



Wednesday, March 13, 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. Oath of Office by Mayor Angelyne Butler, City of Forest Park/Clayton County**
- V. Chairman's Comments** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
- VI. Consent Agenda** — *Andre Dickens*, Chair
 - A. February 14, 2024 Joint Board Meeting Summary
- VII. Joint First Read** – *Andre Dickens*, Chair
 - A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1
Patrick Bradshaw, Planning Coordinator, Transportation Planning Department

This is a first read of the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1. The amendment will include clean up items that were not able to be included as part of the 2050 MTP/FY 2024-2027 TIP update adopted in February 2024. Changes will be entirely financial in nature and not require a conformity technical analysis. A 15-day public comment period is expected from March 29 to April 12 with approvals during the May committee and Board meetings.
 - B. Safety Targets
Tejas Kotak, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning Department

State Department of Transporations and Metropolitan Planning Organizations must set annual transportation safety targets related to the number of fatalities and serious injuries on public roadways. ARC, in adherence with the Regional Safety Strategy, shall adopt declining targets and work to fund and program projects that help to meet this goal.

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

A. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Project Solicitation

Jean Hee Barrett, Planning Administrator, Transportation Planning Department

The TIP solicitation process is conducted on a bi-annual basis and pending fund availability for fiscal years 2025 to 2027 under the four federal-aid formula programs suballocated to the Atlanta region. Applications are currently being accepted by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) from local government sponsors seeking federal-aid funding for transportation projects in their communities. Each application undergoes a project evaluation process which then ranks projects based on their performance using ARC's standing evaluation criteria. This ranking along with additional project delivery factors assists with determining initial recommendations for funding.

B. New Air Quality Rules

Tejas Kotak, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning Department

A new USDOT rule requires State DOTs and MPOs to track greenhouse gas emissions and set declining targets to better manage and understand climate change. In addition, EPA is tightening PM2.5 standards to improve public health. This information item provides an overview of upcoming air quality rules that impact ARC's transportation work.

C. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Boundary Upcoming Actions

Will Feeney, Planning Administrator, Transportation Planning Department

After each Census, MPO's must redraw their planning boundaries. Federal rules require these boundaries to include the current urbanized area as well as areas expected to develop over the next 20 years. With the line indicating the current urbanized area recently approved by GDOT, ARC is beginning work to update this planning boundary for our region. Negotiations will focus on five counties only partially covered under current lines: Barrow, Walton, Newton, Spalding, and Dawson. Winder and Barrow County are eligible under Census guidelines to form their own MPO and may choose to do so. Counties that are currently wholly within the planning boundary but not members of ARC (Coweta and Paulding) will remain. Under revised Census criteria, no portions of Carroll or Pike counties remain in the urbanized area.

D. Regional Transportation Electrification Plan (RTEP)

Folashade Alao, Principal, Program Analyst, Transportation Planning Department

In the summer of 2023, The ARC embarked on a new initiative called the Regional Transportation Electrification Plan (RTEP). This plan encompasses the 20-county metropolitan area, aiming to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, leverage economic growth and workforce opportunities, and create actionable implementation strategies. The RTEP development process is divided into four distinct phases. The two initial phases, focusing on existing conditions analysis and defining the plan's objectives, have been completed. This presentation will review the completed plan phases and highlight the phases that are currently underway, which include developing a needs assessment, comprehensive implementation strategies, and translating the plan vision into concrete actions.

[Joint Meeting recess]

The Joint meeting of the ARC Board and TAQC committee will recess, and the ARC Board meeting will convene.

[ARC Board convene]

IX. Consent Agenda – Andre Dickens, Chair

- A. Bylaws Ad hoc Sub-committee of Governance

X. Executive Director's Report – Anna Roach, Executive Director & CEO

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

- A. Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) Class of 2024 Recap
Crystal Jackson, MARC Coordinator & Planning Manager, Natural Resources Department

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a look back at the Model Atlanta Regional Commission's (MARC) 2023-2024 class and to highlight MARC students' perspectives. Now in its 25th year, this youth leadership program has engaged over 1,000 students in experiential learning with the region's leaders and experts in transportation, natural resource sustainability, community development, and more.

- B. Series 17 Regional Population and Employment Forecasts
Mike Carnathan, Director, Research and Analytics Department

With the Board adoption of a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) last month (February 2024), ARC adopted a new series of subregional forecasts (that support that MTP project planning). These Series 17 small-area forecasts are produced for population, employment (jobs) by sector, age, and race. The published population and job forecasts go down to the census tract level. The race and age data are provided at the county level. Not only do these forecasts inform what types of investments need to be made in the transportation network, but also speak to wide-ranging implications in other policy arenas such as housing, aging, land use, workforce development, to name a few.

- C. Legislative Update
John Bayalis, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs

Updates on the current Session of the Georgia General Assembly that touch upon agency interests.

XII. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings
April 19, 2024: ARC Board Work Session, Halcyon