

## Silver Jackets Meeting March 11, 2020

### Georgia Tech Police Headquarters, Beringause Community Room

#### Minutes

**Members Attending** (19): John Balsam (GTRI), Ed Rondeau (Real Estate), Ian Gatland (Physics), Pat Davis (College of Sciences), Jo McIver (Registrar), Walter Allen (Purchasing), Steve Dickerson (ME), Wayne Book (ME), Kathy Tomajko (Library), Larry Bottomley (CHEM), Maggi Harrison (GTRI), Susan Keenan (Lang. Inst), Roz Meyers (Campus Services), C.A. Johnston (Language Institute), Jim Marks (GTRI), Ward Winer (ME), Charis Mitchell (ISYE), Bob Springfield (EII), Nan Dooley (Library)

Ed welcomed the group, and had everyone introduce themselves with their department.

Wayne introduced the presenter, Steve Dickerson. Professor Emeritus Stephen Dickerson (ME) spoke on the modifications of transit options that could vastly reduce transportation congestion in the Atlanta area. A large opportunity for the reduction of congestion involves sharing of transit resources. The past few years have seen several new sharable modes of transportation introduced at scale: Uber and Lyft, scooters, bike rentals (e-bikes and conventional) and personal bikes. In addition, rapid rail, street cars, busses, van pools and ride sharing are available. Smart phones currently interact with all these modalities but in an uncoordinated way. Steve elaborated on the possibilities and on the role to be played by government agencies, companies and individuals in producing an integrated system and the app that could operate effectively to connect riders with the system. Steve also related the expected costs of such a system in relationship to our current approach.