



Wednesday, February 11, 2026 | 1:00 PM

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

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

I. Call ARC Board Meeting to Order — *Michael Caldwell, Vice Chair*

II. Pledge of Allegiance — *Michael Caldwell, Vice Chair*

III. Chairman's Comments — *Michael Caldwell, Vice Chair*

- Thanked board members for attending the legislative briefing and ARC stakeholders for a job well done.
- Announced that a board orientation will be held for new and old board members scheduled before the next board meeting.
- Reminded members about the Board Working Session and Housing Summit taking place April 29-30 at the Gas South Convention Center in Duluth. RSVP using the card in the Board Member Meeting binder.
- Let Charissa White know if you want to provide comments at the work session.

IV. Oath of Office by New Board Member(s):

Mayor Marci Fluellyn, City of Lovejoy/Clayton County

Justin O'Dell, ARC Citizen District 14

- Charissa White administered the oath to swear in new board members who could not make it to the last board meeting in January.

[ARC Board Meeting recess]

The ARC Board meeting will recess, and the Joint ARC Board & TAQC meeting will convene.

[Joint Meeting convene]

V. Call Joint ARC Board & TAQC Meeting to Order — *Michael Caldwell, Vice Chair*

VI. Public Comment for Joint Meeting

No comments

VII. Consent Agenda — *Michael Caldwell, Vice Chair*

A. January 14, 2026 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Summary

VIII. Joint First Read – *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

A. 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1 *David Haynes*, Manager, Transportation Planning

Summary: The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is ARC’s annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within the Atlanta metropolitan planning area. The UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. The 2026 UPWP was approved by TAQC and the ARC Board in November 2025. This amendment involves adding one federally funded initiative led by ARC: the "Origin-Destination Atlanta Region Travel On-Board Survey," a \$1.6 million initiative that will begin in the fall of 2026 and be completed in late 2027. It will involve the collection of data from transit passengers to be used for scheduling and operations planning, performance analysis, long-range planning, and regional travel demand modeling. The amendment also includes the addition of seven locally led planning studies recently funded from the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All competitive grant program, as well as six studies to be led by the ATL Authority using FTA 5307 grants. All changes will be made available for an informal public and agency partner review and comment period from February 16-26.

The amendment includes three changes:

- Added “Origin-Destination Atlanta Regional Transit On-Board Survey”
- Added seven recently announced federal Safe Streets and Roads for all grant awards to local governments
- Added six initiatives to be led by the ATL Authority, funded by FTA 5307 grants and the state of Georgia Transit Trust Fund.

More Information:

- [ARC Presentation](#)
- [Issue Summary and Resolution](#)
- [UPWP Plan Document](#)

IX. Joint Discussion/Information Items – *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

A. Regional Commuter Survey *Casey Sloan*, Data Analysis Administrator

Summary: The Regional Commuter Survey (RCS) is conducted every three to four years by ARC and the Georgia Department of Transportation through the Georgia Commute Options (GCO) program. The 2025 RCS highlights post-pandemic shifts such as increased hybrid work and continued reliance on driving alone. The results provide insights into how commuters in the 20-county Atlanta region travel to work and how these patterns evolve over time, helping ARC and its partners plan, implement, and evaluate strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), disperse or decrease peak-period congestion, and lower transportation-related emissions. It serves as a key tool for evaluating transportation demand management (TDM) strategies and guiding future planning to reduce congestion and emissions.

- This is the first survey conducted since 2019, before the pandemic

- Documents current commute patterns, assesses commuter awareness
- Results show we have settled into a new normal for commuting post-pandemic, including an increase in occasional and full-time teleworking, a reduction in alternative mode use, and an increase in non-traditional work schedules.
- There is unequal access to teleworking, with frontline workers not having the same access as the office sector.
- Average commute times have decreased despite the distance being relatively the same.
- Increase in part-time workers since 2019.

