



Atlanta Regional Commission



# ARC BOARD SUMMARY

**Sept. 8, 2021**

## **Board Approves TIP Amendment No. 3**

The ARC Board approved Amendment 3 to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP programs federal and state funding for transportation projects across metro Atlanta. This amendment involves changes to project cost estimates and schedules. Key projects include:

- Convert existing **I-75/SR 20 interchange in Henry County** to a diverging diamond interchange to improve traffic flow and safety. [More information](#)
- New interchange at **I-85 and McGinnis Ferry Road in Gwinnett County**. Changes include building the north-facing ramps to facilitate a full-diamond interchange and new collector-distributor roads. [More information](#)
- Construction of a **multi-use trail connecting downtown Tucker and Northlake Mall in DeKalb County**, envisioned as part of the city's Livable Centers Initiative study. [More information](#)

The full project list can be found at [altantaregional.org/amendment](http://altantaregional.org/amendment).

- [Issue Summary](#)

**Presentation on 2020 U.S. Census Counts and ARC 2021 Population Estimates**

Mike Carnathan, Director of ARC's Data & Analytics Group, delivered a presentation on the 2020 U.S. Census counts and the ARC's 2021 Population Estimates.

Highlights include:

- According to the Census, metro Atlanta ranked fourth in population growth between 2010 and 2020, adding more than 803,000 people. That's behind only Dallas, New York, and Houston.
  - The Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is now 44% White, 33% Black, 12% Hispanic, and 6.5% Asian, according to the 2020 Census.
  - ARC's 2021 Population Estimates shows that the 11-county region's population exceeds 5 million residents (5,026,704)
  - The 11-County Atlanta Region added 59,190 new residents between April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021. This is the slowest annual population growth since 2014, which is to be expected given the economic downturn and pandemic.
  - Our newest member, Forsyth County, had the greatest annual percent change in the region at 2.8 percent, followed by Cherokee (2.4%) and Henry (2.2%)
  - Gwinnett County paced the region in total population added, up 13,180 new residents.
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- Presentation: [2020 Census Brief](#)

### **Audit Report Accepted**

The board also heard a presentation about the results of the 2020 audit, which was approved in August by the Governance Committee and forwarded to the state and federal clearinghouses. The auditors have issued an unmodified opinion for Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Pension Trust for 2020.

- [Independent Auditor's Report](#)

### **Treasurer's Report: September 2021**

ARC Board Treasurer Bob Reeves presented the December Treasurer's report. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$835,619. The estimated fund balance at the end of calendar 2021 is \$6,307,992.

- [Treasurer's report presentation](#)