



Wednesday, August 13, 2025 | 1:00 PM

## Joint ARC Board & Transportation and Air Quality Committee (TAQC) Meeting

ARC Conference Center | 229 Peachtree Street NE | Atlanta, GA 30303

The meeting agenda with all presentations and references can be found at:

[www.atlantaregional.org/board](http://www.atlantaregional.org/board)

- I. Call ARC Board Meeting to Order** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
- III. Chairman's Comments** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
- IV. ARC Board Action Item** – *Andre Dickens*, Chair
  - A. Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Appointee to ARC Board: Tung Q. “Tim” Le
- V. Oath of Office by New Board Member:** Tung Q. “Tim” Le, *DCA Appointee*; John William Bowers, *ARC Citizen District 1*; Megan Harris, *ARC Citizen District 11*

**[ARC Board Meeting recess]**

The ARC Board meeting will recess, and the Joint ARC Board & TAQC meeting will convene.

**[Joint Meeting convene]**

- VI. Call Joint ARC Board & TAQC Meeting to Order** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
- VII. Public Comment for Joint Meeting**
- VIII. Consent Agenda** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
  - A. May 14, 2025 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Summary
- IX. Joint Discussion/Information Items** – *Andre Dickens*, Chair
  - A. Passenger Rail Station Alternatives Study Kickoff  
*Tejas Kotak*, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning

This is an initial briefing on a joint ARC-City of Atlanta planning effort to locate an ideal location for a new passenger rail station in Downtown Atlanta.

B. 2050 MTP/FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment 5  
*Michael Haire, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning*

This is an overview of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 5. The amendment will advance projects from the federally recognized Long Range years into the TIP years, update general cost estimate increases to federal-aid projects beyond the threshold for an administrative modification, and conduct changes to projects that impact air quality conformity. This amendment requires the modeling of air quality to ensure the updated projects maintain conformity with the region's air quality standards. A 30-day public comment period is expected from September 24 to October 23, 2025, with approvals during the November committee and Board meetings.

**[Joint Meeting recess]**

The Joint ARC Board & TAQC meeting will adjourn, and the ARC Board meeting will convene.

**[ARC Board convene]**

X. **ARC Board Action Items – Andre Dickens, Chair**

A. 25 Year LCI Update Report  
*Lauren Blaszyk, Planning Administrator, Community Development*

In 2024, ARC celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) program, partnering with a consultant team led by Gresham Smith to create the LCI 25 Year Impact Report. It provides a look back at program accomplishments and identifies opportunities for improvements, taking into account data driven metrics with extensive stakeholder feedback. Community Development Department staff will provide a high-level overview and highlights from the full report.

B. 2025 Population Estimates  
*Jim Skinner, Data Analysis Administrator, Research & Analytics*

Each year, the ARC is required by state law to produce population estimates for member counties and the City of Atlanta, for the purpose of assessing dues for the following year. Adoption of these estimates is required by the end of August. Staff provide an overview of the 2025 population estimates for 2025 and present them for adoption by the Board for assessment of 2026 dues.

XI. **ARC Board Discussion/Information Items — Andre Dickens, Chair**

A. Regional Population and Job Growth  
*Jim Skinner, Data Analysis Administrator, Research & Analytics*

Staff will provide a data review of the region's recent population, housing unit, and employment growth trajectories

**B. Water Supply Litigation Update & Overview**  
*Danny Johnson*, Managing Director, Natural Resources  
Jones Fortuna Law Firm

This presentation will walk through the story of metro Atlanta's shared water resources, a four-decade history of defending metro Atlanta's access to these resources in the courts and Congress and outlining the key challenges that remain.

**C. Housing Update**  
*Samyukth Shenbaga*, Managing Director, Community Development

ARC will provide an overview of the scope of housing plans across the region, an update on the Regional Housing Strategy, and a demonstration of the Metro Atlanta Housing Strategy toolkit.

**XII. Executive Director's Report** – *Anna Roach*, Executive Director & CEO

**XIII. Adjourn**

**Upcoming Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed: **October 8** (BARS, Governance, ARC Board/TAQC)

4<sup>th</sup> Wed: **October 29** (UASI)