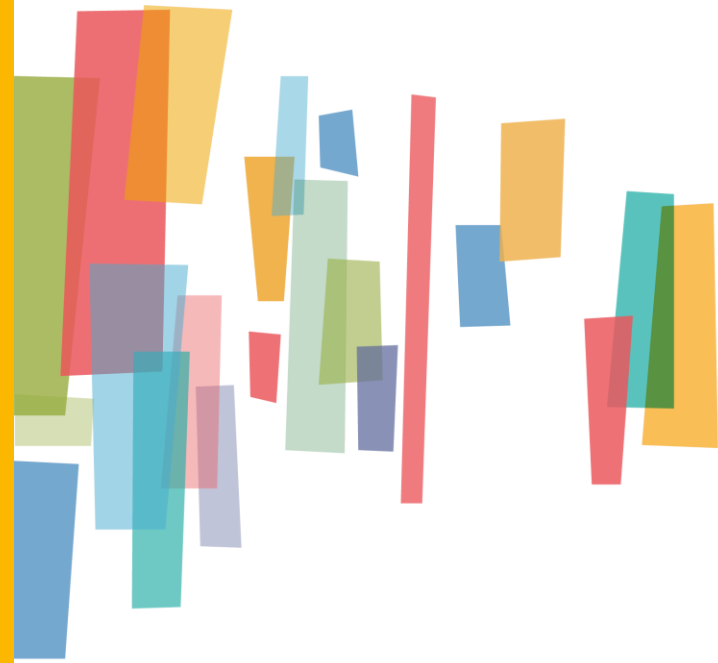




HB 297

HB 297 Impact & Transition Considerations

May 13, 2026



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Note: this PowerPoint deck has been updated from the previous version shared due to developments and further consultations.

House Bill 297 (2026)

HB 297 passed on the final night of the 2026 legislative session. Notable changes to structures and transportation governance:

- Dissolves GRTA & The ATL (5/12 deadline)
- Creates Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority (GTEA)
- GTEA governed by 13-member Board:
 - 8 Gubernatorial appointments (5 must come from 13-county compliance zone)
 - 2 Lieutenant Governor appointments (1)
 - 2 Speaker of House appointments (1)
 - 1 GDOT Commissioner appointment
- GTEA designated recipient of federal transit funds
- GTEA replaces GRTA for:
 - DRI reviews
 - TIP approvals
- XPRESS Bus Service remains intact and operational, oversight by GTEA
- MARTA's taxing authority extended through 2067

HB 297 – Impacts on ARC

Bylaws

Several provisions reference GRTA or ATL by name. Articles IV and VIII must be updated to reflect GTEA as the successor entity.

Five-Party MOA

Reduction to four parties, with GRTA and ATL consolidated into GTEA. TIP approval chain changes needed.

TIP Amendment

ARC TIP amendment due to Governor May 20.

Technical Updates

As needed through the process, website/document updates and other communication

ARC Bylaws: Key Changes Required *

All references to GRTA and ATL must be updated to GTEA.

Article IV-B Metropolitan Planning Organization	Update TIP/STIP approval language. GTEA assumes the Governor's delegated authority to approve TIPs under § 50-39-14. Remove GRTA as designee.
Article IV-D Local Workforce Dev. Board	No direct change; confirm no GRTA/ATL cross-references remain in this section after edit.
Article VIII-B-3(a) TAQC Membership	Remove GRTA Board and ATL Board seats from TAQC. Add GTEA Board Chair or designee. Update Article VIII-B-3(d) terms of office accordingly.
Article VIII-B-3(e) TAQC Duties	Update 'develops consensus among ARC, MARTA, ATL, GDOT, GRTA' to 'ARC, MARTA, GTEA, GDOT.' All five-agency references become four-agency.
Article IX-C-3(c) Executive Director - Contracts	TIP amendment execution: remove GRTA countersignature role. Reference GTEA Board approval per § 50-39-14 as prerequisite before ARC/Board Chair execution.
Article XI-B Administrative Modifications	ED may use administrative modification authority (no Board vote required) for name-change substitutions (ATL→GTEA, GRTA→GTEA) that are non-substantive, with Board Chair approval.

* Bylaw revisions may not require formal Board approval if the changes are simply "administrative modifications." According to ARC's bylaws, administrative modifications may be proposed by ARC's Executive Director and approved by the Board Chair. The ARC Board will either be asked to vote or be advised of the necessary changes.

Exact TIP Amendment Approval Process for Interim Term TBD

ARC has a TIP amendment for Gubernatorial action on May 20, 2026

ARC ACTIONS THROUGH MAY 20, 2026

1. Coordinate with GRTA/GTEA leadership to confirm interim TIP approval protocol
2. Coordinate with GDOT and FHWA/FTA Atlanta offices to confirm Federal approval
3. Continue to document all communications and interim agreements; include in TIP administrative record

Board Approval Path: 2026 ARC Calendar

<p>May 13</p>	<p>Board Information & Resolution Adoption</p>	<p>BOARD INFORMATION: HB297 impacts on ARC governance and operations.</p> <p>BOARD RESOLUTION: Recognition that during the transition period ARC will follow GA law while undertaking modifications to ARC's bylaws and other implementation requirements.</p>	<p>GC + ED</p> <p>Governance Committee + ARC Board</p>
<p>May 20</p>	<p>Critical Deadline</p>	<p>TIP amendment must receive Governor approval per Federal law.</p>	<p>Transportation Director + GC</p> <p>GRTA/GTEA Deadline</p>
<p>Aug 12</p>	<p>Board Adoption* (*Contingent upon timely transition to GTEA)</p>	<p>TAQC VOTE: TAQC votes on Four-Party MOA.</p> <p>BOARD VOTE: ARC Board votes on Four-Party MOA and either receives first read of bylaw amendments or notice of bylaw administrative changes pursuant to ARC bylaws.</p>	<p>ARC Board + 3 Agencies</p> <p>TAQC + ARC Board</p>
<p>Sep 9</p>	<p>Board Adoption & Contingency</p>	<p>Fallback date if August vote delayed for any reason. Admin modifications published per Art. XI-B. If required, revised bylaws approved by the Board and posted publicly.</p>	<p>ARC Secretary</p> <p>Governance Committee + ARC Board</p>



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