Atlanta Regional Commission

DATE: November 12, 2026

ISSUE SUMMARY: Adoption of Housing Forward 2035: the ARC's Regional Housing Strategy and Resolution

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DESCRIPTION: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) encourages metropolitan planning organizations to strengthen the coordination of housing and transportation planning to improve access to jobs, services, and economic opportunity. In response, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has developed Housing Forward 2035: the Regional Housing Strategy to provide a coordinated framework for advancing regional housing and transportation planning across the Atlanta region.

Housing Forward 2035 establishes a shared vision and a set of goals and actions to expand housing choice, improve affordability, preserve existing housing, and support access to housing opportunities throughout the region. Developed through extensive stakeholder engagement and analysis of regional housing trends, the Strategy identifies the key housing challenges facing the region and outlines actionable recommendations to help local governments and regional partners respond to current and future housing needs.

Housing Forward 2035 outlines the housing actions needed to implement the Strategy and establishes performance measures to track progress and evaluate success over time.

The Housing Strategy for the Atlanta Region is presented to the ARC Board for adoption, establishing the framework that will guide regional housing initiatives, transportation coordination, and partnerships in the years ahead.

ACTION REQUIRED: Adoption of *Housing Forward 2035*- the ARC's Regional Housing Strategy and resolution is recommended.

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RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION
ADOPT HOUSING FORWARD 2035

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is a Regional Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-30, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-35 authorizes each commission to collect, process and analyze economic statistics; and

WHEREAS, ARC is a Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-80, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-92 authorizes such a commission to prepare and adopt comprehensive development guides to include economic development and economic needs of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) encourages metropolitan planning organizations to strengthen the coordination of housing and transportation planning to improve access to jobs, services, and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, ARC worked with local governments, housing practitioners, community organizations, and regional stakeholders to develop the Housing Strategy for the Atlanta Region through a collaborative planning process informed by technical analysis and stakeholder engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Forward 2035, the Regional Housing Strategy, establishes a shared vision, goals, actions, and performance targets to advance housing choice, affordability, preservation, and access to housing opportunities across the Atlanta region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission hereby adopts Housing Forward 2035 as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission directs staff to use Housing Forward 2035 as the regional housing strategy and framework for advancing regional housing and transportation coordination and to work with local governments and regional partners to implement the Strategy and monitor progress toward its goals.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on November 12, 2026.

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