



## Meeting Summary

### **Strategic Relations Committee**

*Eric Dial, Chair*

**Thursday, November 14, 2019**

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Atlanta Regional Commission  
229 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 100  
Atlanta, GA 30303**

#### **1. Welcome and Public Comment**

**Mayor, Eric Dial**

#### **2. Legislative Update**

**John Bayalis, ARC**

John Bayalis shared that the Georgia Legislature was adjourned this week to reconcile budget issues. The two areas include: 1) the Governor’s pursuit of expanding teacher pay raises and 2) the Speaker’s pursuit of an additional tax cut. Progress is being made, but it is slow and there is no clear indication how it will all end.

ARC is following several bills pertinent to the agency, namely HB 511 (rural transit), HB 523 (tax on airbnb-style rentals) and several healthcare-related bills. We are also awaiting movement on HB 302/SB 172 – left over from last year – these deal with building standards imposed by municipalities. On the federal side, there were two infrastructure packages introduced earlier this week, one from the House and one from the President. Neither had any associated “pay fors” included (meaning they were both absent funding mechanisms). A full briefing will be given at the upcoming board meeting.

#### **3. Board Engagement Task Force Update**

**Mayor, Eric Dial**

Mayor Dial briefed the committee on the status of Board Engagement Task Force work, noting that the task force would be making their recommendations to the full board at the 2/26 ARC Board Meeting. He explained that much discussion had taken place and many factors considered, including accountability, logistics, substance, structure and scheduling. He also stressed that the proposed recommendations would not advance unless the board adopted them later this month.

**4. ARC Crisis Communications Plan Update**

**Malika Reed Wilkins, ARC**

Dr. Wilkins informed that the Center for Strategic Relations convened a work group to develop a crisis communications plan for the agency. The Crisis Communication' plan will serve to prompt any necessary organizational policies and be used to address potential crisis and or manage issues that threaten or compromise the operations of ARC. Dr. Wilkins was pleased to announce that the draft document is being finalized and internal adoption will be soon.

**5. Atlanta Region's Plan Update**

**Melissa Roberts, ARC**

Ms. Roberts provided an update on the Atlanta Regions Plan/2050 RTP-Resolution First Read and entertained questions on the plan. The PowerPoint is linked here for your review: <..\Presentations\2020.02.13 - ARC SRC- RTP Update by Melissa Roberts.pptx>

**6. ConnectATL Update**

**Melissa Roberts, ARC**

Ms. Roberts distributed a Save-the-Date flyer for the ConnectATL event that is scheduled for March 31, 2020. The theme is the Future of Mobility and Communities.

7. There being no other item for discussion the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**Note: The ARC Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Harry West Conference Center.**