



Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Joint ARC Board & Transportation and Air Quality Committee (TAQC) Meeting

ARC Conference Center | 229 Peachtree Street NE | Atlanta, GA 30303

The meeting agenda with all presentations and references can be found at:
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I. Call ARC Board Meeting to Order — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

II. Pledge of Allegiance — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

III. Public Comment for Joint Meeting

IV. Chairman's Comments — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

V. Joint Discussion/Information Items — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

A. City of Atlanta E-Bike Rebate Program and Future Regional Opportunities
Bennett Foster, Innovation and Partnerships Director, Mobility Services

The Atlanta Regional Commission is partnering with the City of Atlanta and Propel ATL to offer an equity focused e-bike rebate program designed to provide affordable transportation options for City of Atlanta residents, particularly moderate and low-income individuals. Fueled by a \$1,000,000 investment from the City of Atlanta, this initiative aims to break down barriers to e-bike ownership and reduce transportation costs. The Atlanta Regional Commission's Mobility Services Department will provide an overview of how the City of Atlanta's e-bike rebate program will operate to deliver this unique sustainable transportation and accelerate e-bike adoption in the City of Atlanta.

B. Fostering Climate Action: ARC's Proposals for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Bennett Foster, Innovation and Partnerships Director, Mobility Services
Crystal Jackson, Planning Manager, Climate + Sustainability, Natural Resources

The United States Environmental Protection Agency's competitive Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, due April 1st. ARC is evaluating sustainability program options where the agency would serve as the lead applicant for funding. Two such programs being evaluated are an expanded E-bike rebate program and an enhanced Green Communities program.

C. Building Georgia Update
Rob LeBeau, Director, Workforce Solutions

ARC launched Building Georgia in March of 2023 in coordination with the Technical College System of Georgia. The intent of Building Georgia is to foster collaboration across the state to

“close the gap” between the current levels of workforce employment in the infrastructure construction sector and what will be needed for Georgia to successfully take advantage of new funding provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. ARC will establish training programs and outreach initiatives that create a pipeline of skilled workers to support infrastructure implementation. This is made possible through innovative strategies, including flexing transportation funds to support workforce development.

[Joint Meeting recess]

The Joint meeting of the ARC Board and TAQC committee will recess, and the TAQC meeting will convene. TAQC is asked to approve one item listed below for action.

[TAQC convene]

VI. TAQC Action Item — *Carlotta Harrell*, Chair, TAQC

- A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
Carlotta Harrell, Chair, TAQC
David Haynes, Planning Administrator, Transportation Planning

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[TAQC adjourn]

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[ARC Board convene]

VII. Consent Agenda – *Andre Dickens*, Chair

- A. January 10, 2024 ARC Board Meeting Summary
B. Open Records Officer

VIII. ARC Board Action Items — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

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B. Area Plan on Aging

Mike Mason, Co-Chair, ACA

Becky Kurtz, Senior Managing Director, Aging & Independence Services

The Advisory Committee on Aging recommends Board approval of the FY 25-28 Area Plan on Aging. As the designated Area Agency on Aging for metro Atlanta, ARC is funded by Georgia's Division of Aging Services to provide aging services and support the well-being of older persons in our region. Board approval will enable ARC to continue to fulfill this role for the next 4 years and to accept \$27,629,658 in grant funding for State Fiscal Year 2025 for these purposes.

IX. ARC Board Discussion/Information Items — *Andre Dickens*, Chair

A. U.S. Soccer Announcement – Anatomy of Win: A Fireside Chat

John Soper, Assistant Director for Statewide Projects, Department of Economic Development.

Niki Vanderslice, CEO, Fayette Development Authority

Katie Kirkpatrick, CEO, Metro Atlanta Chamber

Stakeholders affiliated with the recent announcement that US Soccer has selected a site in Fayette County as its future national training center will reflect on the success and what it took to drive the selection.

X. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

2nd Wed: **March 13, 2024** (BARS, UASI SPG, GOV, ARC BOARD/TAQC) | 4th Wed: **March 27, 2024** (ARWDB, ACA)