



Joint ARC Board and Transportation & Air Quality Meeting

Meeting Summary

August 9, 2023

Oath of Office to New Member

Phil Miller, Douglas County Commission Chairman, was sworn in as member of the Atlanta Regional Commission Board.

IIJA Update: The Atlanta Region's Strategic Approach to USDOT Discretionary Funding Opportunities

Anna Roach, Executive Director and CEO, and Mike Alexander, COO, provided an update on the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. They highlighted key funding opportunities, discussed recent funding announcements, and explored the region's track record for receiving IIJA funding. They explained a new core regional strategy to securing more federal IIJA funding by framing applications around a common theme of "Reconnecting the Region."

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Regional Transportation Electrification Plan

Daniel Studdard, a principal planner at ARC, provided a briefing on the Regional Transportation Electrification Plan. The plan is designed to provide a clear and concise strategy to equitably accelerate the adoption of eVs, reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, and position the region's workforce to support resulting investments. The plan is expected to be complete by spring 2024.

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Regional Freight Mobility Plan

Daniel Studdard, a principal planner at ARC, provided an update on Atlanta Regional Freight Mobility Plan, which is on track to be completed in 2024. The plan goals include improving safety, enhancing operations, supporting key industries, creating a more sustainable and resilient network, leveraging freight to enhance the region's quality of life, and ensuring the consideration of freight in broader transportation and land use planning.

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Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #8

The ARC Board and Transportation and Air Quality Committee approved an amendment to the region's [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) that allocates \$66.4 million in federal funding for 27 transportation projects across the region. This update incorporates new discretionary grant funding from Congress and U.S. Department of Transportation.

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- [TIP #8 Executive Summary](#)
- [TIP #8 Project List](#)
- [TIP #8 Fact Sheets](#)
- [TIP #8 Public Comment Report](#)

2023 Population Estimates

The ARC Board approved a resolution to certify the 2024 population estimates for the agency's 11 member counties. The 11-county region added 66,730 residents in the past year and is now home to 5,158,374 residents as of April 1, 2023. The population growth was fueled by strong job growth. The City of Atlanta added 14,300 residents in the past year, up nearly threefold from last year.

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Cumberland Sweep Project

Kim Menefee, Executive Director of the Cumberland CID, provided an overview of the Cumberland Sweep Project. The Sweep includes a three-mile path designed to improve connectivity throughout the core of the district with dedicated walking and biking lanes and an autonomous shuttle system. The shuttle system, known as the Cumberland Hopper, launched service on July 25.

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