



Wednesday, January 14, 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: [www.atlantaregional.org/board](http://www.atlantaregional.org/board)

### MEETING SUMMARY

- I. **Call ARC Board Meeting to Order** — *Andre Dickens, Chair*
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** — *Andre Dickens, Chair*
- III. **Chairman's Comments** — *Andre Dickens, Chair*

The Chairman congratulated the board members and agency leaders named to Georgia Trend 100 list of influential Georgian and introduced new ARC staff members Eric Johnson, Chief Legal & External Affairs Officer and Gwo-Wei Torng, Senior Managing Director of Transportation Planning. He also reminded board members that ARC's Board Work Session will take place on April 29 at Gas South Convention Center in Gwinnett County.

- IV. **ARC Board Action Items** – *Andre Dickens, Chair*

A. Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Appointee to ARC Board: Tung Q. "Tim" Le

The ARC board considered the nomination of Tim Le as a DCA Appointee to the board as a non-voting member, with a term that expires on Dec. 31, 2026.

*Approved*

- V. **Oath of Office by New Board Member(s):**
  - Mayor Connie Alsobrook**, City of Conyers/Rockdale County
  - Mayor Lynn Deutsch**, City of Dunwoody/DeKalb County
  - Mayor Ann Tarpley**, City of Hampton/Henry County
  - Jim Brooks**, ARC Citizen District 10

[ARC Board Meeting recess]

[Joint Meeting convene]

VI. **Call Joint ARC Board & TAQC Meeting to Order** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

VII. **Public Comment for Joint Meeting**

*None*

VIII. **Consent Agenda** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

A. November 12, 2025 Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting Summary

*Approved*

IX. **Joint First Read** – *Andre Dickens*, Chair

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

This is the first read and presentation of the 2025 Coordinated 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 especially older adults, persons with disabilities and individuals with lower income, by providing better coordinated transportation services and programs through strategic investments.

Last plan was updated and approved in 2017, with final approval set for February 2026. The planning process featured robust engagement, including stakeholder outreach and surveys. The plan concept involves three core elements:

- **Regional mobility hubs**, where multiple modes connect such as transit, bike-ped and micro-mobility. The hubs will improve connectivity, enhance safety and drive revitalization.
- **Regional Trip Planer and Mobile Application** that will enable easier and safer trips across the region.
- **Regional Fare Instrument** that promotes seamless travel across the region.

More information:

- [ARC Presentation](#)
- [Executive Summary](#)
- [CHST Plan](#)
- [Issue Summary & Resolution](#)

[Joint Meeting recess]

[TAQC Convene]

X. **TAQC Action Item** – *Carlotta Harrell*, Chair

A. 2026 Safety Performance Target Adoption (PM1)  
*Tejas Kotak, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning*

This presentation involved the consideration for approval of annually required federal transportation safety targets. It included a review and discussion of ARC safety trends over time, comparison to peer metros, and economic impacts of transportation fatalities and injuries.

ARC supports statewide safety targets but also sets non-binding aspirational targets. The Regional Safety Strategy provides a comprehensive framework to support the long-term safety vision and goal. The 2026 safety targets proposal includes an ARC aspirational goal of 629 fatalities and 3,522 serious injuries. This represents a 5% decrease from the 2025 targets. The observed numbers show both a long-term upward trend in serious injuries and fatalities. But in recent years, we have seen a sharp drop. Reasons may include revisions to mean from pandemic area when faster and more aggressive driving took place. But we have decades of improved infrastructure design and other measures to improve safety.

Cobb County Chair Lisa Cupid mentioned how much transportation dollars are spent on roads and asked if more dollars could be spent on pedestrian safety. John Orr, Senior Managing Director of Transportation Planning, said the evaluation methodology for project solicitation places an emphasis on safety. Chair Harrell asked if the safety data could be broken out for highways and local roads. Kotak said he would provide that information.

*Adopted*

- [ARC Presentation](#)
- [Issue Summary & Resolution](#)

[TAQC adjourn]

[ARC Board convene]

**XI. Resolution on homelessness**

The ARC Board considered a resolution recognizing homelessness is a regional challenge that extends beyond municipal boundaries and requires coordinated action among local governments and key community partners.

*Adopted*

- [Issue Summary and Resolution](#)

**XII. ARC Board Action Item – Andre Dickens, Chair**

A. 2026 Safety Performance Target Adoption (PM1)  
*Tejas Kotak, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning*

[See info above for details]

*Adopted*

### XIII. ARC Board Discussion/Information Items — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

#### A. Regional Housing Strategy Update

*Kristin Allin*, Principal Planner, Community Development

**Summary:** This presentation provided an overview of work to date on the Housing Strategy for the Atlanta Region, including insights from internal department interviews, the Project Advisory Group, and the regionwide external tools survey, as well as the emerging framework for analyzing future housing needs and policy objectives. It also outlines the upcoming phases of stakeholder engagement: focus groups, the Housing Summit, and continued analysis, that will shape the final strategy and regional tools to support housing production, preservation, and stability.

- [ARC Presentation](#)

#### B. Regional Clean Electricity Plan

*Jon Philipsborn*, Climate and Resilience Manager, Natural Resources

*This item was held until February board meeting*

#### C. Green Communities

*Crystal Jackson*, Planning Manager, Natural Resources

The Green Communities Program is a voluntary certification program for jurisdictions in the 11-county Atlanta Region to encourage local governments to become more environmentally sustainable. This presentation provided a brief overview of the program and recognized the nine communities that received recertification in 2025.

- [ARC Presentation](#)

#### D. Legislative Outlook/Federal Update

*John Bayalis*, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs

*Will Feeney*, Senior Policy Advisor, External Affairs

Bayalis provided an outlook of the 2026 legislative session, which began on Monday, Jan. 12.

- More information:
  - [ARC Presentation](#)

### XIV. Adjourn

#### Upcoming Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed: **February 11** (Energy and Resilience Council, UASI, ARC Board/TAQC)