



Atlanta Regional Commission



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

August 28, 2019

Board Adopts Resolution Approving 2019 Population Estimates

The ARC board adopted a resolution approving the 2019 population estimates for the 10-county Atlanta region. Metro Atlanta added 72,500 people in the past year, pushing the region's 10-county population to more than 4.6 million, according to ARC's estimates. Each of metro Atlanta's 10 counties saw population increases in the past year. Fulton and Gwinnett counties added the most residents, while the highest growth rates occurred in Cherokee and Henry counties and the City of Atlanta. The region's growth rate, while still among the highest in the past decade, has slowed slightly – dropping to 1.6%, down from 1.8% in 2017 and 1.7% in 2018. This reflects a similar dip in employment growth.

- [Regional Snapshot – 2019 Population Estimates](#)
- [ARC News Release](#)

Board Votes in Favor of Critical FTA Funding Changes

The ARC board unanimously approved changes to the Federal Transit Administration Formula. Roughly \$170 million in FTA funding is distributed to our region each year. The 5307 Atlanta Urbanized Area program is disbursed based on a formula, of which ARC had a 0.5% share. With this update, the

percentage distributed to the Atlanta region is now 1%, with 0.75% going to The ATL, and the remainder going to ARC. Orr also provided summaries of the 5337 State of Good Repair and the 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities programs. This is the first read of the update; it will be presented to the board again in August.

- [FTA Resolution 5339-2019](#)
- [FTA Resolution 5337-2019](#)
- [FTA Resolution 5307-2019](#)

ARC Board Approves Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal

The ARC board unanimously approved the adoption of the Agency's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal. As a recipient of U.S. DOT funds totaling \$250,000 or more in a year, ARC must adopt a program to comply with federal requirements which seek to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts in FTA's transit programs and to create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly on DOT-assisted contracts.

- [DBE Resolution and Plan](#)

Immersion Program Builds Relationships, Trust Between Law Enforcement and Metro Faith Communities

Greg Mason, Manager of ARC's Urban Area Security Initiative, presented on the First Responder Immersion Program. This preventative program has developed a framework to prevent bias-based interactions. Since its inception, the program has broken down barriers and opened doors of understanding between law enforcement and faith communities, while decreasing isolation of vulnerable populations, including Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and Christian groups.

Title VI Plan Update Better Reflects Full Scope of ARC Work

Brittney Zwald of ARC's Center for Business Services presented a first read on the Title VI Plan Update. As a recipient of federal funds and in accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ARC has developed a 2019 update to its Title VI Plan. This plan ensures nondiscrimination in the agency's public participation process. In previous versions, this plan has concentrated on ARC's Transportation work; updates in this version better reflect all of ARC's programs.

- [Title VI Plan](#)
- [Title VI Plan Resolution and Summary](#)
- [Title VI Plan Update Presentation](#)

Five Party Transit Agreement Presented for First Read

David Haynes with ARC's Transportation Access & Mobility group presented a first read on the Five Party Agreement Update. Federal rules governing metropolitan transportation planning require ARC, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Atlanta region, to work with state agencies and transit operators to define their roles and responsibilities in the planning process and formalize that understanding in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). A new Five-Party MOA has been negotiated between ARC, ATL, GDOT, GRTA and MARTA — and all agencies are scheduled to take approval action in August or September 2019

- [Five Party Agreement Resolution](#)

Announcements and References

- The Georgia Association of Regional Commissions' Annual Training Conference is November 6-8 at St. Simons
- The ARC Annual State of the Region Breakfast is Friday, November 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The next ARC Board meeting is Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 1 p.m.

The next ARC Committee Day is Thursday, September 12, 2019.