

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | 1:00 PM

Joint ARC Board & Transportation and Air Quality Committee (TAQC) Meeting

ARC Conference Center | 229 Peachtree Street NE | Atlanta, GA 30303

The meeting agenda with all presentations and references can be found at:
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I. Call Joint ARC Board & TAQC Meeting to Order — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

II. Pledge of Allegiance — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

III. Public Comment for Joint Meeting

IV. Chairman's Comments — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

V. Consent Agenda — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

a. March 11, 2026 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Summary

Approved

VI. Joint Discussion/Information Items – *Andre Dickens*, Chair

a. Federal ITS4US

Joseph Hacker, Principal, Transportation Technology & Operations, Transportation Planning

Summary: This presentation provided an overview of the Federal ITS4US project in metro Atlanta, summarizing the project need, deployment, and the G-MAP solution, with a recap of the Operational Capabilities Showcase the week before.

- G-MAP is a personalized trip planning and navigation app focused on accessible travel and multimodal transportation.
- The Gwinnett County deployment area includes approximately 315,000 residents, including nearly 33,800 seniors and approximately 17,000 households with disabilities.
- The project area was selected due to its alignment with major transit and paratransit routes, suburban land use patterns, inconsistent pedestrian infrastructure, and high-speed roadways.
- The ITS4US Deployment Program includes multiple phases: pre-deployment activities, deployment concept development, design and testing, operations and evaluation, and long-

term operations and maintenance.

- ARC and partners hosted the G-MAP Operational Showcase and ribbon-cutting event on May 7 at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center.
- Demonstrations included personalized accessible routing, connected vehicle notifications, pedestrian crossing accommodations, indoor/outdoor navigation tools, and transit operator notifications.
- Speakers included representatives from Gwinnett County, USDOT, GDOT, ARC, and the Statewide Independent Living Council.

More information:

- [ITS4US Presentation](#)

b. HB 297 Impact & Transition Considerations

Gwo-Wei Torng, Senior Managing Director, Transportation Planning

John Bayalis, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs

Summary: The Georgia General Assembly passed HB 297 during the 2026 legislative session, dissolving GRTA and ATL and replacing them with the new Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority (GTEA). This change requires ARC to update its Bylaws, convert the Five-Party MOA to a Four-Party MOA, and meet a critical TIP amendment deadline. ARC staff are coordinating with GTEA, GDOT, and federal partners to ensure a smooth transition, with formal adoption of updated governance documents anticipated at a Board/TAQC joint meeting later this year.

- GTEA will be governed by a 13-member board comprised of gubernatorial, legislative, and GDOT appointments.
- GTEA will become the designated recipient of federal transit funds and will assume responsibilities related to DRI reviews and TIP approvals.
- XPRESS bus operations will remain intact under GTEA oversight, and MARTA's taxing authority was extended through 2067.
- ARC staff outlined necessary updates to agency bylaws, the Five-Party MOA, TAQC membership structure, and TIP approval procedures.
- Jannine Miller, member of TAQC and Director of Planning at the Georgia Department of Transportation, noted that the legislation was intended to reduce duplication in statutory authority and responsibilities between agencies. She also described the legislation as supportive of local government coordination.
- Remaining responsibilities at the state level include operation of the Xpress bus system, transportation review of Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) in collaboration with ARC, and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) review responsibilities previously handled by GRTA.
- Miller also noted that the statutory requirement for an Atlanta regional transit plan was removed from state law and stated that the state would continue coordinating with ARC leadership on future regional transit planning approaches.

More information:

- [HB 297 Presentation](#)

[Joint Meeting recess]

The Joint meeting of the ARC Board and TAQC will recess, and the TAQC meeting will convene. TAQC is asked to approve four items listed below for action.

[TAQC Convene]

VII. TAQC Action Items – Carlotta Harrell, Chair

- a. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 6
Michael Haire, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning

Summary: Amendment #6 to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will add new projects that are considered exempt from air quality conformity analysis and make project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively. This amendment does not require the modeling of air quality to ensure the updated projects maintain conformity with the region's air quality standards, as all projects are non-capacity adding and considered exempt from air quality analysis. A 15-day public comment period began on April 1 and concluded on April 15, with approvals scheduled for the May committee and Board meetings.

- First read presentations were conducted during the March TCC and ARC Board/TAQC meetings, and no changes were made following those presentations.
- The public comment period ran from April 1 through April 15, and no public comments were received.
- Committee and Board actions were scheduled for the Transportation Coordinating Committee on May 1 and the TAQC and ARC Board meetings on May 13.
- Final document submittals to USDOT and EPA were scheduled for May 13, with updated project lists expected in late May or early June.

Adopted

More information

- [Project List](#)
- [Public Comment Report](#)
- [Executive Summary](#)
- [Improvement Resolution](#)
- [Amendment #6 Resolution](#)

[TAQC adjourn]

The TAQC meeting will adjourn, and the ARC Board meeting will convene.

