

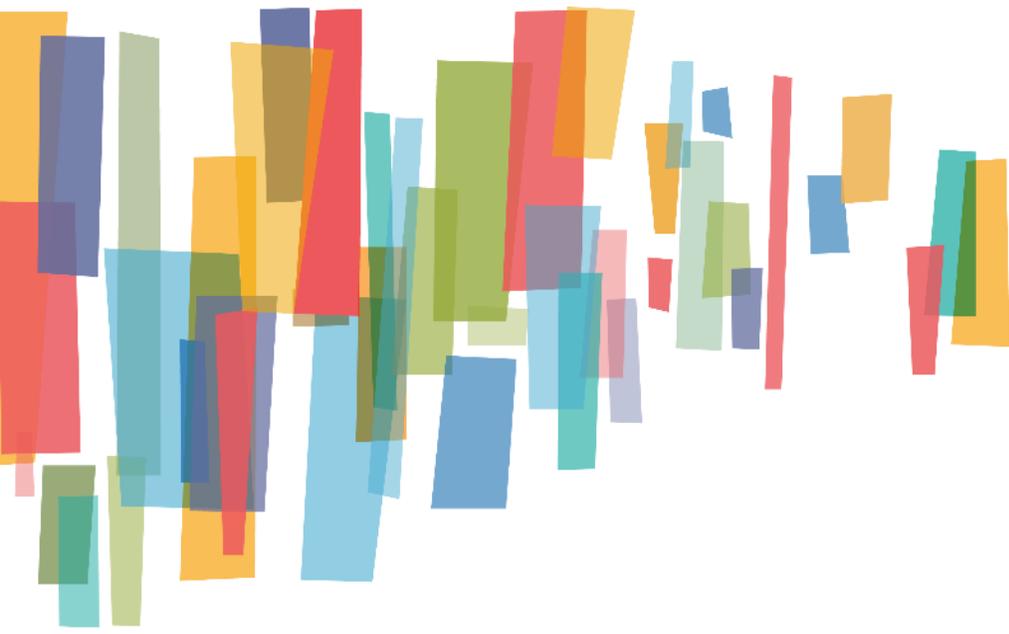
Executive Director's Report

August 13, 2025

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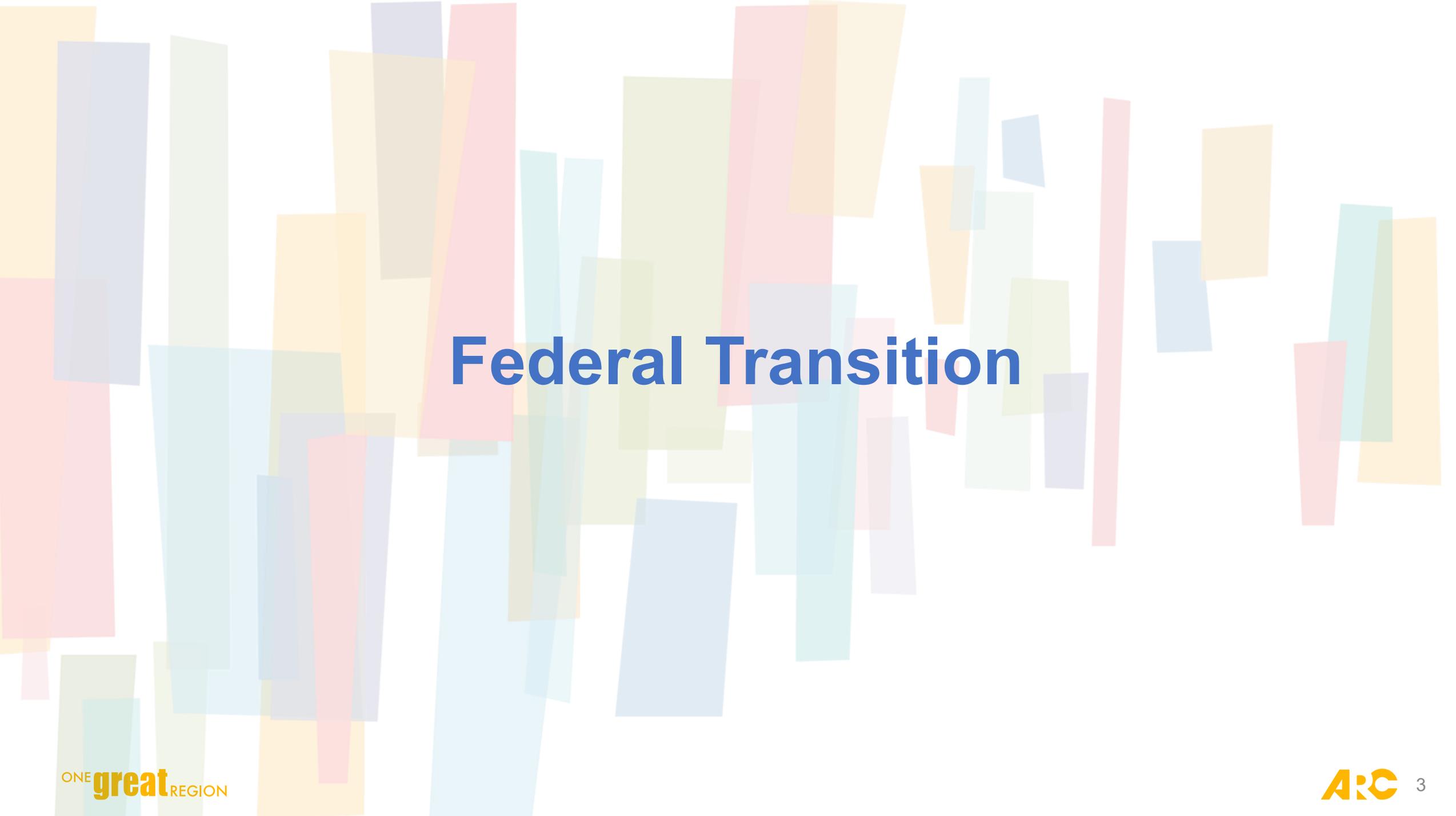


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Federal Transition

Budget Reconciliation

Overview

- Passed Congress and signed by President week of July 4
- Congressional Budget Office estimates the law increases the deficit by \$3.4T over 10 years
- Makes permanent several tax benefits from 2017 tax law
- Limits eligibility and federal funding for Medicaid and food assistance
- Repeals clean energy initiatives from Inflation Reduction Act

ARC Impact

- Rescinds unobligated Neighborhood Access & Equity funding
 - This includes the Flint River Gateway Trails



FY 26 Appropriations

Overview

- Federal fiscal year ends September 30
- House and Senate working through appropriations measures
- State budget implications
 - Gov. Kemp and Office of Planning & Budget have told agencies not to request increases to backfill lost federal funds.



ARC Impact

■ Transportation

- Most surface transportation funds provided by IIJA
- House Transportation, Housing & Urban Development (THUD) cuts FTA by 89%, includes 98% cut to Capital Investment Grants (CIG) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) by 91%, cuts BUILD
- Senate THUD has different approach – 1% increase to FTA (11.5% cut to CIGs), 1% increase to FRA, \$250m for BUILD

■ UASI

- House Homeland Security increases funding 11% for FY 26
- House report includes language requested by ARC about equalizing funding

■ Economic Development

- House and Senate Commerce, Justice & Science bills cut EDA (-36% House, -10% Senate.) President requested elimination.

■ No Aging or Workforce appropriations yet (No Labor-HHS bill released yet)



Operational Snapshot

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Healthy, Safe, Livable Communities

- Received 2025 Innovation Award from USAging for “Live Beyond Expectations” work addressing disparities in life expectancy.
- Launched ARC’s Strategic Innovation Group, transforming how we approach regional planning challenges.

