



***NOTE: TIME CHANGE**

ARC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.*

**Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater
R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community
40 Courtland Street, NE, Level C
Atlanta, GA 30303**

- I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, 12/02/09 Meeting Summary** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- II. Oath of Office to new Board members: Honorable Doris Ann Jones, Mayor, Cherokee County; Honorable Kasim Reed, Mayor, City of Atlanta**
- III. Recognition and Appreciation of Outgoing ARC Board Member the Honorable Clair Muller, Councilmember, City of Atlanta**
- IV. Treasurer’s Report** *Jack Smith, ARC Treasurer*
- V. Board Introduced Topics** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
 - A. 2010 Officer & Committee Appointments (Action Item)
 - B. Other
- VI. Director Introduced Topics** *Chick Krautler, Director*
 - A. Project Review Status Report
 - B. 2010 Legislative Agenda Report
 - C. Water Update
 - a. Corps Scope of EIS Water Control Manuals
 - D. U.S. EPA Smart Growth Program
 - E. ARC 2010 Year-at-a-Glance
 - F. SAVE THE DATE(s):
 - a. **Wednesday, March 24** – 5:00pm to 7:00pm; Council for Quality Growth – Annual Meet & Greet Chairs & Mayors (*Invitation to Follow*)
 - b. ARC Board Working Session (Venue & Date TBA)
 - G. Other

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VII. Special Presentation/Action

Chick Krautler, Director

- A. Governor’s Water Contingency Planning Task Force Final Recommendations, presented by Tim Lowe, *Lowe Engineers and Task Force Co-Chair*
- B. Employee Service Awards for Kimberly Lewis (Five Years); Robert Harper (Five Years) and Patrice Earnest (Twenty Years)
- C. Other

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Aging

Ken Steele, Chair

- 1. Lifelong Mableton / US Administration on Aging Grant
- 2. Civic League – Regional Excellence Award
- 3. Greater Atlanta HBA 50+ Housing Council – Creating a Lifelong Community, Design Charrette, **Thursday, February 4** – 10:00am to 12noon

B. Communications

Julie K. Arnold, Chair

- 1. Distribution of ARC ACTION Annual Report Edition and Media Activity Report
- 2. Design Update of ARC Website
- 3. 2009/2010 MARC Class Graduation – Saturday, February 13

C. Environment and Land Use

Davis Fox, Chair

- 1. Transmit DRAFT DCA Regional Work Program (Action Item)
- 2. Distribute Annual DRI Report and LCI Breaking Ground Report
- 3. Regional Snapshot – The Young and Jobless: A Look at Employment Trends by Age Group

D. Transportation and Air Quality

Tad Leithead, Chair

- 1. Discussion of Transportation Funding Proposals
- 2. Report on the Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

E. Workforce Development

Kerry Armstrong, Co-Chair

- 1. Program Reports

IX. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.



**Atlanta Regional Commission
MINUTES
January 27, 2010**

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) met on Wednesday, **January 27, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater, R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Mr. Tad Leithead, Chair	Mayor Lorene Lindsey
Commissioner Charles Bannister, Vice Chair	Mayor Mark Mathews
CEO Burrell Ellis, Secretary	Commissioner B.J. Mathis
Mayor Mike Bodker, Treasurer	Mayor Randy Mills
Ms. Judy Waters, Parliamentarian	Mr. Eddie Moore
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens	Mayor Ralph Moore
Mr. Kerry Armstrong	Commissioner Richard Oden
Ms. Julie K. Arnold	Commissioner Sam Olens
Commissioner Eldrin Bell	Mayor Willie Oswalt
Mr. Kip Berry	Mr. Dan Post, Jr.
Mr. C.J. Bland	Mayor Kasim Reed
Mr. Dennis Burnette	Dr. David Sjoquist
Mr. Tread Davis	Commissioner Jack Smith
Commissioner John Eaves	Mayor Ken Steele
Mr. Todd Ernst	Mayor Mickey Thompson
Mr. Davis Fox	Mr. Aaron Turpeau
Mayor Bill Floyd	Commissioner Tom Worthan
Mayor Doris Ann Jones	

Members NOT Present

Commissioner Phillip Beard	Dr. Gene Hatfield
Mr. Rob Garcia	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and agreed without opposition to adopt the minutes of the December 2, 2009 ARC Board meeting.

The Oath of Office was given to new Board members: the **Honorable Doris Ann Jones, Mayor, Cherokee County** and the **Honorable Kasim Reed, Mayor, City of Atlanta**.

The Honorable Clair Muller, *Councilmember, City of Atlanta* was recognized and given a plaque of appreciation for her service on the ARC board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's Report was presented for information by Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer.

BOARD INTRODUCED TOPICS

Chairman Leithead presented the 2010 Board Officer & Committee appointments.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR INTRODUCED TOPICS

The monthly Project Review Status Report was presented for information by Chick Krautler, ARC Director.

Chick gave updates on the following:

2010 Legislative Agenda Eighth day of the legislature and the Governor has announced his budget, with cuts in every department. The Aging and Human Services could be affected significantly by these proposed cuts. DNR and EPD also have significant cuts facing them. The annual commitment by the State is \$250K for the North Georgia Metropolitan Water Planning District; it is in the Governor's budget. GDOT still faces further reductions and we will continue to do our best to track.

Water Update Mentioned at last month's meeting the Corps of Engineers announced a change in their scoping document for the update of the water manuals and the update would be based on a very literal reading of Judge Magnuson's order. ARC disagrees. The Corps is legally required to update their operating manuals based on consideration of a number of alternative operating strategies, not just one that may or may not be imposed because of the judge's orders. The King & Spalding letter provided is the response of ARC and its water provider partners. In addition, the 11th Circuit agreed to hear Georgia's appeal of Judge Magnuson's order. A win and very positive step for us.

Chick also mentioned some of the changes coming down from Washington with regard to how the administration wants to handle programs and grant funds. Discussions are centered on projects that will be funded on a regional basis and will be aimed largely at the metropolitan areas of the country. Staff are working hard to determine just what all this means. Along those lines, staff had the opportunity to meet with the new director of EPA's Smart Growth Program, of which we have worked extensively on this program over the last couple of years. They funded a part of the Lifelong Communities Charrette last year and they gave us an award for one of the livable center (LCI) programs. We were able to share a lot of information about how we have taken the lead in linking land use, housing and transportation. Staff will continue this dialogue.

In closing, Chick mentioned the following save-the-dates: **Wednesday, March 24** – 5:00pm to 7:00pm; Council for Quality Growth – Annual Meet & Greet Chairs & Mayors (*Invitation to Follow*). The ARC Board Working Session May 12-13, 2010 at Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands.

Special Presentation/Action

The **Governor's Water Contingency Planning Task Force Final Recommendations** were presented by Mr. **Tim Lowe**, *Lowe Engineers and Task Force Co-Chair*. Mr. Lowe reminded everyone the taskforce formed by the Governor because of Judge Magnuson's ruling in July 2009, stating that Lake Lanier was not designed as a water resource for the Atlanta region. More than eighty-eight business, civic, and local elected officials formed the taskforce, as well as some of the best engineering firms in the state. More than six members of the ARC board served on the taskforce. Mr. Lowe encouraged ARC to continue working towards a solution that was best for the people of the region and the State as a whole.

