



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

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RESOLUTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE
BILL 297 AND CONFORMING GOVERNANCE ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (“ARC”) is a regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency established under Georgia law and serves, among other roles, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Atlanta region;

WHEREAS, during the 2026 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 297 (“HB 297”), which modifies certain state transportation governance structures affecting ARC’s transportation planning and approval processes;

WHEREAS, HB 297 provides for the consolidation, dissolution, renaming, or reallocation of certain functions previously associated with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (“GRTA”) and the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (“The ATL”), and establishes the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority (“GTEA”) as successor for certain purposes under Georgia law;

WHEREAS, ARC’s current bylaws and related governance documents include references to GRTA, The ATL, and related transportation approval processes that may require conforming revisions to reflect HB 297 and its implementation;

WHEREAS, ARC is also party to an existing multi-party memorandum of agreement with transportation partners, and HB 297 is expected to require revisions to that agreement to reflect the consolidation of GRTA and The ATL into GTEA and to update associated transportation coordination and approval processes;

WHEREAS, ARC staff have identified certain immediate operational and governance considerations arising from HB 297, including potential modifications to the Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”) approval process, modification to the review process associated with Development of Regional Impact (“DRI”) reviews, and related coordination with GTEA, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and federal transportation partners;

WHEREAS, ARC’s bylaws establish procedures for formal bylaw amendments and also allow for administrative modifications under appropriate circumstances;

WHEREAS, the full scope and implementation details of HB 297 are still being evaluated for potential impact to the ARC bylaw and the existing multi-party memorandum of agreement, thereby creating a transition period;

WHEREAS, during this transition period, ARC intends to comply fully with the laws of the State of Georgia and to administer its governance documents, transportation processes, and intergovernmental agreements in a manner consistent with applicable state law;

WHEREAS, to the extent any provision of ARC’s bylaws, committee provisions, agreements, procedures, or related documents temporarily reference a prior statutory



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structure or prior agency name that has been superseded by HB 297, ARC recognizes that applicable Georgia law controls;

WHEREAS, ARC intends to return to the Board, as appropriate, with conforming bylaw revisions, administrative modification notices, proposed memorandum of agreement revisions, or other implementation actions consistent with ARC's bylaws and Georgia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Atlanta Regional Commission recognizes HB 297 as applicable Georgia law and affirms that ARC shall comply with Georgia law while undertaking conforming modifications to ARC's bylaws, agreements, procedures, and transportation approval processes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, during the transition period before conforming revisions are completed, ARC shall interpret and apply references in its bylaws, committee provisions, agreements, procedures, and related documents to GRTA, The ATL, or related predecessor approval roles in a manner consistent with HB 297 and applicable Georgia law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ARC staff are authorized to prepare conforming revisions to the applicable multi-party memorandum of agreement, including revisions reducing the agreement from five parties to four parties, substituting GTEA for GRTA and The ATL as appropriate, and updating approval-chain language and related responsibilities consistent with HB 297.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ARC shall determine, in consultation with the Executive Director and Board Chair, whether any bylaw revisions required by HB 297 may be considered administrative modifications under ARC's bylaws or instead be presented to the Board through the formal bylaw amendment process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as finally approving any specific bylaw amendment or memorandum of agreement amendment, except to the extent necessary to recognize that ARC will comply with applicable Georgia law pending completion of the appropriate conforming actions.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on May 13, 2026.

Charissa White-Fulks, Manager of Board Affairs and Legal Clerk