

Transportation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
6:00 PM

Call to Order

The Peachtree City Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 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, Alan Reeves, Blake Hayes, Patrick James, Amanda Toronto, and Brian Bartal, along with ex-officio member Public Works Director Jonathan Miller. Public Works Department summer intern Lauren Baxley also attended.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

A. June 24, 2025 Minutes

Larson moved to approve the June 24, 2025, meeting minutes. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Local and Regional Transportation Project Status Review

Larson stated he had attended the Fayette County Transportation Committee meeting that afternoon and learned that grant applications for several projects had been submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Peachtree City was seeking funding for a bridge over SR 54 to connect the Booth Middle School and McIntosh High areas. The City also was asking for money for signals along Kelly Drive and North Peachtree Parkway, while the County had applied for a grant for traffic alert signals in all school zones.

Larson said Peachtree City Councilman Clinton Holland also related that an agreement had been reached between several Fayette cities, Fayette County, and Coweta County for a SR 54 corridor study.

Larson said he told the committee about the People4Bikes safety ratings that had just come out in which Peachtree City received special recognition as a city on the move. Fayette County Public Works gave an update on the Redwine/Robinson tunnel project at the meeting.

Larson also said the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) staff who did the bicycle/pedestrian planning were interested in coming to Peachtree City for a path tour, and he was in the process of arranging that.

Old Agenda Items

A. Recap of June 24, 2025 meeting

Schultz led a rundown of items TAG took action on at the previous meeting.

i. Control Motorized Cart Access to Spyglass Island

TAG recommended that a gate be installed to control cart access to Spyglass Island, but the City Manager said Council had no interest in that at this time.

ii. Improvements to Navigate PTC App

Another recommendation was that the Navigate PTC app be updated to have links to cart and bike rental, repair, and towing businesses, and some changes had already been made to make these businesses searchable.

iii. Highway Signs Alerting PTV Use on City Streets

TAG recommended the installation of signs on State highways at the City limits to inform motorists of golf cart usage. Miller said these signs were being made now, and they would be making more to go on other roads at entrances to the City.

iv. Bike Repair Stand Donation Proposal

TAG also recommended accepting the bike repair stand donation from the Southside Cycling Club, and that was on the next Council meeting agenda.

B. Bike Rack locations recommendations for 2026

They had all submitted suggestions for placement of bike racks on City properties in 2026. Larson said most of them agreed on placements, and Bartal said he differed because he thought all recreation areas should have at least one bike rack. That would require 34 racks. Larson said the Recreation Advisory Group would be deciding which tot lots should remain open, but it was clear that there was a demand for at least 30 more racks, and it would ultimately be the City Manager's decision on where to locate them.

Larson said he had talked with the County Recreation Director, who said the County was planning on installing bike racks at Lake Kedron and Lake McIntosh. They decided to make a recommendation on the number to pass on to her.

Larson moved that they recommend to the City Manager 34 bike parking racks for future procurement and installation at Peachtree City facilities. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Larson moved that they recommend to Fayette County Recreation installation of three racks at County parks in the City. Bartal seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

They discussed electric devices at a previous meeting, and Larson noted that Peachtree City's code had not kept up with new micro-mobility devices and was not consistent with Georgia code on e-bikes. He said he would bring a draft of the City ordinance with proposed changes to the next meeting so they could start a discussion with an eye towards getting it to Council at their September work session. Hayes remarked that it was important for Peachtree City's code and brochures to be up to date because other municipalities used them as examples.

They also reiterated that Peachtree City could not set speed limits on the paths but did regulate speeds by saying that no vehicles capable of going more than 19 mph were allowed. They discussed a recent Facebook discussion about a citizen trying to register a vehicle that did not qualify for registration because it was too heavy. Hayes noted that, legally, the paths were considered a highway, and the lowest a municipality could set a speed limit was 25 mph.

Larson asked them to submit their ideas to him before the next meeting so he could incorporate them into the draft. Schultz cautioned him not to try to list all the devices because there were so many, and they were constantly being added.

This discussion covered item C. i. and ii. and D. iii. on the agenda. Hayes said he was concerned about the term “required youth training.” They discussed what could be required and mentioned partnering with McIntosh and Starr’s Mill to possibly tie golf cart parking permits to having completed a training course. Toronto noted the differences between operating a car and a golf cart, and Larson said most people mentioned the need for education when discussing path safety.

C.iii. and D. 4 were the same, Schultz noted.

i. City Ordinances - Electric Devices Updates

ii. City Ordinances - Penalties for Violation Updates

iii. Cart and eBike Path Safety Checks

D. Promotional and Educational Strategies for Transportation Awareness and Safety

Larson said Police Chief Janet Moon had agreed to have officers at the next public event, a Sunset Sounds concert, to distribute brochures on bike safety and the path rules.

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

Hayes provided a document that contained many definitions from Georgia Code and discussed laws applicable to low-speed vehicles operating on a highway. However, he suggested they hold off on a brochure update until the ordinances had been revised. He also noted that the City’s brochure needed proofreading, and there were some discrepancies between the City’s requirements and State law. Schultz and other members agreed that it should be tabled.

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

Schultz said he had seen many kids on electric scooters who were not wearing

helmets and wondered if that could be covered by the Police during their outreach at Sunset Sounds. Larson suggested an advisory on child helmet safety be included in the City's weekly newsletter. Hayes noted that they needed to change the ordinance if they wanted to require helmets. Schultz said he would think about this and create a memo incorporating their ideas.

iii. City Ordinances governing required youth training

D. iii. and iv. had already been discussed.

iv. Public Outreach on Path Safety

New Agenda Items

A. HAWK crossing and PHB crossing issues

The issue here was that the button to push in order to get the go-ahead to cross was on the opposite side of the driver's seat. Larson showed some photos that illustrated the situation and also mentioned that disabled drivers would not be able to lean over and reach the button. Larson said his suggestion was to either relocate or duplicate the button on the other side. However, Miller pointed out that the signal was for pedestrians and moving it to the other side for cart drivers would create conflict with oncoming carts.

Hayes brought up the fact that local regulatory signs could not have symbols, such as the drawing of a cart; they must be words only. Also, he stated, these were pedestrian-only signs, so carts did not legally have to obey them. He added attaching the crossing sign to a Stop sign created confusion.

B. Tunnel Clearances on Multi-Use Paths - Safety and ADA Implications

James thought they should discuss tunnel heights, referring to a recent incident he witnessed of a cart stuck in a tunnel. He wondered if all tunnels should have signs indicating their clearance heights.

Larson noted that \$3.5 million had been earmarked in the 2023 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for tunnels, but with carts getting larger, this was going to be an ongoing problem. Miller remarked that it would be a slow process to enlarge the tunnels. In some areas, it would require road modifications because there was less than a foot of road cover.

James said he was thinking of a short-term solution such as signage and would summarize some recommendations before the next meeting.

Upcoming TAG meetings dates and times

No one said they would have any issues with these meeting dates.

A. July 22, 2025

B. August 12, 2025

Adjourn

There being no further business, Larson moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Hayes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary



Paul Schultz, Chairman