

Transportation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
6:00 PM

Call to Order

The Peachtree City Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 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, Amanda Toronto, and ex-officio member Public Works Director Jonathan Miller. Patrick James and Brian Bartal were absent. Public Works Assistant Director DeMarcus Hunter and City Councilman Clinton Holland also attended

Public Comment

Citizen Ken Witzel expressed his concerns about the electric vehicles, which encompassed e-bikes, scooters, skateboards, even motorcycles, being misused on the paths. He also pointed out that many children were riding without helmets. He suggested that the high school offer safety classes. He also wondered about how the path regulations were being enforced.

Larson said the Assistant City Manager had passed on a message from citizen Helen Korenda, and he had called her. Korenda reported that a group of teenagers had been recklessly riding electric motorcycles on the path, putting other users in danger. He said he assured her that TAG was aware of and working on recommendations to City Council regarding path safety issues.

Schultz emphasized that TAG was working on a proposed ordinance update, but it ultimately was up to staff and City Council as to what they wanted to do. Reeves added that the Peachtree City Police Department and the school offered path use safety classes for students every summer. The school resource officers also had path safety materials available throughout the year. He said he thought they would see much less misbehavior on the paths now that school was back in session.

Wetzel asked if liability insurance should be required to operate vehicles on the paths and also asked about requiring tags on the front and rear of the carts. Schultz told him they had already made a recommendation about decals that Council had adopted, and it would take effect with the next registration cycle. Hayes pointed out that certain parts of State law required certain vehicles to be insured and expressly did not require it for others.

Minutes

A. July 22, 2025 Minutes

Larson moved to approve the July 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Reeves seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Local and Regional Transportation Project Status Review

Larson reported he addressed the Fayette County Transportation Committee the previous week about several path safety issues, including micromobility. He said he had been invited by Go Georgia to be a panelist at their bike/walk summit in October.

Hayes remarked that he had seen a sign at the city limits on SR 74 advising drivers of personal transportation vehicle use. Miller said signs were now up at every entrance to the city, and Hayes thanked Public Works for acting on this recommendation.

The flashing school zone signs had been installed by the City, Larson remarked, and Miller stated they were starting at elementary schools and were working their way up to eventually get them at all school zones.

The mirrors had been installed at the end of the Redwine Tunnel, Schultz reported, and a yellow line was in place to make it two lanes, unlike other cart path. He also saw a sign saying crossing Redwine was no longer allowed but thought a barricade might be needed.

Old Agenda Items

A. City Ordinance Updates

They then dived into their project of updating Chapters 70 and 78 of the Code of Ordinances. Schultz asked Miller to pull up the draft of Chapter 70 and thanked Larson for incorporating the changes suggested by other members. Larson said they would generate more recommendations for changes and modifications during their meeting that night and in the future.

Larson pointed out this was a massive undertaking to update two chapters of a code that had existed for more than 50 years. Several groups over the years had discussed path rule revisions, which had to accommodate changes in technology, changes in Georgia Code, and changes in building standards.

He set out a time for approaching Council with their findings regarding identifying the vehicles on the paths and also for changes in the ordinance regarding the operations along the paths. The schedule included visits to several City Council workshops for presentations, with a follow-up presentation of the suggested micromobility ordinance revisions at the October 16 Council meeting.

Hayes had pointed out that Peachtree City had traditionally used the term “multi-use path,” but that was not universally recognized. Larson said they should be using “shared-use path,” which was the lexicon used by national highway design standards and others, and Toronto had suggested they use the simpler “path” after the initial mention.

The group then dug down into suggested changes for Chapter 70 such as path rules for pedestrians and rules for nature trails. They discussed in-depth a variety of topics, including the types of vehicles allowed on the paths and the use of horns to alert other users when passing. At the close of the meeting, they again reviewed

the timeline.

New Agenda Items

Upcoming TAG Meetings Dates

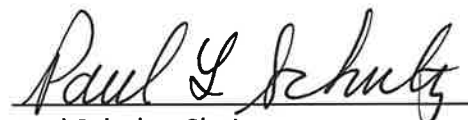
A. August 26, 2025

B. September 9, 2025

Adjourn

There being no further business, Hayes moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Reeves seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary


Paul Schultz, Chairman