



Atlanta Regional Commission



BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

June 24, 2020

Chattahoochee RiverLands Study Provides New Vision for the River

Byron Rushing, ARC's Bicycle and Pedestrian program manager, provided an overview of the final draft of the Chattahoochee RiverLands study, a collaborative effort that included ARC, the Trust for Public Land, Cobb County, and the City of Atlanta. The project covers 100 miles of the river through metro Atlanta and seeks to provide a safe, connective corridor; common ground for all, an ecological refuge for the region, and a living legacy for future generations.

Resources:

- [Board presentation](#)
- [Chattahoochee RiverLands website](#)

Impacts of the COVID-19 Economic Shutdown on Local and State Transportation Revenues

David Haynes, a Senior Principal Planner at ARC, presented to the board a report about the impact that the economic slowdown has had on local and state transportation revenues. Among the key data points:

- SPLOST and TSPLOST revenues, of which 50% are dedicated to transportation projects, are down 14.5% for April 2020, compared to April 2019.
- State transportation revenues are down more than 29% for May of this year compared to May 2019.
- Estimated vehicle miles traveled fell from about 275 million per day in March 2020 to about 75 million in April 2020 before rising to about 150 million per day in May 2020.

Resources:

- [Board presentation](#)

ARC's Government Affairs

John Bayalis: Currently on Day 38 of session. GGA. Adjourn on Friday. Sine die. Watching several bills. What has happened in legislative movement:

- Transportation bills: HB 105 – Covers rideshare fees, converted tax to a fee. Money will be directed toward transit across the state – distribution mechanism TBD. 10% hotel motel to transit. Dedicated state funding for the first time.
- HB 1098 – Extend the excise tax computation mechanism for collection of motor fuel excise tax HB 170. Model based on CPI extended thru 2025.
- HR 935 = extension of JFL commission. Have worked with on truck parking.
- SB 371 – creation of state freight & rail plan to support the commission's recommendations.
- SB 159 – expect to pass covers scooters and definitions
- HB 987 passed – elder abuse in senior facilities
- Budget – final TBD – annual phase of negotiation process – reconciliation btwn House & Senate. Big virus impact on budget

Federal – COVID relief 5 – wait and see mode – waiting for economic data. On budget likely continuing resolution later this year.

Next Committee Day: Thursday, July 9, 2020 – Tentative

Next Commission Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 – Tentative