those were not required by law.

Schultz said he was in favor of these signs because visitors were often confused when encountering carts on the road. Toronto agreed.

Hayes moved that TAG recommend to the City Manager that Peachtree City Public Works design and install the PTV traffic warning signs required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 40-6-331 on the State Highway system at every point where it intersected the City limits. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hayes moved that TAG recommend to the City Manager that Public Works install warning signs mentioned in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 40-6-331 on the following roads: Ebenezer Road, Peachtree Parkway, Redwine Road, Robinson Road, Rockaway Road, Senoia Road and Spear Road at the points where they intersected the City limits. Larson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming TAG meeting dates and times

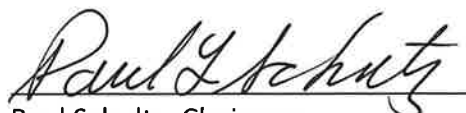
A. July 8, 2025

B. July 22, 2025

Adjourn

Larson moved to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Hayes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary



Paul Schultz, Chairman