Transportation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
6:00 PM

Call to Order

The Peachtree City Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 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, Patrick James, Brian Bartal, and ex-officio member Public Works Director Jonathan Miller. Amanda Toronto joined virtually, and Blake Hayes were absent. Public Works Assistant Director DeMarcus Hunter also attended.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

James said his term would be up on September 29, and he had decided not to re-apply. Reeves said he would be leaving the TAG in September, also.

Presentations

None

Public Comment

Resident Bill Ruple had written a letter to the Council and City Manager regarding path safety and was present at the meeting. His letter said that he believed pedestrians should always walk on the right side of the paths for safety reasons.

Another resident, Brandon Hewitt, also expressed concern about safety, particularly with low-speed vehicles (LSV) that should not be on the paths in the first place. He said reckless operators, modified carts, and massive carts all contributed to the problems.

Schultz responded that these were the issues TAG was addressing now.

Agenda Changes

Bartal moved to move item 9 above item 8, saying he believed the discussion on item 8 would be lengthy, and he didn't want them to run out of time. Larson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Schultz asked if they would have time to discuss and vote on 8C and give the item justice? Larson said he thought they could suspend 8C and focus on their findings and determine what they wanted to propose to Council. They needed to await Council's feedback before developing the updates.

Minutes

A. August 12, 2025 Minutes

Bartal moved to approve the August 8, 2025 TAG minutes. Reeves seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Agenda Items

A. City Bicycle Parking Update

The City was getting its 30 new bike racks installed at various locations, Larson noted. The Southside Cycle Club had donated a new bike repair stand, and Miller said they were still deciding on a location for that. Larson mentioned that several people had asked about buying bike racks for their businesses.

B. City Council Workshop- micro-mobility ordinance findings- review draft presentation

Larson explained Council's usual process for ordinance revisions, with a request from a department, Council's okay for the revisions, then Council's adoption. He said the process could take several years.

Tonight, he said TAG needed to prepare for a presentation on micromobility ordinance findings at the September 4 City Council workshop.

Bartal thanked Larson for his work on the presentation, but said he felt, at 30 pages, this needed to be consolidated. He suggested removing the term "findings" and referring to gaps in the current ordinances and opportunities for improvement. He also thought it was not necessary to go over the history of the ordinance and to discuss the benefits of changing the ordinance.

Larson said he had provided more slides than were necessary with the understanding that some of them could be used as backup to answer questions. Bartal suggested they list all the gaps, then present some opportunities, such as enhanced wording. Larson began to go over the main slides he wanted to use in the presentation to Council.

Schultz said what they had talked about fell under four or five categories. Most of the slides seemed to be definitions. They had also talked about vehicles that were not allowed, which could be another slide. Then they could say what was allowed. Next, they could do a deep dive into rules of the road, such as where pedestrians should be. Another slide could discuss hot button issues, such as LSVs, with a request for guidance from Council.

They discussed how to streamline the presentation. Speed zones and education programs were mentioned, but Miller said he believed they should stick to what was currently in the ordinance. Larson said he hoped the City would improve public education once they had completed this ordinance update process.

The goal of this presentation was to get affirmation from Council that the TAG was headed in the right direction, Miller remarked. They should not get too detailed right now. They could come back with specifics once they determined what Council wanted them to do.

Larson agreed that they needed to get Council's guidance before digging into the ordinance changes. Maybe they could present the final product at an October or

November work session.

They then discussed how to determine what vehicles were allowed on the path. Bartal said they might want to just create a safety framework rather than listing every possible type of vehicle and saying if it was allowed or banned.

Larson said the Mayor and City Council had asked TAG what they thought about LSVs on the paths. Other neighboring jurisdictions had allowed them. Some of LSVs were as much as 55 inches wide, he said. The current ordinance also said they should operate in a low-speed mode, but what that might be was not clear.

Schultz asked the members what they thought about banning LSVs. Toronto said she did not recommend allowing them. Hayes had said he did not support banning them. Schultz did not want LSVs, while Reeves said he did not want them banned. James pointed out that some LSVs had safety features that carts usually did not have. Bartal said he would hate to rule out safer vehicles.

Miller said it seemed that the group agreed that size should be regulated but was divided on how to regulate vehicles on the basis of speed. They decided to leave it under consideration for now.

Larson went over the deadline for getting information to him before the presentation to Council. Miller said he would have to submit it for the Council agenda by the following Thursday at noon.

The next meetings were set for September 9 and 23. Toronto said she would be travelling but could attend via Teams.

Toronto also mentioned that since Georgia Code was using the term "shared path," the City needed to use that term rather than multi-use path. Miller said he had brought that to the City Manager's attention.

C. City Ordinance Updates- continued discussions

New Agenda Items

A. SR54 Path Bridge and side path design review

Larson explained that there was a 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) project to build a path from Broken Bow to Robinson Road and a 2023 SPLOST project to connect to that path via a bridge over SR 54. He suggested TAG might want to review the plans before they were approved by Council. This might prevent problems such as the sightline issues that had been discovered after the County's Redwine Road tunnel opened.

Miller pointed out that right now they were just in the conceptual phase, not the

design phase, and things often changed. He did not think TAG should bother to review the plans until the design was completed. They all agreed it would be a good idea to look at the design.

Miller said if TAG wanted to see the initial design, they could, but right now, the consultants and the City were still deciding on the best location. Miller suggested they invite the City Engineer to attend a future meeting and discuss the next iteration of the bridge plan.

Public Hearings

None

Member/Staff Topics

A. Upcoming TAG meetings dates

The next meetings were set for September 9 and 23. Toronto said she would be travelling but could attend via Teams

1. **September 9, 2025**

2. September 23, 2025

Adjourn

There being no further business, Larson moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary

Paul Schultz, Chairman