VIII. ARC Board Action Items – Andre Dickens, Chair

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b. HB 297 Resolution

Adopted

[HB 297 Resolution](#)

c. Age Friendly Regional Plan

Becky Kurtz, Senior Managing Director, Aging & Independence Services

Summary: The ARC Board is being asked to review and approve the Age-Friendly Action Plan, developed by ARC staff with stakeholder input. The Action Plan provides specific initiatives implementing ARC's commitment to become a more Age-Friendly Region. If

approved, the Action Plan will be submitted to AARP as part of the Age-Friendly designation process.

- The Atlanta region received designation as an Age-Friendly Region in 2024.
- The Action Plan establishes a framework for improving quality of life and supporting older adults across the region through coordinated planning and regional collaboration.
- The presentation coincided with Older Americans Month and highlighted regional efforts to support healthy aging and community livability.

Adopted

More information

- [Age-Friendly Action Plan](#)
- [Age-Friendly Resolution](#)
- [Age Friendly Presentation](#)

IX. Regional Development Plan (RDP)

Public Hearing for the Regional Development Plan (RDP)

Samyukth Shenbaga, Managing Director, Community Development

Summary: The RDP is a high-level policy guide for metro Atlanta local governments and other leaders in areas including land use, quality of life, infrastructure, economic development, natural resource management, and intergovernmental coordination. This segment is an informational update, first read, and public hearing to prepare the RDP for subsequent transmittal to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for state review.

- The RDP is the first regional development plan fully aligned with ARC's One Great Region strategic framework.
- The plan synthesizes five major planning initiatives into one unified policy framework, including the CEDS, MTP, WRMP, Climate Action Plan, and Live Beyond Expectations plan.
- ARC conducted its deepest RDP engagement process to date, including more than 1,000 web inputs, multiple Board engagements, county outreach sessions, and collaboration with community-based organizations.
- The updated plan elevates climate action, tree canopy preservation, greenspace, and economic mobility as key regional priorities.
- The Board opened and closed a public hearing regarding the RDP.
- Following Board approval, the plan will be transmitted to DCA for an approximately 45-day review period, with final Board adoption anticipated in August 2026.
- Board discussion focused on how data modeling and forecasting shape long-term regional planning and investment decisions.
- Cobb County Chairwoman Lisa Cupid expressed concern that relying solely on existing models and historic data can reinforce longstanding inequities and limit transformational change in underserved communities.
- Cupid emphasized that ARC's role as a regional convener and policy-making body should include reevaluating and adjusting planning models to better reflect equitable investment

priorities and changing regional needs. She encouraged regional leaders to proactively shape policy outcomes rather than rely only on historical patterns reflected in the data.

- Samyukth Shenbaga, Managing Director of Community Development, responded that community resiliency and equitable investment are central considerations within the Regional Development Plan and noted that ARC is actively examining how programs such as economic mobility initiatives and the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) can direct resources toward communities that may not traditionally appear in forecasting models.
- Board members discussed the importance of continuing conversations around land use and transportation modeling methodologies to ensure future planning efforts support equitable regional growth.
- Staff noted they would coordinate with ARC transportation and land use modeling teams to further explore how existing models address these concerns and identify opportunities for future refinement.

More information:

- RDP Resolution
- RDP Presentation

X. ARC Board Discussion/Information Items – *Andre Dickens*, Chair

a. World Cup Update

Dan Corso, CEO, and *Leanna Brown*, Government Relations Lead, FIFA World Cup Host Committee

Representatives from the FIFA World Cup Host Committee provided an update on regional planning and coordination for the upcoming FIFA World Cup events in Atlanta.

b. Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) and Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Selection

Lauren Blaszyk, Planning Administrator, Community Development

Jillian Willis, Program Manager, Community Development

Summary: Community Development staff provided a brief presentation and overview of the five (5) studies selected for funding through the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Program, and five (5) studies or plans selected for funding, partnership, or technical assistance through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP), from the 2026 Call for Projects. Community Development used a two-step process to evaluate the applications, which included review and evaluation by both an internal committee of ARC staff and an external committee of representatives from other regional agencies and partners. Prior to finalizing the list of awardees, staff provided a presentation and description of the recommended studies for selection to the Executive Director and COO.

Time did not permit presentation

c. Legislative Recap

John Bayalis, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs

Summary: A brief review of activity pertinent to the agency during the recently-concluded session of the Georgia General Assembly.

Time did not permit presentation

XI. CEO Report – *Anna Roach*, Executive Director & CEO

Time did not permit presentation

XII. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

2nd Wed: **August 12** (Energy and Resilience, BARS, UASI, ARWDB, Gov Com, ARC Board/TAQC)