

Transportation Advisory Group of Peachtree City
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
6:30 PM

Call to Order

The Peachtree City Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the Community Room at City Hall. Chairman Paul Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Others present included Brian Bartal, Jesse Wrice, Amanda Toronto, and Josh Hicks, along with ex-officio member Public Works Director Jonathan Miller. Heidi Becker and Blake Hayes were absent. Public Works Assistant Director DaMarcus Hunter was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

A. Results from City Council Work Session on November 6, 2025

Schultz asked Miller if anything was discussed about the ordinance updates at the City Council work session, and Miller explained that Recreation and Engineering were still looking at it, but the Police Department had responded with some comments. They wanted Robinson Road added to the list in 78-93 (i) of roads where cart traffic was forbidden. Since there had been a new path built to Speer Road, Miller stated, this closing should not prevent anyone from having access to the paths.

Miller said he wanted to discuss helmet requirements with the Police. Some people had suggested that everyone be required to wear a helmet, regardless of age, but he needed to clarify some information with the Police regarding that. He also mentioned some language changes the Police had proposed, such as having the language for "hands-free" mirror State law.

He said there were no recommendations from the Police that would change the intent and purpose of TAG's revisions. Code Enforcement had also mentioned they wanted helmets to be required regardless of age. Code Enforcement also pointed out they should be consistent in having all references to the paths use the term "shared-use path."

Miller stated he would return with additional comments from staff, but it would probably be January before this came to Council. He said he had not had any feedback from the Municipal Court Judge or the Finance Department, and the City Attorney would have the final review before this went to Council. The responses so far had been positive, with the only concerns being enforcement, which TAG had always known would be an issue.

Miller's report also covered agenda items 8B 1. and 2., Schultz noted.

Presentations

None

Public Comment

Keith Larson updated TAG on the Micromobility Traffic Safety Act, an initiative he was working on with advocates from across the state to be submitted by local legislators to the 2026 legislation hopper. Larson noted that local Police could not enforce speed limits on the paths, only on streets. The ordinance update they were working on would add descriptive language and updates to what was allowed on the paths, but that was just part of the paradigm of speed management; this legislation would enable jurisdictions to set speed limits on the path systems, and Police could enforce them.

The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) supported this, and Peachtree City had the opportunity to be at the forefront of this transitional moment, Larson remarked. The State legislation mentioned some new types of vehicles that even Peachtree City's updated ordinance did not include.

Agenda Changes

None

Minutes

The October 21 minutes were approved at the October 28 meeting, Schultz noted. Bartal moved to approve the October 28 regular meeting minutes. Toronto seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A. October 21, 2025

B. October 28, 2025

Old Agenda Items

A. Election of vice-chair

Schultz said he thought they should postpone the election of a vice chair once again because Becker, who had expressed an interest in the role, was absent.

B. City Ordinance Updates

Covered under Announcements

1. Review plan timing and departments

2. Results of reviews so far by City Staff

New Agenda Items

A. Transportation SWOT Analysis

Schultz thought a SWOT analysis would be useful for TAG as a way to think about

Peachtree City's transportation system and its strengths and weaknesses. An example of a weakness would be young people traveling at excessive speeds in motorized vehicles. Opportunities and threats were things that were imposed on them externally. One such opportunity would be to post speed limits on the paths through the legislation that Larson had described.

He suggested they spend some time brainstorming with no judgement right now on feasibility, cost, and implementation. All members participated, and the discussion went on for 45 minutes. Miller explained the City's system for reporting problems on the roads and paths. Schultz also mentioned that he had hoped to tie Public Works' annual calendar to this list and asked Miller to discuss that at the next meeting.