More Information:

- [ARC Presentation](#)

[Joint Meeting recess]

[TAQC Convene]

X. TAQC Action Item – Carlotta Harrell, Chair

A. Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan *Joseph Hacker, Principal, Transportation Planning*

Summary: This action item relates to the 2025 Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan. The Plan’s vision is to identify strategies, targeted improvements, and innovative pilot concepts through a data driven approach and engagement with diverse stakeholders to help meet the mobility needs of all communities in the region. The HST Plan especially focuses on serving the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities and individuals with lower income, by providing better coordinated transportation services and programs through strategic investments.

The plan includes three key strategic recommendations:

- Develop **regional mobility hubs** that integrate multiple transportation modes and improve safety.
- Implement an **integrated regional trip planner** and **mobile application** that incorporates demand response services and consolidates cross-jurisdictional travel options into a single, user-friendly platform.
- Adopt a **regional fare payment system** to simplify travel for riders and reduce administrative costs for service providers

Adopted

More Information:

- [ARC Presentation](#)
- [Issue Summary and Resolution](#)
- [Executive Summary](#)



Coordinated HST Plan

[TAQC adjourn]

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

[ARC Board convene]

XI. ARC Board Action Items — *Michael Caldwell, Vice Chair*

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Adopted

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- [Coordinated HST Plan](#)

B. Area Plan on Aging Fiscal Year 27 Update *Becky Kurtz, Senior Managing Director, Aging & Independence Services*

Summary: This action item requests Board approval of the Fiscal Year 27 Update to the Fiscal Year 25-28 Area Plan on Aging. The Fiscal Year 27 Update was reviewed and approved by the Advisory Committee on Aging (as required by federal Older Americans Act) on January 28, 2026. In order for ARC to continue its designation as the Area Agency on Aging for metro Atlanta and thereby receive federal and state aging services funding, it must operate pursuant to an approved Area Plan on Aging and submit an annual update on its implementation of the Plan to the Georgia Division of Aging Services.

All AAAs are required to have an area plan by the federal Older Americans Act and the Georgia Division of Aging Services. This plan enables ARC to continue providing services and receiving grant funding.

Adopted

More Information:

XII. ARC Board Discussion/Information Items — *Michael Caldwell*, Vice Chair

A. Regional Clean Electricity Plan

Jon Philipsborn, Climate and Resilience Manager, Natural Resources

Summary: Through funding from the Department of Energy, the Atlanta Regional Commission is preparing a Regional Clean Electricity Plan for Local Governments of the 11-county metro area. This plan will identify energy efficiency, clean electricity, and energy management opportunities in local government buildings and operations. The final Roadmap will provide a suite of prioritized projects for local governments to consider, inclusive of the associated economic savings and co-benefits, and possible funding opportunities for such projects. A series of workshops will be held throughout the region in 2026 in support of the project and its objectives.

- Energy availability, affordability, and impact are important for ARC due to increasing demands, an increase in utility bills, and heavy dependency on one fuel source
- RCEP supports local governments to increase carbon-free electricity in the 11-county region to improve energy efficiency, increase energy options and availability, and save money.
- Five workshops will be held across the region that are open to all local governments. The first will take place Q1 2026

More Information:

[ARC Presentation](#)

B. Government Affairs Update

John Bayalis, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs

Will Feeney, Senior Policy Advisor, External Affairs

Summary: John Bayalis and Will Feeney provide an update on state and federal government affairs activities. The briefing included an update on the state budget process, a discussion of legislation involving AI data centers, and an update on federal funding for homeland security.

XIII. CEO Report — *Anna Roach*, Executive Director & CEO

- Agency finances were strong in 2025 and remain strong in 2026 under the leadership of our CFO.
- UASI is working on a downtown evacuation plan, timely as we invite the world into Atlanta for the World Cup.
- TIP solicitation process is underway. We have many applications submitted for transportation projects.
- Commended Chairwoman Hendrickson for her timeliness in passing a resolution on homelessness, which coincides with the state's initiative proposed by the governor.

More Information:



Atlanta Regional Commission

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XIV. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

2nd Wed: **March 11** (BARS, Gov Com, ARC Board/TAQC)