Employee service awards were presented to **Kimberly Lewis** (Five Years); **Robert Harper** (Five Years) and **Patrice Earnest** (Twenty Years).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging

Mayor Ken Steele, *City of Fayetteville*, and Chair of the Aging Services Committee announced the Aging Services division received a \$265,000 grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging for the support and development of a Lifelong Community in Mableton. Mayor Steele reminded the Board the Mableton area served as one of the original Lifelong Community sites in 2008 and 2009 with Andres Duany. The funding is committed for the first year and is likely to continue for an additional two years for the three-year demonstration project. This month's Aging Spotlight features Lifelong Mableton.

In addition, the Aging Services division was selected to receive the Civic League's Regional Excellence Award for the Lifelong Communities Initiative. In closing, Mayor Steele announced the following charrette will take place on Thursday, February 4th: the Greater Atlanta HBA 50+ Housing Council – Creating a Lifelong Community.

Communications

Ms. Julie Keeton Arnold, *Citizen District 10 Member*, and Chair of Communications presented the current media report. Also distributed at the meeting was the newest addition of the ACTION newsletter that included the 2009 Annual Report. Next, Julie Ralston, Director of Communications, and David Dudley, ARC Webmaster, gave a brief demonstration of the new ARC website at www.atlantaregional.com.

Environment and Land Use

Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and Chair of ELUC, presented the Resolution to **Transmit the DCA Regional Work Program**. ARC is required to annually submit an update to the agency's 5-year work program known as the "Regional Agenda" to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The Regional Agenda document officially communicates to Georgia DCA the activities ARC intends to undertake to implement the Regional Plan through the agency work activities. The Regional Agenda is a summary format of the ARC activities outlined in the annual ARC Work Program document adopted by the Board in December 2009. The resolution was unanimously supported by ELUC.

A motion was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Next Chairman Ahrens announced the distribution of the **Annual DRI Report** and **LCI Breaking Ground Report**. The purpose of the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review is to evaluate large scale developments that may have impacts outside the local government's jurisdiction and to improve the means of assessing the potential impacts before conflicts arise through improved communication. The DRI review is initiated when a potential development exceeds the Development of Community Affairs DRI Rules thresholds by type and size. ARC as the Regional Commission makes a finding as to whether the DRI is in the best interest of the region or not in the best interest of the region. The finding does not determine whether the DRI is in the best interest of the local government. In 2009, ARC reviewed 10 DRI's. In comparison, ARC reviewed 44 DRI's in 2008 and over 70 DRI's in 2007. Several jurisdictions saw no DRI activity in 2009. The City of Atlanta had the greatest drop from 19 DRI reviews in 2008 to one DRI review in 2009. The total number of residential units reviewed under DRI also declined from 23,629 units in 2008 to 1,729 units in 2009.

In closing, Chairman Ahrens announced this month's **Regional Snapshot – The Young and Jobless: A Look at Employment Trends by Age Group**. It explores the current recession's effect on different age groups. The data used for this analysis came from the Current Population Survey and the Quarterly Workforce Indicators, looking at both national level trends and regional trends. It is clear that the declining economy has taken its toll on all the ages in the workforce; however, the young are generally faring worse, while those 65 and older have weathered the storm relatively well.

Transportation and Air Quality

Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, and Chair of TAQC, presented the following upcoming TIP Amendments, set for discussion and approval by the end of March 2010. The two amendments currently in process:

- 10-day public comment periods on each began 1/26/10
- Neither amendment will require a new conformity determination
- Amendment #8 is in anticipation of a second stimulus package
 - Timing requirements are more stringent than ARRA
 - FHWA guidance across the US is for MPOs to begin amendment of their TIPs in anticipation of this legislation being passed
 - TCC and TAQC will take action in February; status of the legislation and need for ARC Board to take action in February will be reassessed following TAQC approval.
- Amendment #9 includes 5 projects
 - Updated project costs for I-20 E repaving in DeKalb County
 - Addition of an engineering scoping phase* for four projects in early stages of development – I-20 W/I-285 interchange in City of Atlanta, Ronald Regan Parkway Extension in Gwinnett, new interchange at I-75 and Third Army Road in Cobb and Bartow, redesign of I-85 and Pleasant Hill interchange in Gwinnett.
 - Project may now be shown in the TIP in four phases – scoping (SCP), preliminary engineering (PE), right-of-way (ROW) and construction (CST). For selected projects, SCP will provide small amounts of funding for concept, feasibility type work, etc., prior to PE, ROW and CST.
 - Amendment is for action by TCC, TAQC and ARC Board in February

- TIGER Grants – due to be announced by February 17th
 - If grant received in the Atlanta area, may require a “TIP Amendment #10” and an associated conformity determination.
 - We’ll keep you posted

Next, Chairman Smith gave an update on the first meeting of the new Regional Transit Committee (RTC) held in January. The RTC is a policy committee of ARC. Its predecessor – the Transit Implementation Board (TIB) had a sunset in December 2009. The first quarter of 2010 was designated an interim transition period while negotiations take place between ARC and eligible RTC members regarding participation in RTC. Chairman Leithead will serve as interim chair until RTC membership is finalized. Motions passed: provisional membership given to all eligible RTC members through March 31st, and the 2010 membership dues of \$10,000 per member. Chairman Smith also noted that Chairman Eldrin Bell, *Clayton County*, was recognized for his leadership through both the Transit Planning Board (TPB) and the Transit Implementation Board (TIB) over the past several years.

Next Chairman Leithead asked Chick Krautler to lead the discussion of **Governor Perdue’s Proposed Transportation Funding Legislation and Bond Package**: Staff expects legislation to be dropped within the next 2 weeks and ARC staff will work with the Governor’s office to perfect the bill. A summary of the Governor’s intent follows.

- Create 12 Special Districts for transportation funding along Regional Commission (RC) boundaries for a 1% sales tax, (includes the 10 ARC counties).
- No county opt-in; no county opt-out.
- First vote is taken statewide by each RC District at a determined date in 2012; there would be 12 regionally binding RC referendums. Citizens in each RC district will see a project list and sunset time of 8.5 years.
- The Director of Planning will have a significant role in each RC’s project list.
- If a District rejects the tax in the first statewide vote, a super majority of the county commissions of the District can pass binding resolutions to re-initiate the ballot planning process.
- Funds would be permitted for all transportation purposes including transit operations and maintenance, and all funds raised in the District will stay in the District.
- Projects must be aligned with the State Strategic Plan.

This funding legislation will also include a provision to redraw congressional balancing lines to conform to Regional Commission boundaries. Further, it would distribute capacity adding funds to Districts by population; and maintenance funds to Districts based on lane-miles. Finally, the five-year balancing period would increase to 10 years beginning July 1, 2011.

Also included in the Governor’s transportation plan is GO bond package.

- A 10-year commitment to \$300,000 GO bonds for specified projects beginning in 2011.
- After 2011 \$300,000 subject to appropriations by the General Assembly.
- Debt service payments made with State General Funds.
- Projects limited to freight improvements – road and rail.
- Funds not subject to congressional balancing.

