

ISSUE SUMMARY: Regional Development Plan

Action Date: 3/10/2021

FROM: Mark Mathews, Chair, Community Resources Committee

IMPORTANCE: The Atlanta Region’s Plan is the agency-wide comprehensive plan to “win the future” through an emphasis on world class infrastructure, support for a competitive economy, and establishing healthy livable communities.

ARC developed The Atlanta Region’s Plan, the regional unified plan that encompasses both the Regional Development Plan (RDP) and the Regional Transportation Plan) and has sought comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta Region over the next 25 years.

The RDP component of The Atlanta Region’s Plan is required to be updated every 5 years and with community engagement happening concurrently with the RTP, ARC staff prepared an update to the RDP adopted in 2016.

Pursuant to the State Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning the following plan documents were submitted Georgia DCA for review and comment. The Atlanta Region’s Plan-Regional Development Plan, which includes Regional Resource Plan, Regional Work Program, and Local Government Implementation. This includes seeking comments from state and local governments.

ACTIONS REQUIRED: ARC Board adoption

**A RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION
ADOPTING,**

The Atlanta Region's Plan-Regional Development Plan

WHEREAS, since 1952 the Atlanta Regional Commission has developed and adopted regional plans for the Atlanta region; and

WHEREAS, these plans include the Regional Development Plan for the ten county area; and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and associated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the eighteen county area, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Plan must be prepared pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and consistent with minimum standards developed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA); and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Georgia DCA adopted revisions to Chapter 110-12-6, Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning, "Regional Planning Requirements"; and

WHEREAS, ARC developed a regional unified plan and strategic vision for The Atlanta Region's Plan and has sought comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta region during the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS, ARC seeks to conserve and protect critical environmental and historic resources, rural landscapes, critical habitats, greenspaces, water supply, water quality, air quality and other environmental features while meeting the overall regional needs to manage growth sustainably; and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta Region's Plan is the agency-wide comprehensive plan to "win the future" through an emphasis on world class infrastructure, support for a competitive economy, and establishing healthy, livable communities; and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta Region's Plan has incorporated and unified both regional and local growth policy as outlined in Local Government Comprehensive Plans; and

WHEREAS, ARC submitted to Georgia DCA , The Atlanta Region's Plan-Regional Development Plan, which includes Regional Resource Plan, Regional Work Program, and Local Government Implementation, sections under state rules under Regional Planning Requirements; and

WHEREAS, Georgia DCA has reviewed The Atlanta Region's Plan-Regional Development Plan documents submitted for review and determined they satisfactorily meet the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission adopts The Atlanta Region's Plan-Regional Development Plan. ARC staff are directed to continue implementation of The Atlanta Region's Plan including requirements outlined in the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes staff, with approval of the Chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission, to make non-substantive technical corrections to the final document as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs the staff to report regularly on the above actions and commits itself to address policy issues raised in a timely manner to further the implementation of **The Atlanta Region's Plan.**