

Board Fact Sheet – Terms to Know

Aging & Independence Services

AAA	Area Agency on Aging	The local district which connects community members to aging and disability resources.
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Connection/Center	ARC's ADRC provides information and referral services to older people, adults with disabilities, and caregivers. It is part of the broader network of Georgia ADRCs, which is a coordinated system of partnering organizations.
EDWP	Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program	Medicaid waiver program that provides coordinated in-home and community-based services as an alternative to a nursing home for frail, elderly, and disabled Georgians.
DAS	Georgia Department of Aging	Assists older individuals, other at-risk adults and their families and caregivers to achieve safe, self-reliant lives.
HCBS	Home- and Community-Based Services	Person-centered care delivered in the home and community, such as health and human services for people with functional limitations who need assistance with everyday activities.

Government Affairs

CR	Continuing Resolution	A type of appropriations legislation that sets aside money to specific federal government departments, agencies, and programs.
DCA	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	Introduces and supports programs that help communities realize growth and development.
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act	A historic investment designed to modernize roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, airports, broadband, and drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.
PL	Planning Funds	The revolving fund created pursuant to Section 63A-211 for the purposes outlined therein.

Homeland Security

UASI	Urban Area Security Initiative	The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) under the Homeland Security Grant Program, designed to provide enhanced federal preparedness funding to specific cities that were identified as vital to the Nation's economy and national security, and to encourage regional cooperation in emergency preparedness and response.
DHS	Department of Homeland Security	The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is made of up seven operational component agencies as well as numerous directorates and support components, each has its own unique areas of responsibility for keeping the Homeland and its inhabitants safe.

GEMA-HS	Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency	The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency coordinates the state's preparedness, response, and recovery efforts to disasters. GEMA/HS works with local, state, and federal governments, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, to prevent and respond to natural and man-made emergencies.
SPG	Senior Policy Group	The Senior Policy Group (SPG) serves as the governing body for the Atlanta UASI. The SPG is comprised of the chief elected officials of the six jurisdictional members and is chaired by the Mayor of Atlanta. Other members included; Director of GEMHSA, FBI and Chairman of the ARC. The mission of the SPG is to increase preparedness, prevention, protection, response, and recovery capabilities of all first responder agencies and the communities within the Atlanta UASI for all hazards, including terrorism.
UAWG	Urban Area Working Group	The UAWG group makes recommendations to the SPG and is represented by police & fire chiefs, the Emergency Management Agency directors from each of the 6 jurisdictions, Other representation includes; MARTA; the Centers for Disease Control; Grady Hospital; a senior K-12 state educational official, a senior State Public Health official; and a private sector. The UAWG provides strategic recommendations to the SPG as to how best to achieve its programmatic goals.

Mobility Services

CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program	The CMAQ program was implemented to support surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief.
GCO	Georgia Commute Options	GCO is the region's commuter program that serves the 20-county area that helps drive change to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by reducing the miles commuters drive alone.
TDM	Transportation Demand Management	TDM is a set of strategies that maximize traveler choices. These travel choices include the transportation option, route, and time of travel, as well as our home and work locations.
TDMCC	Transportation Demand Management Coordinating Committee Meeting	The TDM CC serves as an advisory committee to the TAQC. Aligned with the Regional Plan, the TDM CC focuses on improving transit and non-single occupant vehicle travel options by encouraging alternative commute options.
TMA	Transportation Management Association	Transportation management associations leverage public and private funds to increase the use of ridesharing and other commuting options that reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Research & Analytics

ACS	American Community Survey	A data source we use that has demographic and socioeconomic information.
ETR	Emerging Technology Roundtable	ARC is leading an effort to better understand emerging technologies by asking local experts to share their knowledge on a variety topics.
GIS	Geographic Information Systems	A primary tool used to better understand our physical environment through the digitization of things like streets. It is also used to map demographic and socioeconomic characteristics.

NNIP	National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership	A national organization of data intermediaries, of which Neighborhood Nexus is a member.
PECAS	Production, Exchange and Consumption Allocation System	Our land use model that help allocate population to small areas.

Transportation Planning

MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization	The policy board of an organization created and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process.
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan	The Atlanta Region's Plan is a 20+ year plan blueprint that prioritizes spending on transportation projects over the next two decades. It is financially constrained (based on revenue forecasts); multimodal; and addresses regional air quality standards. Any transportation project that receives federal funding must be in both the RTP and the TIP.
TAQC	Transportation & Air Quality Committee	The TAQC is the federally recognized policy committee for the Atlanta MPO. The committee works to develop consensus among ARC, MARTA, the ATL, the Georgia DOT, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, and local transportation partners regarding metropolitan or multi-jurisdiction transportation-related policy matters and plans.
TCC	Transportation Coordinating Committee	The TCC is responsible for providing technical advice to the TAQC on metropolitan or multi-jurisdictional transportation-related matters potentially affecting the 20-county Atlanta MPO area.
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program	The TIP is the way federal, state, and local funds are approved for all significant surface transportation projects and programs in the 20-county Atlanta region. Projects included in the TIP cover the first six years of the RTP.

Water District

AMI	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	AMI is an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks, and data management systems that enables two-way communication between utilities and customers.
BAC	Basin Advisory Council	Basin Advisory Councils are volunteer community and stakeholder groups which provide input on the District's plans and policies for the 15-county Atlanta region.
FOG	fats, oils and grease	Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) is the short-term for types of liquids that should not be poured into drains at the risk of clogging or damaging pipes and affecting the human water cycle.
MNGW-PD	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District	The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) establishes strategies for water supply and conservation, watershed, and wastewater management, including developing comprehensive regional water management plans in the country. It includes 15 counties and 95 cities.
MS4	Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer	Comprehensive Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) includes pollution prevention measures, treatment or removal techniques, monitoring, use of legal authority, and other appropriate measures to control the quality of storm water discharged to the storm drains and thence to waters of the United States.

Workforce

WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act	The federal law that governs the public workforce development system in the United States. WIOA was signed into law on July 22, 2014 by President Obama. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Congress passed the Act by a wide bipartisan majority; it is the first legislative reform in 15 years of the public workforce system.
LWDB	Local Workforce Development Board	The Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) is represented by a wide variety of individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the local area appointed by the Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEOs) and certified by the Governor every two years. The LWDBs serve as a convener to promote and create effective relationships between CLEOs, economic, education and workforce partners.
CLEO	Chief Local Elected Official	The Chief Local Elected Official is responsible for providing leadership to the Local Workforce Development Board (Local Board or LWDB); the CLEO's guidance must effectively leverage community partners and resources to take full advantage of WIOA funds.
DOL	U.S. Department of Labor	Responsible for the administration of federal laws governing occupational safety and health, wage and hour standards, unemployment benefits, reemployment services, and occasionally, economic statistics.
TCSG-OWD	Technical College System of Georgia, Office of Workforce Development	The Technical College System of Georgia's Office Workforce Development is the administrator of WorkSource Georgia, the state's federally-funded employment and training system, working to connect talent with opportunity. These federal funds are part of a grant program called the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).