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**ISSUE SUMMARY: Transmittal of PLAN 2040 5-year Work Program Update to Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) – FIRST READ**

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**IMPORTANCE:**

From February 2009 to July 2011, ARC and local governments worked on the development of PLAN 2040. PLAN 2040 is a unified plan that meets Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and federal MPO planning requirements.

Georgia DCA “Regional Planning Rules” require that ARC update the 5-year Work Program of the PLAN 2040 Regional Agenda on an annual basis and transmit the document to Georgia DCA by April for review before adoption.

All ARC divisions were involved in updating the PLAN 2040 5-year Work Program document to ensure consistency with the Board adopted ARC work program as well as other regional plan coordination (MNGWPD, etc.).

ARC coordinated the development of PLAN 2040 documents extensively with local government staff. PLAN 2040 is supportive of local government comprehensive plans and ARC will undertake additional local government coordination later in 2013.

ARC staff will be completing updates and refinements to other PLAN 2040 documents during 2013 to address Board direction provided through the 2011 Strategic Plan as well as the Regional Competitiveness Strategy recently completed.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Staff requests that ELUC approve a resolution to transmit the PLAN 2040 5-year Work Program to Georgia DCA for review.

**RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION  
TO TRANSMIT THE PLAN 2040 REGIONAL AGENDA FOR REVIEW**

**WHEREAS**, since 1952 the Atlanta Regional Commission has developed and adopted regional plans for the Atlanta region; and

**WHEREAS**, PLAN 2040 addresses the comprehensive needs for the ten county area; and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and associated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the eighteen county area, and

**WHEREAS**, PLAN 2040 must be prepared pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and consistent with Minimum Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning developed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA); and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2008, Georgia DCA adopted revisions to Chapter 110-12-6, Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning, “Regional Planning Requirements”; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTP and TIP must be prepared pursuant to Safety, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, ARC developed a regional unified plan and strategic vision for PLAN 2040 and has sought comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta region during the next 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, ARC seeks to conserve and protect critical environmental and historic resources, rural landscapes, critical habitats, greenspaces, water supply, water quality, air quality and other environmental features while meeting the overall regional needs to manage growth sustainably; and

**WHEREAS**, PLAN 2040 has incorporated and unified both regional and local growth policy as outlined in local government Comprehensive Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, ARC must annually submit to Georgia DCA the 5-year Work Program of the Regional Agenda for review and comments; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission transmits the draft PLAN 2040 5-year Work Program of the Regional Agenda for review by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.