

Wednesday, November 12, 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: <u>www.atlantaregional.org/board</u>

- 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. October 8, 2025 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Summary
 - B. 2026 ARC Year at-a-Glance

ARC is required to set a calendar of annual meetings of the Board and standing committees. This is done through the ARC Year at a Glance Calendar posted on the Board Portal which also provides notice of the meeting schedule to the public.

- VI. Joint Discussion/Information Items Andre Dickens, Chair
 - A. Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan Update *Joseph Hacker*, Principal, Transportation Planning

This is an information item summarizing the outreach and draft recommendations for the updated Human Services Transportation plan scheduled for adoption in early 2026.

B. Work Session – Regional Development Plan (RDP) *Andrew Smith*, Planning Coordinator, Community Development

As per the Georgia Planning Act, each Regional Commission is required to develop and adopt a Regional Development Plan (RDP) every five years. ARC is currently developing its RDP update, to be completed by June 30, 2026. The Plan is called Growing Together For 2050, Metro Atlanta's Development Strategy. The Community Development Department has been working on several community and stakeholder events, as well as a technical analysis to determine regional development priorities and challenges for our 11-county metro. As part of that process, today staff will provide an update on plan progress as well as engage the board



in a discussion around their growth and protection priorities and challenges.

[Joint Meeting recess]

The Joint meeting of the ARC Board and TAQC will recess, and the TAQC meeting will convene. TAQC is asked to approve four items listed below for action.

[TAQC Convene]

VII. TAQC Action Items – Carlotta Harrell, Chair

A. 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.





[TAQC adjourn]

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

VIII. ARC Board Action Items – Andre Dickens, Chair

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 David Haynes, Manager, Transportation Planning
- D. Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan (MACAP)

 Crystal Jackson, Planning Manager, Climate + Sustainability

Through funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, ARC produced the Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan for the 29-county Metropolitan Statistical Area. The Plan serves as a roadmap to create a sustainable and resilient future for all. Strategic measures have been identified that local governments, businesses, universities and schools, non-profit organizations, and individuals can take, across sectors, to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, while also producing economic, workforce, and environmental benefits for the region. ARC is seeking Board approval for this Plan, which is contractually required to be submitted to the EPA by December 1, 2025.

E. 2026 Budget and Work Program James Husserl, Chief Financial Officer

The provisions of Georgia Code Section 50-8-80 et seq. require that the Commission, before the 15th day of December each year, adopt a budget and work program for the succeeding calendar year. Once adopted, the 2026 Budget and Work Program will be the Commission's official policy regarding allocation of the Commission's money and staff resources during 2026. The Proposed 2026 Budget and Work Program was shared with the Board on October 22, 2025. On November 12th, the Commission has an opportunity to discuss and adopt the budget.

F. Nominations/Declarations & Election for ARC Chair

- IX. ARC Board Discussion/Information Items Andre Dickens, Chair
 - A. CEO Report Anna Roach, Executive Director
- X. Adjourn

Happy Holiday!

