



Wednesday, August 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 ARC Board Meeting to Order – *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

II. Pledge of Allegiance — *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

III. Chairman's Comments — *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

IV. Oath of Office by New Board Member(s):

A. **Mayor Brandon Hembree**, City of Sugar Hill

B. **Marvin Nesbitt Jr.**, ARC Citizen District 4

V. Consent Agenda — *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

A. ARC Open Records Officer

B. ARC Assistant Secretary

[ARC Board Meeting recess]

The ARC Board meeting will recess, and the Joint ARC Board & TAQC meeting will convene.

[Joint Meeting convene]

VI. Call Joint ARC Board & TAQC Meeting to Order — *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

VII. Public Comment for Joint Meeting

VIII. Consent Agenda — *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

A. May 13, 2026 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Summary

IX. Joint Discussion/Information Items – *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

A. Transportation Carbon Reduction Plan
Jon Philipsborn, Climate and Resilience Manager

Summary: The Atlanta Regional Commission is developing a Transportation Carbon Reduction Plan, focusing on identifying best projects and policies to reduce transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions across the 19-county MPO region. This Plan will have direct opportunities to influence the creation of co-benefits including reduced congestion, improved health and environmental outcomes, and economic mobility; and is strongly aligned with other ARC plans, including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Metro Atlanta Climate Action Plan, and ARC's housing initiatives. In addition to developing Prioritized Regional Strategies and Policies, a Carbon Reduction Quick Guide for Local Governments will provide usable, near-term recommendations. Funding for this Plan has been provided via Congressionally Directed Spending from Representative Lucy McBath, and work is being split between ARC staff and a consultant team led by Clean Cities Georgia.

B. 2026 TIP Briefing
Michael Haire, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning

Summary: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a list of federally funded transportation project phases over a short-range planning horizon. Periodically, ARC holds a competitive call for projects which allows local jurisdictions to apply for a portion of ARC's sub-allocated federal funds for which they have programming authority over. This process is known as the TIP Solicitation, and applications were accepted for this most recent round through January of 2026. A draft list of funding recommendations has been developed, and staff will provide an overview of the process and a broad summary of the recommended awards. Additionally, staff will provide an update on the in-development FY 2027 - 2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

[Joint Meeting recess]

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

[ARC Board convene]

X. **ARC Board Action Items** – *Michael Caldwell, Vice Chair*

A. Consumer Price Index: Adjustment to Annual Dues
James Husserl, Chief Financial Officer

Summary: Review and discussion of a proposed regional dues increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), consistent with ARC's enabling legislation. The discussion will include the need for additional local funding to address rising operating costs, maintain required matching funds for federal grants, support essential non-federally funded programs, and sustain board initiatives and legislative activities.

B. 2026 Population Estimates

Moshe Haspel, Data Science Administrator, Research & Analytics

Summary: Each year, the ARC is required by state law to produce population estimates for member counties and the City of Atlanta, for the purpose of assessing dues for the following year. Adoption of these estimates is required by the end of August. Staff provide an overview of the 2026 population estimates for 2026 and present them for adoption by the Board for assessment of 2027 dues.

C. Regional Development Plan (RDP)

Samyukth Shenbaga, Managing Director, Community Development

Summary: The Regional Development Plan (RDP) is a high-level policy guide for Metro Atlanta local governments and leaders on key regional issues including land use, quality of life, infrastructure, economic development, natural resources, and intergovernmental coordination. Following an 18-month effort to develop the five-year update to the RDP, the ARC Board conducted a first read and public hearing on the RDP at its May 13 meeting and approved transmittal of the draft to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), which approved it on July 27. Today, ARC staff will present the final RDP and implementation next steps, concluding with a request for formal Board adoption.

XI. ARC Board First Read – *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

A. Housing Strategy

Sharon Carney, Principal, HR&A

Samyukth Shenbaga, Managing Director, Community Development

Kristin Allin, Regional Housing Planning Coordinator, Community Development

Summary: ARC staff will present the draft Regional Housing Strategy, a blueprint for addressing metro Atlanta's housing affordability challenges through coordinated regional action. The presentation will cover key findings from a regional housing analysis, recommended housing goals, and an implementation framework with priority initiatives for the 11-county region. Board members will have the opportunity to provide feedback ahead of formal adoption in September.

XII. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

August 18 – 22: LINK 2026 – Mexico City

2nd Wed: September 9 (ARC Board/TAQC)

November 4: State of the Region 2026