

**A RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION
APPROVING,
TRANSMITTAL OF THE 2026 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
UPDATE**

WHEREAS, since 1952 the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has developed and advanced regional plans for the Atlanta region; and

WHEREAS, these plans include the Regional Development Plan (RDP) for the eleven-county area, as well as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the nineteen-county area; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Plan must be prepared pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and in accordance with the minimum standards established 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 has prepared the 2026 Regional Development Plan Update as part of its ongoing unified regional planning and strategic vision to guide sustainable economic and population growth over the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 RDP Update seeks to support the region’s long-term prosperity by promoting healthy, safe, livable communities; strategic investments in people, infrastructure, mobility and preserving natural resources; and a competitive economy; and

WHEREAS, the plan reflects ARC’s commitment to conserving and protecting critical environmental and historic resources, greenspace, water and air quality, and other essential natural assets while managing growth responsibly; and

WHEREAS, ARC has incorporated regional and local growth policies consistent with Local Government Comprehensive Plans as required by state rules; and

WHEREAS, ARC has prepared the 2026 Regional Development Plan Update—including the Regional Resource Plan, Regional Work Program, and Local Government Implementation components—for submission pursuant to DCA’s Regional Planning Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the ARC Board has conducted all required public hearings and has reviewed the draft 2026 RDP Update for consistency with state standards and regional priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission board approves the transmittal of the 2026 Regional Development Plan Update to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for its required regional review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ARC staff are authorized to submit all necessary documentation to DCA and to make non-substantive technical corrections to the final document as needed, with approval of the Chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs staff to report regularly on the status of the review and any follow-up actions needed to advance the implementation of the 2026 Regional Development Plan Update.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on May 13, 2026.

Charissa White, Manager of Board Affairs and Legal Clerk