



Wednesday, November 8, 2023 | 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. **Welcome** — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair
- III. **Public Comment for Joint Meeting**
- IV. **Public Hearing for Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**
- V. **Chairman's Comments** — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair
- VI. **Consent Agenda** — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair
 - A. October 11, 2023 Joint Meeting Summary
- VII. **Joint First Read** — *Kerry Armstrong*, Chair

- A. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
 - Mike Mason*, Chair, TAQC
 - David Haynes*, Planning Administrator, Transportation Planning

Every four years, ARC must update the region's long-range Metropolitan Transportation (MTP) and develop a new short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) covering the first four years of the MTP. The last MTP and TIP were approved in February 2020. The MTP maintains the current 2050 horizon year, while the TIP will be for FY 2024-2027. An overview of the process and draft plan contents will be provided as part of the first read of an approval resolution. Formal approval will be requested at the January 2024 meeting.

[Joint meeting recess]

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

[TAQC convene]

- VIII. **TAQC Action Item** — *Mike Mason*, Chair, TAQC

A. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mike Mason, Chair, TAQC

David Haynes, Planning Administrator, Transportation Planning

Each year ARC prepares a transportation work program for critical items to undertake in the upcoming year, including the application for FTA Section 5303 planning funds. Highlights of the draft work program for the upcoming year have been discussed. Final reviews of the work program are now scheduled for action in November. The draft of the UPWP is available on-line at <https://cdn.atlantaregional.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-upwp-draft.pdf>.

[TAQC adjourn]

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[ARC Board convene]

IX. ARC Board Action Items — Kerry Armstrong, Chair

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B. Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA) Corridor Plan Amendment Update

Jim Santo, Principal Planner, Natural Resources

This action item is to amend the Chattahoochee Corridor Plan, which is administered by ARC and affected local governments under the Metropolitan River Protection Act. The proposed amendments were first presented at the August Board meeting and again in October after an additional amendment was proposed. The amendments are to allow public trails in the 500-foot buffer, to allow streambank restoration and to allow removal of invasive species with subsequent revegetation with native species and to exempt public water supply reservoir dams from the 35-foot height limit in the River floodplains.

C. 2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Report

Nicole Hendrickson, Chair, CRC

Keri Stevens, ARC, Community Development

The Atlanta Regional Commission is the designated Economic Development District (EDD) by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Federal regulations require ARC, as an EDD, to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) every five years (adopted in 2022) and provide an Annual Report approved by the ARC Board, including a resolution. The 2023

CEDS Annual Report outlines the implementation measures and successes. In addition to the Annual Report, a StoryMap has been created to highlight successes in the past year and outlines initiatives for next year. Here is the link: bit.ly/CEDS-storymap.

D. 2024 Budget and Work Program

Bob Reeves, Treasurer

James Husserl, Chief Financial Officer

The provisions of Georgia Code Section 50-8-80 et seq. require that the Commission, before the 15th day of December each year, adopt a budget and work program for the succeeding calendar year. Once adopted, the 2024 Budget and Work Program will be the Commission's official policy regarding allocation of the Commission's money and staff resources during 2024. The Proposed 2024 Budget and Work Program was shared with the Board on October 25, 2024. On November 8th, the Commission has an opportunity to discuss and adopt the budget.

X. Nominations/Declarations & Election of ARC Chair – Kerry Armstrong, Chair

XI. ARC Board Discussion/Information Items — Kerry Armstrong, Chair

A. Metro Atlanta Speaks (MAS)

Nicole Hendrickson, Chair, CRC

Mike Carnathan, Senior Manager, Research & Analytics

Metro Atlanta Speaks, the largest perception and attitude survey in our region, returns in 2023 for its 10th year. The presentation provides an overview of this year's results, including resident responses to new questions on housing affordability, electric vehicles, and climate change.

B. UASI Full-Scale Training Exercise

Jeff Turner, Chair, UASI

Bernard Coxton, Director, Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

An overview will be provided of the region's first Multi-Jurisdictional and Multi-Agency Public Safety full-scale training exercise in nearly ten years. The exercise was conducted on October 19, 2023, in Fulton County.

XII. Adjourn

*ARC Citizen Elections for Districts 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13 – 12:30PM BEFORE BOARD MEETING

Upcoming Meetings

Happy Holidays!