Mayor Kasim Reed, *City of Atlanta*, thanked ARC and the staff for all of the work done with regard to transportation funding legislation. He encouraged the Board to be in contact with their representatives, and how important that we get legislation passed this year. Time is of the essence. Chick went on to mention the letter of support being presented to state leadership stating ARC's position. Mr. Aaron Turpeau, *Citizen District 4 member*, asked if there was 100% support by the Board. Chick confirmed that all elected officials have been met with, both individually and in small groups, and there are still some concerns dealing with the details, but there is a general consensus around the concept of a regional T-Splost.

CEO Burrell Ellis, *DeKalb County*, commented that DeKalb County has expressed some concern that some kind of credit or flexibility be given for the contributions made to MARTA. Mayor Mike Bodker, *City of Johns Creek*, made comment that we need to finally put to bed the MARTA issue and that a call to action in this legislative session is imperative to the economic engine of Georgia. Chairman John Eaves, *Fulton County*, followed up on Mayor Bodker's comments, in that Fulton, DeKalb and hopefully the City of Atlanta will be resuming talks with the joint transportation committee to work towards a consensus. In closing, Chick asked Chairman Eaves to include staff in these discussions.

Workforce Development Board

Mr. Kerry Armstrong, *Citizen District 9 Member*, and Co-Chair, gave a brief programs update. At the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board Annual Awards Luncheon in December several customers were recognized for their accomplishments in a WIA training program. People who were laid off from their jobs, low-income youth and adults needing skills to help them get a job were introduced at the luncheon and applauded for their achievements. Several local businesses that partnered with the ARWB and hired WIA customers who had completed their training or had hired youth during the Summer Jobs Program were also recognized – Eatza Pizza, Garden Of Eatin, 1 800 Got Junk And Star Company are just a few of the businesses.

Mayor Billy Copeland was applauded for the job fairs that the city of McDonough has organized for the past two year. Greystone Power was noted for their commitment to the Work Ready Program and as one of Georgia's first businesses recognized as a Work Ready Company. Gwinnett Tech and Athens Tech were recognized for their work with both the Innovation Crescent and the Georgia Bioscience Technology Institute. And, finally, the Georgia Perimeter College was recognized for a successfully-concluded Healthcare Occupations project with the ARWB.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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 - A. Governors Census Complete Count Committee *Chairman BJ Mathis, Henry County*
 - B. Policy Committee Report *Dr. Dave Sjoquist, Chair*
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Ken Steele, Chair

1. Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act
2. Lifelong DeKalb
3. Aging Spotlight: *Be There 4 Seniors*

B. Communications

Julie K. Arnold, Chair

1. Announcement of Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) Youth Leadership Graduation
2. Media Report

C. Environment and Land Use

Buzz Ahrens, Chair

1. Resolution to Adopt Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM) (Action Item)
2. *Plan 2040* Assessment Executive Summary
3. Announce Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) Grants
4. Regional Snapshot: ARC's 2009 Population and Housing Report: A Primer

D. Regional Transit Committee

Tad Leithead, Interim-Chair

1. Status Report

E. Transportation and Air Quality

Jack Smith, Chair

1. Resolutions for TIP Amendments #8 and #9 (Action Items)

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BOARD INTRODUCED TOPICS

Chairwoman BJ Mathis, *Henry County*, reported her service on the Governors Census Complete Count Committee and April 1st as Census Day in Georgia. Chairwoman Mathis emphasized the importance of getting an accurate count in the region. Fact sheets were distributed for information. In addition, Chairwoman Mathis presented a resolution affirming support of the 2010 Census.

A motion was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Dr. Dave Sjoquist, *Chair*, Policy Committee gave a brief update on the activities of the Policy Committee. This year's committee was expanded to 19 members. Also incorporated into the committee is a legislative function, so there is no longer a separate Legislative Committee. Richard Oden, *Rockdale County*, and Charles Bannister, *Gwinnett County*, are the vice-chairs. Most current discussions revolved around developing ARC into a strategic board and a regional voice. This will be the topic of discussion at the upcoming board retreat, the committee is asking each policy committee to be responsible for developing a list of principles, and a program of work aimed at advancing the goals and policies of ARC. The committee also heard from a representative from the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Coalition. They are introducing a bill proposing a local option sales tax supporting arts in the Atlanta region. ARC has been asked to consider a position.

Next, Chairman John Eaves, *Fulton County*, gave a brief update on the transportation sub-committee meetings between DeKalb and Fulton counties. This sub-committee has voiced support of an additional one-cent sales tax for transportation and transit in the Region, realizing for 30 years that both Fulton and DeKalb, as well as the City of Atlanta, have been contributing sales tax towards MARTA. They feel it is important to have local control of the funds and projects, and support development of the list through the current mechanism in place, i.e., ARC.

In addition, they support congressional balancing and a commitment to follow the green transportation plans that are currently in place removing limitations on MARTA; and flexibility and lifting of the current capitol versus operational costs allocation; they are committed towards funding of a regional transit system that not only moves MARTA, but GRTA, C-Tran in Gwinnett and Cobb; they feel very strongly that there needs to be an opt-out provision in any legislation, with the regional tax in place for 10 years, not the current eight years in the Governor's plan. Formal approval has not been received from each respective boards or commissions. Mayor Mike Bodker, *City of Johns Creek*, asked to be included in future meetings.

Mrs. Judy Waters, *ARC Parliamentarian*, announced the Annual Meet & Greet Chairs & Mayors, held by the Council for Quality Growth, scheduled for **Wednesday, March 24** – 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

DIRECTOR INTRODUCED TOPICS

The monthly Project Review Status Report was presented for information by Chick Krautler, ARC Director.

Chick gave updates on the following:

2010 Legislative Agenda Distributed for information was a side-by-side comparison of the existing two primary transportation-funding bills.

One introduced by the democratic caucus in the House and Senate, and the other, HB1218, by the Governor and a number of members of the House on behalf of the Governor. The Governor's bill had its first hearing before subcommittee, with no public testimony taken. It was presented by staff and members of the committee. There is talk about amendments that will come out of the House leadership; there is some talk about substitute bills. ARC will have an opportunity to testify, and while the bill contains the basic principles set forth over the last several years, there are several principles that ARC has adopted that are not consistent with this bill. Chick asked for the Board's authority to bring the following issues before the legislature. Most notably a flexibility in the length of time that a tax could be imposed; flexibility in the date in which you could go to referendum; and flexibility in the development of the project list so the ultimate responsibility lies with local-elected officials. There was a great deal of discussion with regard to the relevance of noting these three points of concern.

A motion to vote was called, seconded, and the motion passed, with one opposition.

Water Update The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals did accept the appeal from ARC and the State of Georgia. In addition, Judge Magnuson has initiated Phase II of the case; this is the segment that deals with endangered species. All parties have submitted their motions for summary judgment and responded to the motions from the other side.

In closing, Chick announced the CREATE Community Awards presented on February 17, 2010 at the historic Decatur courthouse. The City of Duluth for community building and involvement category for their Citizens Budget committee; the City of Sandy Springs for their water conservation incentive program; the City of Suwanee for its use of social media; Cobb County for the Cobb County Safety Village; and the City of Morrow for the development of Olde Town Morrow.

