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ISSUE SUMMARY: The Atlanta Region's Plan

FROM:	Tom Worthan, Chair, Transportation & Air Quality Committee Richard Oden, Chair, Community Resources Committee
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IMPORTANCE:

The Atlanta Region's Plan is the comprehensive plan to "win the future" through an emphasis on world class infrastructure, support for a competitive economy, and establishing healthy livable communities.

ARC developed The Atlanta Region's Plan, the regional unified plan that encompasses both the Regional Agenda and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and has sought comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta Region over the next 25 years.

The Atlanta Region's Plan was guided by the Plan Policy Framework, adopted in August 2015, which identifies objectives and policies to support the vision adopted by the Commission in June 2014 (A Draft Aspirational Agenda to Guide the Update of the 2016 Regional Plan).

The Atlanta Region's Plan includes elements of transportation, land use, water quality, workforce development, aging and health resources, arts and culture and more.

The Atlanta Region's Plan was developed through the ARC Committee structure with input from regional stakeholders, local governments, and the public.

Pursuant to the ARC Community Engagement Plan, a 30-day public comment period was conducted December 7, 2015 to January 15, 2016.

ACTIONS REQUIRED: Recommend ARC Board Adoption.
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**RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO ADOPTING
THE ATLANTA REGION'S PLAN**

WHEREAS, since 1952, the Atlanta Regional Commission has developed and adopted regional plans for the Atlanta region; and

WHEREAS The Atlanta Region's Plan is the comprehensive plan to "win the future" through an emphasis on world class infrastructure, support for a competitive economy, and establishing healthy, livable communities; and

WHEREAS the Plan Policy Framework, adopted in August 2015 identifies objectives and policies to support the vision adopted by ARC in June 2014 (An Aspirational Agenda to Guide the Update of the 2016 Regional Plan); and

WHEREAS The Atlanta Region's Plan was prepared pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and consistent with Minimum Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning developed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA); and

WHEREAS The Atlanta Region's Plan was prepared for the 20-county area pursuant to the transportation reauthorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), and is consistent with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, signed into law December 4, 2015, and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS ARC developed The Atlanta Region's Plan, a regional plan that encompasses both the Regional Agenda and RTP/TIP, and has sought comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta region during the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS The Atlanta Region's Plan incorporates all of ARC's planning areas, including transportation, community development, water resources, aging and health services, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS ARC has sought to protect critical environmental resources, rural landscapes, critical habitat and other environmental features while meeting the overall regional needs to manage growth; and

WHEREAS The Atlanta Region's Plan has incorporated both regional and local growth policy as outlined in local government Comprehensive Plans; and

WHEREAS The Atlanta Region's Plan incorporated strategies and projects outlined in existing plans and programs such as the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI), Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan, Project Delivery, Atlanta Aerotropolis Blueprint, and others; and

WHEREAS The Atlanta Region's Plan incorporates plan highlights and programs from ARC's major community partners such as the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, The Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta, and the Metro Atlanta Chamber.

WHEREAS ARC implemented a communication process that provided regular updates on plan development to local government officials and other planning partners and provide opportunities for local government, citizens and non-governmental organization engagement in key steps in the plan development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts The Atlanta Region's Plan, a unified plan for the Atlanta region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes staff, with approval of the Chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission, to make non-substantive technical corrections to the final documents as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs staff to begin regular reporting of The Atlanta Region's Plan management and implementation.