



Atlanta Regional Commission



## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

**January 23, 2019**

### **Board Approves Concept 3 Regional Transit Vision**

The ARC Board adopted an update to Concept 3, the region's long-range transit vision for what transit expansion might look like if cost were no object. ARC staff developed Concept 3 in collaboration with local governments and transportation agencies. It includes 50 potential projects and will serve to inform future regional planning and investments, including a 13-county regional transit plan to be developed later this year by the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority, or the ATL.

- [ARC News Release](#)
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### **Two ARC Members Sworn In, One Citizen Member Elected**

Two newly-elected county commission chairs joined the ARC Board, and one new citizen member was elected by a caucus of the public board members. The new county commission chairs are **Harry Johnston**, chairman of the Cherokee County Commission, and **Randy Ognio**,

chairman of the Fayette County Commission. The new citizen member, who will be sworn in at the next meeting, is **Bucky Johnson**, former mayor of Norcross. Johnson will represent Citizen District 10, which includes portions of DeKalb and Gwinnett counties.

- [ARC News Release](#)

### **Board Votes to Authorize Fiscal Year Funding Request for Area Agency on Aging**

Becky Kurtz, Manager of Aging and Independence Services, updated the board on the Area Agency on Aging's (AAA) performance metrics for the current four-year plan laid out by the Georgia Division of Aging Services. She also shared the planning allocation for state fiscal year 2020 so that the Board could vote on the funding resolution. At nearly \$22 million, this year's planning allocation is nearly 14% higher than last year's allocation.

The Area Agency on Aging will pursue the following goals, as set by the Georgia Division of Aging Services for all AAAs:

- Seek new sources of revenue
- Provide our services to more underserved individuals
- Increase senior transportation services
- Increase referrals to home repair/modification
- Promote the use of assistive technology
- Increase access to evidence-based health programs
- Increase awareness of community options for care

For more, please see the [resolution authorizing submission of the state fiscal year 2020 plan on aging update and SFY 2020 funding request](#).

### **ARC Recognizes Seven Communities for their Commitment to Sustainability**

Crystal Jackson, manager of ARC's Natural Resources Group, announced the 2018 ARC [Green Communities](#). These are local governments demonstrating leadership in sustainable practices. All winners earned certification points for sustainable measures implemented in their communities.

This year, seven Green Communities honorees achieved the following certification levels.

- **Cherokee County** — Recertified Bronze
- **Fulton County** — Recertified Bronze
- **Gwinnett County** — Recertified, upgraded to Platinum
- **City of Alpharetta** — Recertified Gold
- **City of Chamblee** — Upgraded to Gold
- **City of Decatur** — Recertified Platinum

- **City of Sandy Springs** — Recertified, upgraded to Silver

In metro Atlanta, 20 local governments — 13 cities and seven counties — are currently certified under ARC's Green Communities program. Now in its tenth year, it is the first program in the country to promote sustainability through a green certification for local governments at the regional level.

- [ARC News Release](#)

### **Arts, Culture, and Creative Placemaking Plan Builds on ARC's Arts & Culture Work**

Stephen Causby, manager of ARC's Community Partnerships Group, presented on the new Arts, Culture, and Creative Placemaking Plan. The plan builds upon ARC's existing arts and culture work ([ALMA](#), [Regional Public Art Program](#), [Cultural Forums](#)) to identify goals, explore new priorities and create a cohesive strategy to relate arts and culture to ARC's mission.

More fundamentally, the plan will clarify the ARC's role in the region in supporting arts and culture and identifying ways in which the agency is uniquely positioned to be impactful in this work. The Board will vote on this plan at its Feb. 27 board meeting.

### **Announcements and References**

- The South Metro Development Outlook Conference will be held Feb. 21, 2019, at the Georgia International Convention Center
- The ARC board will gather for our annual Work Session April 11-12 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton.
- This year's LINK trip will take place May 15-18 in Pittsburgh, a resilient and innovative region that offers many lessons for metro Atlanta.
- ARC's 2019 State of the Region Breakfast will take place on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Georgia World Congress Center.