



Atlanta Regional Commission



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

February 26, 2020

ARC Allocates More than \$13 Million in Federal and State Funds for Aging and Independence Services across Region

The ARC Board voted to pass the FY21-24 [Area Plan on Aging](#), which allows for an ARC allocation of \$13+ million in federal and state funds to provide services for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers to help them stay independent and in their communities. Becky Kurtz, managing director of ARC's Aging and Independence Services, delivered a presentation about the awards, which were given to 10 local organizations and four regional specialty agencies. ARC, as the federally designated Area Agency on Aging, solicits partners to deliver these services, which include things like personal care, home-delivered meals, transportation, and elder legal assistance.

The following awards were made for Single County Services:

• Cherokee County Board of Commissioners	\$802,406
• Clayton County Board of Commissioners	\$715,850
• Cobb County Board of Commissioners	\$1,799,886
• DeKalb County Board of Commissioners	\$2,234,097
• Douglas County Board of Commissioners	\$518,975
• Fayette Senior Services	\$492,864
• Fulton County Board of Commissioners	\$3,002,314

- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners \$1,986,323
- Henry County Board of Commissioners \$681,163
- Rockdale County Board of Commissioners \$375,540

The following awards were made for programs that serve multiple counties.

- Atlanta Legal Aid Society \$295,000
- Center for the Visually Impaired \$50,000
- Center for Pan Asian Community Services \$314,000
- Innovative Solutions for Disadvantage & Disability \$70,000

- [ARC Presentation](#)

ARC Board Approves Major Update to Atlanta Region's Plan

The Atlanta Regional Commission Board approved a major update to the transportation portion of the Atlanta Region's Plan that allocates \$172.6 billion in federal, state and local funding through 2050 to improve mobility and safety across metro Atlanta.

The [Atlanta Region's Plan is](#) a long-range blueprint that details the investments, programs and services needed to ensure metro Atlanta's future success by providing world-class infrastructure, fostering healthy, livable communities, and developing a competitive economy.

The update to the transportation part of the plan was developed in close collaboration with local governments and transportation agencies and with robust public input. It includes projects and programs designed to improve roads and highways, enhance transit options, expand the region's network of multi-use trails, and encourage alternative commuting options such as carpooling and teleworking.

- [Issue Summary and Resolution](#)

ARC Board Votes to Change Structure of Board Governance

ARC's Board of Directors approved a resolution to implement changes to the Board's governance structure as recommended by the Board Engagement Task Force, chaired by Mayor Eric Dial. The recommendations were a culmination of a two-year process aimed at achieving a greater level of governance and operational alignment for the Board and the agency.

Recommendations included changes to the following:

- Accountability – how members hold themselves accountable for attendance and participation in the governance process
- Logistics – the logistical support necessary for members to participate effectively, including parking considerations and notifications
- Substance – the content and subject matter presented to and considered by the Board and committees

- Structure – the reporting and authority relationship amongst the Board and its committees
- Scheduling – when, how, and how often the Board and committees meet

A new schedule and committee structure were proposed and accepted by the Board and will be implemented beginning in July 2020. The Task Force will continue to solidify details for engagement guidelines related to Board operations.

- [Board Engagement Presentation](#)
- [Board Engagement Resolution](#)

MARC 2019-2020 Class Presentations

The 2019-2020 Model Atlanta Regional Commission class presented their final projects to the ARC Board on Wednesday. The MARC program engages high-school students in experiential learning with the region's leaders and experts in transportation, natural resource sustainability, community development, and more.

The class met monthly beginning in September 2019 and completed the program on January 25 in an open house and graduation ceremony attended by their parents. In their final projects, the students took on the role of regional planners, using real community development projects as case studies: the Kennesaw City Cemetery and Lithonia Historic Preservation. By learning through case studies, tours, and expert guidance, the students made recommendations for community engagement, communications, land use and mobility, and creative placemaking for their respective projects.

[Applications are now open for the 2020-2021 MARC class.](#)

Legislative Updates – Feb. 26, 2020

Mayor Eric Dial delivered a brief summary of legislative updates at the Feb. 2020 board meeting. ARC's government affairs staff is currently monitoring the progress of two bills: HB 523, which would limit the ability of local governments to regulate short-term rentals such as AirBnBs, and HB 937, which would give the state power to override local ordinances for building design standards. ARC will continue to monitor both bills as the session continues.

Announcements and References

- Recruitment for 2020-2021 MARC Class – OPEN NOW! www.atlantaregional.org/marc
- 2020 Application for Regional Leadership Institute – OPEN NOW! www.atlantaregional.org/rli
- Connect ATL Summit, March 31, GA International Convention Center, College Park, 8:30 a.m.
- 2020 ARC Board Work Session, April 16 – 17, 2020, Foxhall Resort, Douglasville, GA
- Annual LINK Trip, May 6-9, 2020, Chicago, IL
- ARC Annual State of the Region Breakfast, Friday, October 30, 2020, GA World Congress Center, 7:30 a.m.

The next ARC Committee Day is Thursday, Mar. 12, 2020

The next ARC Board meeting is Wednesday, Mar. 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.