The finished SWOT list was:

Strengths

1. The shared-use path system and the community support for it
2. Everything TAG takes before Council is supported.
3. City management support of TAG
4. TAG discussion and public input
5. Annual calendar of TAG activities: paving, etc.
6. Navigate Peachtree City app- cart navigation, problem reporting, city reference, path rules

Weaknesses

1. Communication about transportation-related issues could be better (find out first on social media, then City communication comes out)
2. Communication related to maintenance issues, street and path repaving, e.g. our Shared-Use Path System Master Plan
3. Prioritizing fixes of safety-related issues, e.g., where turning circles should be
4. Navigate Peachtree City app- non-cart driver, e.g. hard to use when biking, lack of voice navigation?
5. Signage, direction, and wayfinding on paths
6. Education: children sitting in driver's lap or a nine-year old driving, even with supervision
7. New driver education, e.g. for 14-year-old children
8. Driver's license policy for 16-year-old (can not drive with suspended license but can drive with no license)
9. Safety risk related to four-way stops that also have a shared-use path crossing, how can carts negotiate
10. Lack of indication for authorized crossings of 74, 54, Peachtree Parkway, Huddleston, Dividend, etc.

11. Safety of at-grade crossing on 74 and 54
12. Education of cart renters on rules of the road and insurance requirements
13. Insurance mandate for motorized carts (required for LSV)
14. Even at 10' wide, paths are not wide enough for carts and pedestrians
15. Cutting back 4' keepout on both sides of the paths not consistently done
16. Path system completely funded through SPLOST. If SPLOST goes away, no paving will get done.

External Opportunities

1. Change state law to allow Peachtree City to post and enforce a speed limit
2. New cart driver training
3. Annexations require planning toward integration with the path system (part of annexation)
4. Creation of a regional shared-used path transportation system with reciprocity
5. Lack of bridge over 54 on the east side of Peachtree City (in process)
6. Safety signage on shared-use path system (slow, curve)
7. Special attention to path hot spots to widen
8. Lighting along path system at strategic points
9. Ride along with City staff to understand path system hot spots
10. Removal of unsafe path sections from master path plan
11. Bringing sidewalks into a comprehensive plan. Currently we have sidewalks to nowhere.

External Threats

1. Micromobility users coming from other communities and failing to follow local ordinances, e.g. Class 3 e-bikes not allowed on paths
2. Sales of micromobility vehicles in Peachtree City and surrounding communities that cannot be used on the Shared-Use Paths
3. Creation of a regional share-used path transportation system without reciprocity
4. E-vehicles and modified motorized carts that go much faster than 20 mph
5. Continued development of new styles of micromobility vehicles that ordinances and state law cannot keep up with
6. Adverse action related to non-compliance with ADA or slow compliance

Schultz said he would email this list out to all members and wanted comments, especially from Hayes and Becker. They would discuss it again and pair the strengths with the threats to form a plan of action.

Public Hearings

None

Member/Staff Topics

A. Upcoming TAG meetings dates

Schultz suggested waiting until the December 9 meeting to decide whether they would meet on December 23. Miller pointed out that Council was holding only one meeting in December. Toronto suggested a special called meeting on December 16. They decided to wait until December 9 to make a decision.

1. December 9, 2025

2. December 23, 2025

B. Policy on Teams meetings

Schultz said he wanted them to adopt a policy on Teams meetings. As they were doing it right now, if a TAG member could not be physically present, they could join on Teams. A suggestion had been made that they open up Teams to anyone who wanted to join, and Schultz was against that.

If someone wanted to make a public comment, they should have to be present, he commented. City Council livestreamed meetings for the sake of transparency, but public comments had to be made in person. Schultz noted that TAG was a volunteer group, while Council was elected and accountable to the public, and also said he felt TAG members could be more candid without Teams being available to non-members.

Bartal added that the Planning Commission did not believe they should offer a public comment period since they were not elected. He thought anyone who wanted to make a comment should have to come to the TAG meeting. Bartal said he found listening in though Teams was helpful when he traveled and also mentioned that members could not vote when attending a Teams meeting.

Bartal moved to adopt a policy that they would open Teams invites only to members of the advisory group. Toronto seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Due to construction at City Hall, Miller said they would have to meet in another location for a few months, starting with the next meeting. He said there was a meeting room at Public Works, but it was small, and he suggested the Recreation offices at the Tennis Center. Bartal wondered about the Visitors Center on McIntosh Trail, and Miller offered to ask about that, but said the next meeting would have to be at the Tennis Center.

Toronto moved to hold the December 9 meeting at the Tennis Center. Wrice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Wrice moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Bartal seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Martha Barksdale, Recording Secretary

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Paul Schultz, Chairman