Special Presentation/Action

An employee service award was presented to Sheryl Clarke (Fifteen Years). Amoy Johnson (Fifteen Years) was not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging

Mayor Ken Steele, *City of Fayetteville*, and Chair of the Aging Services Committee announced the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act: Since 1965, the Older Americans Act (OAA) has been the major funding source for the services provided by the ARC Aging Network. In 2011, Congress will consider reauthorization and amendments to the OAA and will provide opportunity for review and recommendations. Staff is preparing comments with a major focus on the following three issues: the inclusion and funding for lifelong communities; requesting more flexibility in the use of Older American's Act funding; and greater support for transportation services.

Mayor Steele introduced CEO Burrell Ellis, *DeKalb County*, who gave a brief report on Lifelong DeKalb. DeKalb County understands that seniors are an integral part of the DeKalb County community and they understand there is a responsibility to care for those who are aging in their county.

In July 2009, the CEO advocated the passage of a resolution by the Board of Commissioners to support the Atlanta Regional Commission's effort to promote lifelong communities throughout the Metro Region and in September 2009, CEO Ellis founded the Lifelong DeKalb Taskforce. DeKalb is taking great strides to maintain services and creating new innovative opportunities geared towards DeKalb seniors.

The Aging Spotlight – *Be There 4 Seniors Campaign* was distributed for information. The campaign focuses on restoring the state cuts to aging programs, in particular, the Caregiver Respite funding in the amount of \$1.4 million.

Communications

Ms. Julie Keeton Arnold, Citizen District 10 Member, and Chair of Communications presented the current media report. In addition, Ms. Keeton announced March 20, 2010 as the graduation date for the current Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) Youth Leadership Class. Resolutions from the Class will be presented at the March 24th ARC Board meeting. In closing, Ms. Keeton announced applications for next year's class are being distributed and due back by April 2, 2010.

Environment and Land Use

Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and Chair of ELUC, presented the Resolution to Adopt Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM). In March 2006, the Board adopted several documents related to land use activities that resulted from Envision6. These documents were updates to policies and the map associated with the Regional Development Plan (RDP). The March 2006 ARC Board resolution required annual updates of the Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM). During 2009, Land Use Division staff met with city and county staff to discuss changes to the UGPM. A number of changes were initiated by ARC and local governments.

The revised map has been reviewed and approved by the Land Use Coordinating Committee (LUCC), which includes the planning directors or designated alternates from cities and counties in the region. The map provides direction to development of a long-range forecast and selection of RTP projects as well as review of DRIs, comprehensive plans and other ARC activities.

A motion was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Chairman Ahrens made note of the new summary of the *Plan 2040* Regional Assessment in everyone's packet. The Assessment document is required by Georgia DCA for the regional planning process. In March 2010, ELUC and the Board will review and transmit by resolution the full draft Plan 2040 Assessment document to Georgia DCA.

Next, Chairman Ahrens gave a brief update on the Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) Grants ARC announced recently five new local government Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) studies this month for a total of \$440,000. The studies will help each community create quality growth plans in specific locations that will enhance the livability of these areas.

The goal of the LCI program, created in 1999, is to help local governments devise strategies that reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by better connecting homes, shops and offices, enhancing streetscapes and pedestrian amenities and improving access to transit options.

In addition to the new studies a number of existing LCI areas received Supplemental Funds for LCI study updates and other implementation actions. With this latest round of grants, LCI has assisted 107 communities with more than \$141 million in grant awards. The five 2010 LCI grant recipients are: City of Doraville (GM Plant Redevelopment); City of Dunwoody (Dunwoody Town Center); City of Hampton (Hampton Town Center); City of Morrow (Southlake Mall & Mixed Use District); and DeKalb County (Wesley Chapel Activity Center).

In closing, Chairman Ahrens announced this month's **Regional Snapshot** – ARC's 2009 Population and Housing Report: A Primer. This month's Snapshot looks at ARC's 2009 population estimates for the 20-county area, including data for small areas and cities, so we can see where growth has been going this decade. Overall, we have seen a lot of growth this decade. However, based on new residential permits the 10-county Atlanta region added only 24,700 people in 2009, the slowest growth since the 1950s. The Snapshot shows that for this decade, the southern Forsyth area has been the fastest-growing area in the 20-county region. City of Atlanta has added some 65,000 new residents this decade, which is quite a turnaround from the previous 30 years when it was losing population.

Many other cities are growing as well, including Alpharetta, Canton, Douglasville, Fairburn and Stockbridge. The region has added more than one million people this decade to the 20-county area; most of this growth is being accommodated in single-family housing. More than 70 percent of all housing built this decade has been single-family, although in recent years we have seen more multi-family units being built.

Regional Transit Committee

Chairman Tad Leithead, *Interim-Chair for RTC*, gave a brief status report noting the Transit Implementation Board and the Transportation Board, chaired by Chairman Eldrin Bell, *Clayton County*, have merged as the RTC and is now housed at ARC. Operations are on an interim basis as membership is consolidated and direction is determined. Plans are to have a standing committee through board elections and officer elections in April 2010. A working session was held at the February committee meeting and recommendations will be presented at the March 11th committee meeting. It was mentioned that a legislative study committee is looking at transit governance and is being introduced at this Session. ARC will position itself to work closely with that committee and staff and keep this Board informed as to the particulars and processes.

Transportation and Air Quality

Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, and Chair of TAQC, presented the following resolutions:

Amendment #8 to FY 2008-2013 TIP with associated 2030 RTP Amendment. Congress is currently developing a second stimulus bill (*Jobs for Main Street Act*). The act has been passed by the House; the Senate has not taken action. The act contains a proposed stringent deadline that 50% of funding statewide must be under contract within 90 days of execution of the bill. The Federal Highway Administration has strongly encouraged MPOs nationwide to amend their Transportation Improvement Programs, if necessary, to be prepared for this 90-day deadline. Amendment #8 consists of GDOT identified projects for roadway maintenance, operations, upgrades, etc., as part of the initial statewide 50% of funding that can meet the 90-day contracting deadline. For the final 50% of funding, more time will be available to identify projects.

No technical analysis for conformity is required for Amendment #8 due to the nature of the projects. A 10-day public comment period was held January 26-February 4. The results of this comment period will be provided to TCC, TAQC and ARC Board before action is requested. TCC was asked to take action on February 5 and TAQC on February 11. Following these approvals, the need for ARC Board approval on February 24th will be reassessed based on the status of the second stimulus bill at that time (e.g., the Senate has passed the House version of the bill, or the bill has been revised/replaced and passed, not passed or delayed). TCC, TAQC and ARC will be kept informed throughout February.

A motion was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Amendment #9 to FY 2008-2013 TIP with associated 2030 RTP Amendment. TIP Amendment #9 includes five projects as follows: updated project costs for I-20 East repaving in DeKalb County; addition of an engineering scoping phase (SCP) for four projects in early stages of development:

- I-20 W/I-285 interchange in the City of Atlanta
- Ronald Regan Parkway Extension in Gwinnett County
- New interchange at I-75 and Third Army Road in Cobb and Bartow Counties
- Redesign of I-85 and Pleasant Hill interchange in Gwinnett County

Projects may now be shown in the TIP in four phases – scoping (SCP), preliminary engineering (PE), right-of-way (ROW) and construction (CST). For selected projects, SCP will provide small amounts of funding for concept, feasibility type work, etc., prior to PE, ROW and CST. Note that the I-20 E project is also included in Amendment #8 for potential stimulus funding. If/when the second stimulus act is executed; the stimulus funding will take precedence. No technical analysis for conformity is required for Amendment #9 due to the nature of the projects. A 10-day public comment period was held January 26-February 4. The results of this comment period will be provided to TCC, TAQC and ARC Board before action is requested.

