



Joint ARC Board and Transportation & Air Quality Meeting

Meeting Summary

May 10, 2023

Oath of Office to New Members

Alison Clark, Citizen District 6, and Fred Dawkins, Citizen District 10, were sworn in as members of the Atlanta Regional Commission Board. District 6 includes portions of the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County, and District 10 covers portions of Fulton and Gwinnett counties.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan & Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

COO Mike Alexander provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update and the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act. The MTP update is on track for a first read in November 2023 and final review and approval in January 2024. A survey to gather public input is available online. The presentation included a review of the ARC Board Work Session MTP survey results.

The MTP update will be part of a larger One Great Region major plan update that will incorporate the climate action plan, regional electrification plan, regional freight plan, human services transportation plan, transit-oriented development plan, unified growth policy map/growth vision, regional clean energy plan, and a comprehensive climate action plan, with final approvals in October 2025.

More information:

- [ARC Presentation](#)
- [MTP Survey Results](#)

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan

The ARC Board and Transportation & Air Quality Committee approved an update to the Atlanta Regional Transportation Demand Management Plan. The plan, Mobility Connections: Expanding opportunity, supports the region's mobility needs and long-range goals in an era of unprecedented change. A first read was presented on March 8, 2023. The plan provides a set of actions to improve commute-focused programs. This includes:

- Partnering with employers, property managers, and schools to expand the Georgia Commute Options program.
- Strengthening tools to help people share rides and fill first/last mile gaps.
- Expanding services to reach residential areas.
- Focusing carpool and vanpool services to areas without transit.
- Create better off-peak services when transit isn't operating.
- Concentrate low- and mid-cost housing near transit services.

More information:

- [Issue Summary & Resolution](#)

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) #7

The ARC Board and Transportation & Air Quality Committee approved Amendment 7 to the Transportation Improvement Program. The Amendment reflects TIP financial and schedule changes to close out FY 2023, rebalance GDOT statewide Transportation Improvement Program, reflect cost changes to the state Major Mobility Investment Program, and to accommodate cost estimate increases to other federal-aid projects beyond the threshold for an administrative modification.

More information:

- [TIP Amendment # 7 Issue Summary and Resolution](#)

Electric Utility Substations

Michael Robinson, VP, Power Delivery Planning, Ops & Policy at Georgia Power, led a discussion on Southern Company's preparedness levels and strategies to prevent human-caused disruptions in the Atlanta Metro area.

Livable Centers Initiative & Community Development Assistance Program Awards

ARC announced that it had awarded \$1.6 million in Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grants for ten planning studies across metro Atlanta and named five recipients for the 2023 Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP).

LCI is designed to help communities reimagine their downtowns, create vibrant transit corridors, and promote live-work-play environments. Upon completion of the studies, the grant recipients will be eligible to apply for federal transportation funding projects, such as corridor improvements and bike-ped infrastructure, to bring their visions to life. Through CDAP, ARC provides a combination of staffing resources and grants to the selected communities to support a wide range of initiatives that aim to improve quality of life for residents.

More information:

- [LCI News Release](#)
- [CDAP News Release](#)