Competitive Economy

- Workforce Solutions selected contractors to operate Career Resource and Youth Programs, and to deliver a new Mobile Career Lab.
- Building Georgia team Identified training/hiring needs working with highway contractors, training providers, and state and federal agencies.
- Developed 2025 population estimates for the 11-county Atlanta region.
- Garnered 6,092 responses to Regional Commuter Survey.

Engaged Stakeholders

- Held second Housing Leadership Academy meeting in June, focused on innovative solutions to homelessness.
- Announced 2025 RLI Class. Program starts September 16.
- Announced 2025 MARC Class. Program starts August 9.
- Held Energy and Climate Council meeting on May 28.

Operational Efficiency

- A&IS implementing AI interventions to improve access to services, information, and staff.
- Upgraded modeling/forecasting system enables simultaneous multi-scenario runs, faster analysis, and more flexibility in outcomes.

Strategic Investments

- Hired Ann Carpenter, Ph.D, as Chief Research and Innovation Officer to lead research, analytics, and policy innovation work.
- Successfully completed TIP Amendment #4. Modeling underway for TIP Amendment #5.
- Selected Brett Lacy of WorkSource Fulton as new Managing Director of Workforce Solutions. He replaces the retiring Rob LeBeau.



Financial Update

2025 YTD Budget Utilization & Other Updates

<i>In Millions (\$)</i>	Actual	Amended	Run/	2024 Rur
Expenses	2025	2025 Budget	Rate	Rate %
Operations				
Research & Analytics	\$ 1.3	\$ 3.8	33%	41%
Community Development	2.3	6.5	36%	28%
Natural Resources	1.5	4.6	31%	35%
Workforce Solutions	3.7	11.5	33%	37%
Mobility Services	5.5	14.5	38%	28%
Transportation Access	3.8	18.5	20%	24%
Aging & Independence Services	11.5	35.1	33%	42%
Homeland Security & Recovery	1.5	8.8	17%	47%
Total Operations	\$ 31.10	\$ 103.31	30%	35%
Administration and Other ARC Programs				
Executive Director and CEO	\$ 0.5	\$ 1.2	45%	37%
External Affairs and Strategy	1.2	3.1	37%	34%
General Counsel and Compliance	0.5	0.9	52%	36%
Finance Department	0.8	2.3	32%	32%
General Services	0.3	0.9	32%	42%
Information Technology	1.5	2.7	53%	49%
Human Resources	0.6	1.5	39%	37%
Chief Operating Officer	0.3	0.7	45%	46%
Total Administration and Other ARC Programs	\$ 5.58	\$ 13.44	42%	39%
Indirect Allocation to Operations and Recovery	(4.98)	(10.8)		
Unallocated Administrative and Other Programs	\$ 0.60	2.63	23%	10%
Total Expenses	\$ 31.70	105.94	30%	35%

Expense rate as of June 2025 (30%) is below the 2024 level (35%), primarily due to impacts from the “Federal Transition”, which led to:

- Disruptions and delays in the contracting process
- Significant reimbursement delays, prompting pauses or slowdowns in active contracts
- Uncertainty regarding the authority to implement existing awards
- Rescission of previously awarded funding

The agency’s cash position remains strong, with approximately two (2) months of cash on hand to cover expenditures.

The agency continues its’ implementation of the “Federal Transition” financial plan.

2024 Financial and Single Audit Highlights

Taking Place in 2025

Audit	Completed on	Result
Financial	6.13.2025	Clean Opinion
Single Audit (Federal Financial Assistance)	6.13.2025	Clean Opinion
Agreed Upon Procedures (Travel and Expense)	6.13.2025	Clean Opinion

Other Comments

Fourth year in a row with no findings (Financial and Single Audits)



Employee Engagement & Satisfaction

Employee Engagement Highlight: ARC Field Day

- Staff participated in Field Day and All-Staff meeting on July 9.
- Event reflected commitment to employee engagement, recognition, and organizational culture.





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Engagements

March 11 – August 13