A motion was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ARC BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 24, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.

Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater
R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community
40 Courtland Street, NE, Level C
Atlanta, GA 30303

- I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, 2/24/10 Meeting Summary** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- II. Recognition and Appreciation of Outgoing ARC Board Member the Honorable Samuel S. Olens, Chairman, Cobb County**
- III. Treasurer's Report** *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- IV. Board Introduced Topics** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Development of Committee Strategic Directions *Dave Sjoquist, Chair, Policy Committee*
 - B. 2010 Legislative Agenda Report *Charles Bannister, Policy Committee – Legislation*
 - C. Other
- V. Director Introduced Topics** *Chick Krautler, Director*
- A. Project Review Status Report
 - B. Transportation Funding Legislation
 - C. Water Update
 - D. MegaRegion's Report
 - E. Reminder: **Wednesday, March 24** –Council for Quality Growth – Annual Meet & Greet Chairs & Mayors; 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Georgian Club
 - F. Other
- VI. Special Presentation/Action** *Chick Krautler, Director*
- A. Employee Service Awards for Tom Weyandt (Ten Years) and Charles Krautler (Ten Years)
 - B. Other

Continued on Reverse

VII. Committee Reports

A. Aging

Ken Steele, Chair

1. Presentation and Resolution on FY 2011 Area Plan on Aging / Aging Services Request for Funding (Action Item)

B. Budget and Audit Review

Mike Bodker, Chair

1. Distribute Strategy 2010 and 2009 Work Program Completion Report

C. Communications

Julie K. Arnold, Chair

1. Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) Resolutions
2. Media Report

D. Environment and Land Use

Buzz Ahrens, Chair

1. Resolution to Transmit Plan 2040 Assessment, Regionally Important Resources (RIR) Map to Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) (Action Item)
2. Regional Snapshot: Domestic Migration – *Who’s Moving In and Where are They Coming From*

E. Regional Transit Committee

Tad Leithead, Interim-Chair

1. Status Report

F. Transportation and Air Quality

Jack Smith, Chair

1. Functional Classification Change – Avondale (Action Item)
2. Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) New Freedom Program Grants

VIII. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

SAVE THE DATE:

- ARC Board Working Session, **Wednesday, May 12 – Thursday, May 13** at Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier. (Payment Required for Guest or Planning Partner)

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, April 21*, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.** (*Note Date Change)



**Atlanta Regional Commission
MINUTES
March 24, 2010**

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) met on Wednesday, **March 24, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater, R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Mr. Tad Leithead, Chair	Mayor Mark Mathews
Commissioner Charles Bannister, Vice Chair	Commissioner B.J. Mathis
Mayor Mike Bodker, Treasurer	Mayor Ralph Moore
Ms. Judy Waters, Parliamentarian	Commissioner Richard Oden
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens	Commissioner Sam Olens
Ms. Julie K. Arnold	Mr. Dan Post, Jr.
Commissioner Eldrin Bell	Dr. David Sjoquist
Mr. Kip Berry	Commissioner Jack Smith
Mr. C.J. Bland	Mayor Ken Steele
Mr. Dennis Burnette	Mayor Mickey Thompson
Mr. Tread Davis	Mr. Aaron Turpeau
Commissioner John Eaves	Councilman H. Lamar Willis
Mr. Todd Ernst	Commissioner Tom Worthan
Mr. Davis Fox	
Mayor Bill Floyd	
Mayor Lorene Lindsey	

Members NOT Present

CEO Burrell Ellis, Secretary	Mayor Doris Ann Jones
Mr. Kerry Armstrong	Mayor Randy Mills
Commissioner Phillip Beard	Mr. Eddie Moore
Mr. Rob Garcia	Mayor Willie Oswalt
Dr. Gene Hatfield	Mayor Kasim Reed

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and agreed without opposition to adopt the minutes of the February 24, 2010 ARC Board meeting.

The Honorable Samuel S. Olens, *Chairman, Cobb County*, was recognized and given a plaque of appreciation for his service on the ARC board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's Report was presented for information by Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer.

BOARD INTRODUCED TOPICS

Dr. Dave Sjoquist, *Chair*, Policy Committee gave a brief update on the activities of the Policy Committee. Dr. Sjoquist reminded the board of discussions around developing ARC into a strategic board and a regional voice. Each policy committee is responsible for developing a list of principles, and a program of work aimed at advancing the goals and policies of ARC. In closing, Dr. Sjoquist reminded the board of the upcoming Board retreat, May 12-13; and that a few board members will be contacted by staff to participate in an interview with regard to expectations, directions and recommendations for planning of the agenda for the board retreat.

Chairman Charles Bannister, Gwinnett County, deferred his Legislative Report to Chick Krautler.

DIRECTOR INTRODUCED TOPICS

The monthly Project Review Status Report was presented for information by Chick Krautler, ARC Director.

Director Krautler gave updates on the following:

Monthly **Legislative Agenda Report**, focusing on the Transportation Funding Legislation. The governor's introduced bill was approved, with a committee substitute. It was anticipated that it would go to Rules. But, it did not make it out of Rules, because they didn't even present it to Rules – a very strong signal that it wasn't going to pass. We are left with the statewide bill from last year advocated by the House; and a regional bill advocated by the Senate. Both are in conference. After which they will go directly to the floor for a vote.

Water Update In the appeal of the Phase 1 decision, briefs are due to the court on March 31, 2010. In Phase II, the endangered species part of the legislation in the Northern District of Florida, motions for summary judgment were submitted in December 2009. All parties submitted their propositions. February 2010 reply briefs were turned in early and we are simply waiting for the Judge to schedule a hearing.

Megaregions Report Georgia Tech continues to push the process forward and hosted a third meeting of the Piedmont Atlantic Megaregion in Macon, GA. Efforts are largely staffed by GA Tech and led by Shirley Franklin, Pat McCrory, the former Mayor of Charlotte, and Robert Reichert, Mayor of Macon. The mayors of Greenville, SC; Gastonia, NC; and Birmingham, AL have also joined the conversations. Issues of discussion have centered on rail, water & energy. Also proposed is a memorandum of understanding for membership in the Piedmont Alliance. ARC has been invited to be a member and will go through our committee structure and ultimately will come to the Board.

In closing, Chick reminded the Board they were invited to attend the **Wednesday, March 24** –Council for Quality Growth – Annual Meet & Greet Chairs & Mayors; 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the *Georgian Club*.

Special Presentation/Action

An employee service award was presented to Tom Weyandt (Ten Years) and Chick Krautler (Ten Years).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging

Mayor Ken Steele, *City of Fayetteville*, and Chair of the Aging Services Committee introduced Ms. Cathie Berger, *Chief of ARC's Aging Services Division*, who gave a presentation on the Resolution on the FY 2011 Area Plan on Aging / Aging Services Request for Funding.

