



Joint ARC Board and Transportation & Air Quality Meeting

November 8, 2023

Public Hearing for Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mike Mason, the Chair of TAQC shared that ARC is required to update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) every four years. ARC also develops the short-range plan, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers the first four years of the MTP. This hearing is for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which ARC is required to update, and the fiscal year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. The dates for public comment are Oct. 27 – Dec. 8. A virtual meeting will also be held Nov. 15, where updates will be shared, and attendees can make public comment at that time.

No Public comment today. Public hearing closed

ARC Citizen District Election Results

Robb Pitts, Chairman of the Fulton County Commission, convened the ARC Citizen District Elections prior to board meeting. Election results were as follows:

District 3: Robert “Bob” Reeves
District 5: Sarah Ray
District 7: Liane Levetan
District 8: Greg Cantrell
District 9: Kerry Armstrong
District 12: Thomas “Tom” Meinhart
District 13: Michelle Cooper Kelly

Joint First Read – Metropolitan Transportation Plan

ARC Planning Administrator David Haynes shared information on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which allocates more than \$168 billion dollars for transportation projects through 2050. This work is central to the region and to our goal of having one great region. ARC, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for this work and this function resides in our transportation department.

More information:

- [TAQC-MTP Presentation](#)

- [Draft Resolution 2050 MTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP](#)

Unified Planning Work Program (TAQC Action; ARC Board Action)

The ARC Board and TAQC adopted the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which documents metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with federal, state, and local transportation funds in the 20-county Atlanta metropolitan transportation planning area.

- [2024 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA) Corridor Plan Amendment Update (ARC Board Action)

The ARC Board adopted a resolution to amend the Chattahoochee Corridor Plan, which is administered by ARC and affected local governments under MRPA. The amendments are to allow public trails in the 500-foot buffer, to allow streambank restoration, and to allow removal of invasive species with subsequent revegetation with native species, and to exempt water supply reservoir dams from the 25-foot height limit in the river floodplains.

- [Draft Chattahoochee Corridor Plan](#)
- [Chattahoochee Corridor Plan Proposed Amendments](#)
- [Corridor Plan Amendment Update Resolution](#)

2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Report (ARC Board Action)

The ARC Board adopted a resolution to accept the 2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Report. Gwinnett County Chair Nicole Hendrickson, Chair of the Community Resources Committee, shared a story map to highlight CEDS successes and initiatives. Keri Stevens of ARC's Community Development department shared the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is an annual Report submitted to EDA to meet EDD requirements. It was decided to create a story map that will be able to be used on ARC's website, allow for interaction with ARC staff and participation in activities. EDA and CEDS goals can be found in the plan.

- [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Report Review](#)
- [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Report Presentation](#)

- [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Report Resolution](#)

2024 Budget and Work Program Resolution **(ARC Board Action)**

The ARC Board adopted the 2024 Budget and Work Program, which is the Commission's official policy regarding allocation of the Commission's money and staff resources during 2024.

- [2024 Budget and Work Program Presentation](#)
- [2024 Budget Resolution Draft](#)

Nominations/Declarations & Election of ARC Chair

The ARC Board elected Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens as the next ARC Board Chairman. His two-year term begins January 1, 2024. Dickens was the sole nominee for the position.

Metro Atlanta Speaks (MAS) **(ARC Board Discussion/Information Item)**

Nicole Hendrickson, Chair, CRC and Mike Carnathan, Senior Manager, Research & Analytics provided an overview of the 10th year of the 2023 Metro Atlanta Speaks survey. Highlighted were the new questions about housing affordability, electric vehicles, and climate change. MAS is the largest and most robust survey of its kind in the Atlanta region to glean perceptions of life and is the biggest data set we get to play with. For most of the years in the twenty - teens, transportation was the top issue. Now it's crime and the economy; yet where crime is concerned, there is a disconnect on how we think about crime at large versus in our neighborhoods. There is a lot of skepticism about expanding transit. In the area of housing affordability, about half of the respondents exhibit some form of financial distress and 30% of residents are struggling.

- [Metro Atlanta Speaks Survey Board Presentation](#)

UASI Full-Scale Training Exercise **(ARC Board Discussion/Information Item)**

Jeff Turner, Chair, UASI and Bernard Coxton, Director, Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness gave a presentation of the region's first multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency public safety full-scale training exercise in nearly ten years, which was conducted on Oct. 19.

The event was a huge success. Planning took more than 19 months. Coming together as the public

safety community to conduct these exercises is a plus for our region. The exercise involved more than 600 people, took place at two different locations, and occurred over 12 hours. It was the largest industrial exercise in the south. Bringing stakeholders together now to get to know one another makes it easier to work together in the future.

- [UASI Full Scale Exercise Presentation](#)