



Atlanta Regional Commission



Governance Committee Summary

August 25, 2021

Committee Approves ARC 2021 Population Estimates

The Governance Committee voted to approve ARC's population estimates for the 11-county region. These estimates are used to set the annual membership dues for each jurisdiction.

Highlights of the 2021 population estimates include:

- For the first time, the Atlanta 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.

- Presentation: [2021 Population Estimates](#)

Audit Report Accepted

The committee accepted the results of the 2020 audit 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.

- [2021 Audit Summary](#)
- Presentation: Annual Audit Results for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

First Read: TIP Amendment No. 3

The Governance Committee was presented with a first read of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 3. 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.

- [Issue Summary](#)

COVID Update

Mike Alexander, Senior Director of the Center of the Center for Livable Communities, delivered a presentation about the latest news and trends on the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Presentation: [ARC Covid Update](#)