



Wednesday, August 9, 2023 | 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:
www.atlantaregional.org/board

I. Welcome — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair

II. Pledge of Allegiance — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair

III. Public Comment for Meeting

IV. Oath of Office to New Board Member: Chairman Phil Miller, *Douglas County*

V. Chairman's Comments — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair

VI. Consent Agenda — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair

A. May 10, 2023 Joint Meeting Summary

The ARC Board and Transportation and Air Quality Committee (TAQC) are asked to jointly approve the summary.

VII. Discussion/Information Items — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair

A. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Update

Anna Roach, Executive Director & CEO, ARC

Mike Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, ARC

An update will be provided on regional directions for developing a common theme to structure future discretionary applications. Updates will also be provided on regional performance in receiving discretionary funding awards.

B. Transportation Operations and Economic Development Section Updates

Daniel Studdard, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning

- Electrification Plan Briefing

A Regional Electrification Plan has started. Staff will update policymakers on key items to be addressed in the plan and the work plan for this year.

- Regional Freight Plan Briefing

ARC is developing a Regional Freight Plan update and staff will update policymakers on the work conducted to date. Key items to discuss include freight trends and growth levels, including freight cluster areas in the region.

C. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Priorities

John Orr, Managing Director, Transportation Planning

ARC staff has worked with regional transit operators to update the regional transit expansion concept. These updates will be a core foundation of the MTP update that is scheduled for approval in January 2024. Highlights of the regional transit expansion strategy will be shared with policymakers for feedback and input.

[Joint meeting recess]

The Joint meeting of the ARC Board and TAQC committee will recess, and the TAQC committee meeting will convene. The TAQC Committee is asked to approve one item listed below for action.

[TAQC convene]

VIII. TAQC Action Items — *Mike Mason, Chair, TAQC*

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) / Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment #8

Jean Hee Barrett, Planning Administrator, Transportation Planning

This action item will include a briefing on comments received for the draft TIP Amendment #8. This TIP amendment incorporates new discretionary grant funding from Congress and US DOT into the TIP. Board and committee members were sent initial materials for this amendment to review.

[TAQC adjourn]

The TAQC committee meeting will adjourn, and the ARC Board meeting will convene. The ARC Board is asked to approve two items listed below for action.

[ARC Board convene]

IX. ARC Board Action Items — *Kerry Armstrong, Chair*

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B. 2023 Annual Population Estimates

Mike Carnathan, Senior Manager, Research & Analytics

ARC annually produces population estimates for major jurisdictions in the Atlanta region. Not only do these estimates serve as the basis for assessing dues for the following year, it also allows us to keep on top of major trends that are influencing the growth in the region.

X. First Read — *Kerry Armstrong, Chair*

A. Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA) Corridor Plan Amendment

Jim Santo, Principal Planner, Natural Resources

This presentation is an overview of the Metropolitan River Protection Act, or MRPA, and Chattahoochee River Corridor and a presentation of proposed amendments to the Chattahoochee Corridor Plan. The amendments include allowing public trails and bike paths within 500-foot buffers along the river. These buffers are voluntary and currently allow only utility easements. Other proposed amendments include adding language to provide for bank restoration and invasive plant removal, as well as addressing permeable paving and other surfaces. Amending the Plan requires Board approval as well as consultations with all affected local governments and interested groups. Public hearings are also conducted in each of the affected counties. This is a first reading to present these proposals to the Board and to provide an opportunity for questions and comments.

XI. Executive Director's Report — *Anna Roach, Executive Director & CEO*

XII. Discussion/Information Items — *Kerry Armstrong, Chair*

A. Cumberland Sweep Project: Hopper AV Shuttle Pilot Program

Kim Menefee, Executive Director, Cumberland Improvement District

The Cumberland Community Improvement District (CID) serves as a major commercial activity center and one of the largest employment centers in the state. Located along I-75 in the thriving northwest corridor in the greater Atlanta region, the Cumberland CID is experiencing tremendous growth, including six class A office towers, 84,000 jobs, 30,000 residents, and the Atlanta Braves' \$1.3 billion stadium and The Battery Atlanta, a thriving mixed-use community. Today, over 3,300 businesses call Cumberland home giving the district a \$23.6 billion annual economic impact on Georgia's economy. This growth, along with dynamic places to visit, propels the need for innovative transportation enhancements for the community like the Cumberland Sweep.

The Cumberland Sweep will connect Cumberland's rich and diverse assets and provide a vital transportation option for the community. The Sweep includes a three-mile path designed to improve connectivity throughout the core of the District with dedicated walking and biking lanes and an autonomous shuttle system. On July 25th, the Cumberland CID launched an autonomous shuttle pilot program for the community called the Cumberland Hopper. In partnership with Beep, Inc., a national leader in autonomous mobility solutions, the Cumberland CID is exploring emerging transportation technologies and learning how shared electric, autonomous mobility can better connect people throughout the Cumberland District.

XIII. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

4th Wed: **August 23, 2023** (Pension, ARWDB, BARS, ACA) | 2nd Wed: **September 13, 2023**
(MNGWPD)