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Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 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. September 9, 2026 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Minutes

B. October 14, 2026 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Minutes

C. 2027 ARC Year at-a-Glance

Summary: 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. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Framework Project Evaluation Process ***(15 mins)***
Ansley Goddard, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning

Summary: The MTP development team will provide an update on Mobility 2055, ARC's 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, including progress against the project timeline, ongoing public engagement efforts, policy framework, and the process of evaluating projects for inclusion in the long-range plan.

B. Emergency Healthcare Transportation Access Study ***(10 mins)***
Michael Kray, Planning Coordinator, Transportation Planning

Summary: The closure of two Atlanta-area hospitals, including a Level I trauma center, has worsened a regional health care crisis. Only two general Level I trauma centers now serve Metro Atlanta, and diversion rates were already high. Longer trips, especially from southern Metro Atlanta into the congested urban core, cost minutes that matter in trauma care.

This study will give officials and stakeholders data to document past disinvestment, assess the closures' effects, and identify transportation investments that improve emergency care access for underserved communities.

[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. 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) ***(5 mins)***
Michael Kray, Planning Coordinator, Transportation Planning

Summary: The 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), for Board/TAQC approval, 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.

B. FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) / 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment 7 ***(5 mins)***
Michael Haire, Planner, Principal, Transportation Planning

Summary: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a list of federally funded transportation project phases over a short-range planning horizon. ARC has developed the new FY 2027-2030 TIP for Board/TAQC approval. This TIP update is accompanied by Amendment #7 to the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), as project changes are being made in both the short-range and long-range plans. Included in these updates are the awards from the 2026 TIP Solicitation, through which ARC programs it's regionally suballocated federal funds on projects in the region, as well as federal funding awards from GDOT's competitive project call.

C. 2027 Safety Performance Target Adoption (PM1) ***(5 mins)***
Gwo-Wei Torng, Senior Managing Director, Transportation Planning

Summary: Annual approval of safety performance targets as required by FHWA regulations and federal law. Data on transportation-related deaths and injuries in the 19-county MPO region will be presented to the Board/TAQC for review, and "targets" (expectations based on trendlines) will be presented for adoption. Overall deaths and injuries in the MPO have been trending downwards the past five years, and we are nearing 2019 numbers — the downward trend is good to see, and we should strengthen efforts to reach Vision Zero.

[TAQC adjourn]

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

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

A. 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) ***(1 min)***
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D. 2027 Budget and Work Program ***(15 mins)***
James Husserl, Chief Financial Officer

Summary: 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 2027 Budget and Work Program will be the Commission's official policy regarding allocation of the Commission's money and staff resources during 2027. On November 12th, the Commission has an opportunity to discuss and adopt the budget.

E. Housing Forward 2035: Regional Housing Strategy Adoption and County-Level Housing Targets – Part 3 ***(30 mins)***
Samyukth Shenbaga, Managing Director, Community Development
Kristin Allin, Regional Housing Planning Coordinator, Community Development

Summary: Building on the August and October Board presentations, ARC staff will present the third and final installment of the draft *Housing Forward 2035: Regional Housing Strategy* for Board consideration and adoption on November 12, 2026. The presentation will focus on proposed county-level housing targets, outlining how the regional goal of 367,000 additional homes by 2035 translates into production and affordability targets across the 11-county region. Staff will summarize the methodology behind the targets, review the strategy's goals and recommended actions, and outline next steps for implementation and tracking progress.

F. Regional Workforce Plan ***(5 mins)***
Brett Lacy, Managing Director, Workforce Solutions

Summary: The Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board approved the modifications for the 2024 to 2027 Local Workforce Plan in August 2026. The ARWDB also approved the update to the 2024 to 2027 Regional Workforce Plan. These plans guide how local workforce services are provided and encourages collaboration among the five Local Workforce Development Boards in metro Atlanta for the efficient and effective implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act across the 10-county workforce region. This the is required midpoint update to the four year plan.

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

A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Five-Year Update
Keri Stevens, Planning Administrator, Community Development ***(5 mins)***

Summary: The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is undertaking the five-year update of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which is due to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) by December 1, 2027. Titled *Pathways to Opportunity*, the update focuses on advancing economic mobility. Developed through regional collaboration with local governments, economic development professionals, businesses, nonprofits, and other stakeholders and partners, the CEDS will identify regional priorities, align investments, and position projects for federal and other funding opportunities. The updated strategy will support ARC's *One Great Region* vision and advance the goals of *Opportunity Rising* by strengthening economic opportunities across the region.

B. Government Affairs Update ***(5 mins)***
John Bayalis, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs
Will Feeney, Senior Policy Advisor

Summary: Regular update on state and federal government affairs activity.

X. CEO Report – *Anna Roach,* Executive Director & CEO

Y. Adjourn

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