The Atlanta Regional Commission seeks redesignation as the Area Agency on Aging, pursuant to the Older Americans Act of 1965 for FY 2011. As the designated Area Agency on Aging, ARC is submitting the FY 2011 Area Plan on Aging serving as the Aging Services Proposal and Funding Request to the Georgia Department of Human Services seeking continuation funding in the amount of \$19,855,321 for the provision of aging services and programs. The proposed resolution approves the ARC as the Atlanta Area Agency on Aging and approves the submission of the FY 2011 Service Proposal and Funding Request, which will serve as the operational plan for aging programs administered by ARC.

A motion was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Budget and Audit Review

Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and Chair of BARC, presented the Strategy 2010 and 2009 Work Program Completion Report.

Communications

Ms. Julie Keeton Arnold, *Citizen District 10 Member*, and Chair of Communications presented the current media report. In addition, Ms. Keeton announced the graduating class of the Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC). Resolutions from the Class were presented by the following students:

- Oliver Paprin (MARC chair), Riverwood International Charter School, *Fulton County*
- Jordan Schwarts (Communications & Public Involvement Chair), Atlanta Girls School, *Cobb County*
- Brandon Valyan (CPIC vice chair), Druid Hill High School, *DeKalb County*
- Johnathan Davis (Community Services Committee member), Rockdale Magnet School, *Rockdale County*
- Warren Thomas (ELUC member), The Walker School, *Cobb County*
- Michael Sobrepera (TAQC vice chair), Kennesaw Mountain High School, *Cobb County*
- Lauren Kang (TAQC chair), Wheeler High School, *Cobb County*
- Josh Forbes, Kennesaw Mountain High School, *Cobb County*
- Christian Russell, Lakeside High School, *DeKalb County*
- Janvi Chawla, Walton High School, *Cobb County*
- Kyra Stephenson-Valley, Riverwood International Charter School, *Cobb County*

Environment and Land Use

Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and Chair of ELUC, presented the Resolution to Transmit the Plan 2040 Assessment, and the Regionally Important Resources (RIR) Map to Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Ms. Jane Hayse, *Chief of ARC's Transportation Planning Division*, gave a brief presentation.

For that past 12 months, ARC has been working on the development of Plan 2040, a unified planning process that will meet the state requirements of DCA and the federal requirements of USDOT. Plan 2040 will coordinate actions and projects that will be undertaken to guide, support and respond to growth issues in the Atlanta region over the next 30 years. The first components of this effort are as follows:

- *Plan 2040 Regional Assessment* – The Regional Assessment outlines issues and trends in the Atlanta region. Diverse community conversations and input early in the process provided significant direction to the Assessment. These same themes were also echoed in internal working meetings, ARC Board discussions, planning partner surveys and local government discussions.
- *Plan 2040 Stakeholder Involvement Program* – This program outlines how critical outreach to the public and key stakeholders will continue as Plan 2040 is developed.
- *Draft Regionally Important Resources Map* – The Regionally Important Resources (RIR) Map includes nominations for features to be included which were received by ARC in 2009. These nominations have been evaluated and a draft, interim map has been developed.

ARC will transmit the Plan 2040 Regional Assessment, the Plan 2040 Stakeholder Involvement Program and the Draft RIR Map to DCA for review. The Regional Assessment will serve as the primary means by which ARC engages stakeholders around the region on the many substantive issues that Plan 2040 seeks to address.

A motion was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

In closing, Chairman Ahrens announced this month's **Regional Snapshot** – Domestic Migration – *Who's Moving In and Where are They Coming From*.

Regional Transit Committee

Chairman Tad Leithead, *Interim-Chair for RTC*, gave a brief status report. It was agreed at the March committee meeting to extend the interim committee through April 30. Also resolved was the agreement to not extend the committee any further. This allows us to work with our paying members to finalize contracts for participation and membership, which we anticipate concluding on or before April 30. The committee was briefed on transit reduction at C-Tran and MARTA. An RTC retreat is being scheduled sometime in May. Once permanent officers and directors are established the committee will move forward with planning.

Transportation and Air Quality

Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, and Chair of TAQC, presented the following resolution to adopt an Atlanta Highway Functional Classification Change in Avondale Estates in DeKalb County.

Federal regulations require that ARC as a Metropolitan Planning Organization, work cooperatively with the State on revisions to the National Highway System and Highway Functional Classification System. Revisions have been proposed by the City of Avondale in DeKalb County as detailed on the attached draft resolution. The DeKalb TCC member concurs with this requested change.

A motion was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

In closing, Chairman Smith announced the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program and the New Freedom Program Grants. ARC and MARTA are designated recipients for the FTA JARC and New Freedom grant programs for the Atlanta region, with ARC managing the competitive project selection process. A “call for projects” was held in late Fall 2009 for FY 2009 grants.* A total of over \$1.6 million in JARC funds and over \$900 thousand in New Freedom grants will be awarded.

JARC:

CCT - \$815,183

MARTA - \$829,019

New Freedom:

DisABILITY LINK - \$105,360

Marcus Jewish Community Center - \$80,444

Fayette Senior Services - \$97,470

CCT - \$549,500

Gwinnett County Senior Services - \$85,745

*Just now awarding FY 2009 funds since 1) many designated recipients across the country are still trying to play catch-up to get funds out the door due to federal planning requirements, and 2) the series of SAFETEA-LU continuing resolutions has made it impossible to get full appropriations amounts for FY 2010 to date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



ARC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.

**Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater
R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community
40 Courtland Street, NE, Level C
Atlanta, GA 30303**

- I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, 3/24/10 Meeting Summary** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- II. Oath of Office to new Board member: Honorable G. Woody Thompson Jr., Interim-Chairman, Cobb County**
- III. Treasurer's Report** *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- IV. Board Introduced Topics** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
 - A. Policy Committee Report *Dave Sjoquist, Chair, Policy Committee*
 - B. Other
- V. Director Introduced Topics** *Chick Krautler, Director*
 - A. Project Review Status Report
 - B. 2010 Legislative Agenda Report
 - a. Transportation Funding
 - C. Water Update
 - D. Proposed Georgia Leadership Exchange Program
 - E. Community Choices Assistance Program for 2010
 - F. Other
- VI. Special Presentation/Action** *Chick Krautler, Director*
 - A. Employee Service Awards for Sammie Carson (Five Years) and Mary Margaret Garrett (Twenty-Five Years)
 - B. Recognition of Administrative Professionals Day (April 21)
 - C. Other

Continued on Reverse

VII. Committee Reports

A. Aging

Ken Steele, Chair

1. Spotlight: Care Transitions

B. Communications

Julie K. Arnold, Chair

1. “Energizing Our Future” ARC TV Show
2. Distribute ACTION Newsletter and Media Report

C. Environment and Land Use

Buzz Ahrens, Chair

1. Status Report
2. Regional Snapshot: ARC’s Employment Estimates: *The Recession in Full Bloom*

D. Regional Transit Committee

Tad Leithead, Interim-Chair

1. Status Report
2. Resolution Adopting a Commitment to Regional Governance (Action Item)

E. Transportation and Air Quality

Jack Smith, Chair

1. Status Report
2. Resolution Adopting the Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan (Action Item)

VIII. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

SAVE THE DATE:

- ARC Board Retreat, **Wednesday, May 12 – Thursday, May 13** at Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier. **See Robin Rutherford for Registration Forms** – 1) Board Member or 2) Guest or Planning Partner (*Payment Required for Guest or Planning Partner*)
- *Plan 2040* Working Session, **Thursday, July 22**, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Loudermilk Conference Center

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.**



**Atlanta Regional Commission
MINUTES
April 21, 2010**

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) met on Wednesday, **April 21, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater, R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Mr. Tad Leithead, Chair
Commissioner Charles Bannister, Vice Chair
CEO Burrell Ellis, Secretary
Mayor Mike Bodker, Treasurer
Ms. Judy Waters, Parliamentarian
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens
Mr. Kerry Armstrong
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Mayor Ralph Moore
Commissioner Richard Oden
Mr. Dan Post, Jr.
Dr. David Sjoquist
Commissioner Jack Smith
Mayor Ken Steele
Commissioner Woody Thompson
Mr. Aaron Turpeau
Councilman H. Lamar Willis
Commissioner Tom Worthan

Members NOT Present

Commissioner Phillip Beard
Mr. Todd Ernst
Mayor Randy Mills

Mayor Willie Oswalt
Mayor Kasim Reed
Mayor Mickey Thompson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and agreed without opposition to adopt the minutes of the March 24, 2010 ARC Board meeting.

