



Wednesday, October 8, 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:

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- I. Call Joint ARC Board & TAQC Meeting to Order** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
- III. Public Comment for Joint Meeting**
- IV. Chairman's Comments** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
- V. Consent Agenda** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
 - A. August 13, 2025 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Summary
- VI. Joint First Read** – *Andre Dickens*, Chair
 - A. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 5
Michael Haire, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning
 - Public Hearing for 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (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. This amendment will advance project phases from the federal recognized Long Range years to TIP years, change project funds from a local or state fund source to a federal fund source, add new projects that are either considered exempt or non-exempt from air quality conformity analysis, delete federal funded projects exempt from air quality analysis, make adjustments to the travel demand model which includes changes to project network model years or termini points of conformity projects, and make project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively. 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 will run until October 23, 2025, with approvals during the November committee and Board meetings.
 - B. Transportation Public Participation Plan
Elizabeth Sanford, Manager, Transportation Planning

ARC has recently updated the agency's Public Participation Plan (PPP) in accordance with the federal regulations governing interested parties, participation, and consultation activities of Metropolitan Planning Organizations ([23 CFR 450.316](#)). The Transportation Public Participation Plan presents ARC's strategy for meaningful community engagement, identifies public participation metrics, and defines participation procedures for ARC's core MPO deliverables.

C. 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
David Haynes, Manager, Transportation Planning

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is ARC's annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within the Atlanta metropolitan planning area. The UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds.

VII. Joint Discussion/Information Items – *Andre Dickens, Chair*

A. Flint River Gateway and Regional Trails Plan Update
Mike Alexander, COO, Office of Operations
Eric Meyer, Planning Coordinator, Transportation Planning

This program funds ARC's comprehensive regional trail planning initiative, launching three interconnected planning efforts in 2026. Over three years, ARC will develop the Flint River Gateway Vision Plan and the South Metro Trail and Bicycle Facility Plan, which will create vital connections across the South Metro region linking the Chattahoochee and South Rivers, and Atlanta BeltLine corridors. These efforts will culminate in an updated Regional Trail and Bicycle Facility Plan that integrates all components into a cohesive network. The program also delivers hands-on Complete Streets implementation support through model codes, design standards, funding strategies, and training workshops that help communities advance both the new trail plans and ARC's Walk Bike Thrive! recommendations.

B. Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan
Crystal Jackson, Planning Manager, Climate + Sustainability, Natural Resources

Through funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, ARC is producing the Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan for the 29-county Metropolitan Statistical Area. The Plan will serve as a roadmap to create a sustainable and resilient future for all. Strategic measures have been identified that local governments, businesses, and individuals can take, across sectors, to significantly reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050, while also producing economic, workforce, and environmental benefits for the region.

[Joint Meeting recess]

[ARC Board convene]

VIII. ARC Board Action Item – *Andre Dickens*, Chair

- A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Report
Keri Stevens, Planning Administrator, Community Development

The Atlanta Regional Commission is the designated Economic Development District (EDD) by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Federal regulations require ARC, as an EDD, to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) every five years (adopted in 2022) and provide an Annual Report approved by the ARC Board, including a resolution. The 2025 CEDS Annual Report outlines the implementation successes and initiatives for 2026.

IX. Nominations & Declarations for ARC Chair

X. ARC Board Discussion/Information Items – *Andre Dickens*, Chair

- A. “18 Summers” United Way Regional Strategy
Milton Little, Executive Director, United Way of Greater Atlanta

- B. Gwinnett County Development Highlight
Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson, Gwinnett County
Stan Hall, Executive Director, Explore Gwinnett

XI. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings
Upcoming Meetings: November 5 (Energy and Resilience Council)
November 12 (SPG, ARC Board/TAQC)