The Oath of Office was given to new Board member the **Honorable G. Woody Thompson Jr.**, *Interim-Chair, Cobb County*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's Report was presented for information by Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer.

BOARD INTRODUCED TOPICS

Dr. Dave Sjoquist, *Chair*, Policy Committee gave a brief update on the activities of the Policy Committee. Dr. Sjoquist reminded the board of discussions around developing ARC into a strategic board and a regional voice. In closing, Dr. Sjoquist reminded the board of the upcoming Board retreat, May 12-13; and that a few board members will be contacted by staff to participate in an interview with regard to expectations, directions and recommendations for planning of the agenda for the board retreat.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Leithead noted the movement of today's action items to a higher position on the agenda.

Chairman Leithead presented the **Resolution Adopting a Commitment to Regional Governance**. Discussions at both the Regional Transit Committee and ARC Board have highlighted the need for ARC to formally restate its longstanding commitment to the development and implementation of a regional transit governance structure and transit system plan. The Atlanta Regional Commission has been actively engaged in a continuous planning process for regional transit governance for nearly six years. The Regional Transit Institutional Analysis (RTIA) was launched by ARC in 2004 to formally study the issue, and its recommendations led to the creation of the Transit Planning Board (TPB) in 2006.

The TPB and its successor, the Transit Implementation Board (TIB), were composed of 19 members representing the major transportation agencies and transit-operating jurisdictions, and met regularly from 2006 to 2009. A major accomplishment was the development of a regional transit system plan, Concept 3, which was adopted by ARC as the transit component of the long-range aspirations plan of the RTP. In January 2010 the TIB transitioned to the Regional Transit Committee (RTC), a formal policy committee of ARC, following the successful amendment of the quad-party agreement governing the regional transportation planning process by ARC, GDOT, GRTA, and MARTA. The RTC began meeting monthly in January and is now the primary forum for discussions regarding regional transit coordination, funding, and governance.

The resolution provides a detailed overview of ARC's commitment to regional transit system planning and governance, with key past resolutions and policy statements referenced. It further urges ARC members to fully utilize the RTC as the primary means for engagement in the ongoing discussion on regional transit governance.

A motion to adopt was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, Chair of TAQC, presented the **Resolution Adopting the Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan**. Federal regulations require development of a coordinated public transit Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan to support planning for programs or projects funded through three Federal Transit Administration programs (Section 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program, Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, and Section 5317 New Freedom Program).

An interim HST Plan was developed in 2007 and has been updated with assistance from the HST Advisory Committee, comprised of stakeholders and representatives of planning and implementation agencies, public transit operators, state and local health and human service agencies, workforce boards, charities, for-profit transportation providers, advocates, and the general public.

The updated HST Plan, *A Coordinated Plan for the Atlanta Region, 2010*, will serve as a policy guide for human services transportation planning in the Atlanta Region.

A motion to adopt was made, no second was necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR INTRODUCED TOPICS

The monthly Project Review Status Report was presented for information by Chick Krautler, ARC Director.

Director Krautler gave updates on the following:

Monthly **Legislative Agenda Report**, focusing on the Transportation Funding Legislation. Optimistically we are closer than ever to seeing the conference committee move forward with a proposal for a regional transportation mechanism based on the one percent sales tax. It would apply to the 12 Regional Commission regions throughout the state. The vote for a referendum would take place in 2012. Each region would be responsible for composing a list of projects. The bill has a regional opt-out, rather than a county-by-county opt-out. The main point of contention is with regard to the transit commitment. The bill doesn't allow for any new money for operations and maintenance on the MARTA system. We are adamantly opposed to this provision. We are working with our partners and committee on a compromise. We are hopeful a bill will be passed in this session.

Water Update In the appeal of the Phase 1 decision by Judge Magnuson's order, all briefs have been filed with the 11th Circuit Court. Negotiations between Florida, Georgia and Alabama are ongoing. We anticipate a trial date set for sometime in late summer or early fall. In Phase II, the endangered species part of the legislation in the Northern District of Florida, all briefs have been filed.

Next, Tony Landers, Director of ARC's Community Services Department, gave a brief report on the relationship of the Atlanta region to the balance of the state. It has been described as two Georgia's, however, based on comments from our past chair, there is no such thing as two Georgia's, it's a myth, but it does drive a certain legislative, political agenda. The Policy Committee has discussed our relationship to politicians in the legislature who are not from Atlanta, and the need to reach out to them on their own turf. The idea of doing a leadership exchange between Atlanta and certain parts of the state have been discussed. No particulars have been identified. Staff met with a number of other organizations dealing with the same questions and to discuss how we might coordinate and address these challenges.

Discussion amongst commission members was in agreement and directed staff to move forward with conversations and planning, directing emphasis on building relationships with our neighbors.

In closing, Chick announced the seven communities who will receive direct assistance from ARC in various development projects. This is part of the Community Choices Program that was started a couple of years ago. It is a competitive program amongst local governments. Those receiving assistance this year are: the City of College Park, Clayton County; the City of Doraville, Gwinnett County; the City of Hapeville, the City of Roswell and the City of Snellville will all receive assistance through the Community Choices program in doing developmental work in their communities at no charge to them. Chick encouraged everyone at the local level to submit proposals next year.

In closing, Chick recognized the exhibits in the front hall presented by students from the Georgia Perimeter College as part of a community issues awareness project. Dr. Arla Bernstein is the professor and a member of ARC's communications and public involvement committee and attended along with some of her students.

Special Presentation/Action

An employee service award was presented to Sammie Carson (Five Years) and Mary Margaret Garrett (Twenty-Five Years).

Chairman Leithead also recognized all the administrative professionals in honor of Administrative Professionals Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging

Mayor Ken Steele, *City of Fayetteville*, and Chair of the Aging Services Committee presented this month's spotlight entitled Care Transitions.

Communications

Ms. Julie Keeton Arnold, *Citizen District 10 Member*, and Chair of Communications presented the current media report and distribution of the newest ARC TV show entitled "Energizing Our Future".

Environment and Land Use

Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and Chair of ELUC, presented this month's **Regional Snapshot** – ARC's Employment Estimates: The Recession in Full Bloom. The estimates ending in 2009 show that the Clayton County area lost 128,000 jobs between 2006 and 2009. That is about 5 ½ percent and since these estimates were tabulated the employment situation has improved and reflects a slight uptick. In addition, and in response to the request from the Policy Committee, Chairman Ahrens presented a few discussion points from ELUC. The first would be to develop criteria to ensure that ARC's plans and priorities have local relevance. And second, is an interest by the committee to work and talk about the possibility of having some standing subcommittees. No specific topics, only that we are involved in the community.

Regional Transit Committee

Chairman Tad Leithead, *Interim-Chair for RTC*, gave a brief status report noting that Chairman Ahrens filled in for him at the last meeting and that the committee passed a similar resolution reaffirming the RTC's commitment to a regional transit system. It was also agreed and scheduled to hold an RTC retreat on June 2nd. The Executive Director of the Chicago Regional Transit Authority has been invited.

Chairman Leithead also noted those who have become members of the RTC for the year 2010. Those include the City of Atlanta; Cherokee, Cobb, Newton, Rockdale and Spaulding counties; the Metropolitan Mayor's Association, MARTA and GRTA; and in the process to commit are Fulton, Gwinnett, DeKalb and GDOT. Membership is moving forward and we look forward to a successful retreat to discuss how to move forward with urgency towards a truly regional transit system, that also includes a dependable, reliable and ongoing funding mechanism for our regional transit system.

Transportation and Air Quality

Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, and Chair of TAQC, presented a flyer as one of the many public participation tools used in the *Plan 2040* process. ARC has created a website where visitors will be able to view a presentation and provide comments 24/7 on the plan. This is an online form that is available to both members of the ARC Board and the general public. The form is designed to collect comments on the *Plan 2040* vision, goals and objectives from now through May 31, 2010. Comments will be provided to the Board throughout the plan development process. TAQC was given an update on the draft strategic framework for *Plan 2040*. This framework spells out the vision, three key goals, five objectives and a list of performance measures and indicators of success, and is a basis for *Plan 2040* development. The *Plan 2040* Retreat scheduled on Thursday, 7/22/10, is for ARC Board Members, TAQC, ELUC and Aging Services.

Chairman Smith introduced the **Atlanta Strategic Truck Route Master Plan (ASTRoMaP)**. TAQC was provided an update on the ASTRoMaP which identifies the appropriate strategic corridors throughout the region where truck-related traffic improvements should be targeted, and which reaches out to the trucking industry and encourages them to use the routes. It is scheduled for Board action in June.

Next Chairman Smith gave an update on the 2003 **TIP Blueprint**. The *Blueprint* compiles rules and procedures for the TIP and RTP (i.e., how a selected project moves through the TIP and RTP process). The *Blueprint* is neutral on the policies related to transportation and does not include project prioritization. The *Blueprint* contains guiding principles, core functions (i.e., what are day-to-day staff activities pertaining to the guiding principles), business rules (i.e., step-by-step instruction on how the guiding principles and core functions are carried out). Scheduled for Board action in July.

In conclusion, Chairman Smith reported on the safety data in the region and at the county level. TAQC was presented work recently conducted on development of the annual County Crash Profiles. Individual profiles for each county are targeted for completion by the end of May.

In closing, Chairman Leithead announced the following "save the dates"...

- **ARC Board Retreat, Wednesday, May 12 – Thursday, May 13** at Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier.
- **Fifty Forward Health Forum – Thursday, June 24**, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., at the Carter Center
- **Plan 2040 Working Session, Thursday, July 22**, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Loudermilk Conference Center

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Atlanta Regional Commission Monthly Agenda
Wednesday, May 26, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.

Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater
R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community
40 Courtland Street, NE, Level C
Atlanta, GA 30303

- I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, 4/21/10 Meeting Summary** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- II. Oath of Office to new Commission member: **Honorable Bucky Johnson**, Mayor, *City of Norcross***
- III. Recognition and Appreciation of Outgoing Commission Member the Honorable **Phillip Beard**, Chairman, *City of Buford***
- IV. Treasurer's Report** *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- V. Action Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Resolution to Adopt DRI Checklist (Action Item)
 - B. Other
- VI. Discussion Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Board Retreat Response
 - 1. Transportation / Land Use (Jack Smith, *Discussion Leader*, TAQC Chair)
 - a. HB 277 Update – (Tad Leithead, *Discussion Leader*; Staff Panel)
 - 2. Water – June Briefing
 - 3. Aging – July Briefing
 - B. Other
- VII. Program Reports** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- 1. Freight Study (Proposed Action Item in June) *Michael Kray, ARC*
 - 2. Lifelong Mableton Kickoff *Ken Steele, Aging Chair*
 - 3. Community Gardens Grant Award *Ken Steele, Aging Chair*
 - 4. Summer Youth Grant *Kerry Armstrong, WIB Co-Chair*
 - 5. Media Digital Entertainment Region *Kerry Armstrong, WIB Co-Chair*
 - 6. Other

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VIII. Announcements and Attachments

Chick Krautler, Director

- Employee Service Anniversary recognizing Jared Lombard (*Five Years*)
- New ARC Brochure and Media Activity Report
- Project Review Status Report (No new reviews opened between April 15 and May 15)
- Regional Snapshot: Income and Poverty Trends in Metro Atlanta

IX. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 23 at 1:00 p.m.



**Atlanta Regional Commission
MINUTES
May 26, 2010**

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) met on Wednesday, **May 26, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater, R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Mr. Tad Leithead, Chair	Mayor Doris Ann Jones
Commissioner Charles Bannister, Vice Chair	Mayor Lorene Lindsey
Mayor Mike Bodker, Treasurer	Mayor Mark Mathews
Ms. Judy Waters, Parliamentarian	Commissioner B.J. Mathis
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens	Mr. Eddie Moore
Mr. Kerry Armstrong	Mayor Ralph Moore
Ms. Julie K. Arnold	Commissioner Richard Oden
Mr. Kip Berry	Mayor Willie Oswalt
Mr. C.J. Bland	Dr. David Sjoquist
Mr. Dennis Burnette	Commissioner Jack Smith
Mr. Tread Davis	Mayor Ken Steele
Mr. Davis Fox	Commissioner Woody Thompson
Mayor Bill Floyd	Mr. Aaron Turpeau
Mr. Rob Garcia	Commissioner Tom Worthan
Mayor Bucky Johnson	

Members NOT Present

CEO Burrell Ellis, Secretary	Mayor Randy Mills
Commissioner Eldrin Bell	Mr. Dan Post, Jr.
Commissioner John Eaves	Mayor Kasim Reed
Mr. Todd Ernst	Mayor Mickey Thompson
Dr. Gene Hatfield	Councilman H. Lamar Willis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and agreed without opposition to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2010 Commission meeting.

The Oath of Office was given to new Commission member the **Honorable Bucky Johnson, Mayor**, *City of Norcross, Gwinnett County*, who is replacing the **Honorable Phillip Beard, Chair**, *City of Buford*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's Report was presented for information by Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Leithead presented the Resolution to Adopt the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Checklist.

In 2006, ARC and GRTA began developing a checklist to facilitate the DRI review in the metro region. The goal was to develop a single checklist that could be used for both the ARC and GRTA review of DRI's. The DRI checklist was designed to set expectations for local governments and developers of what the criteria were in ARC's and GRTA's approval of a DRI. ARC's Land Use Coordinating Committee (LUCC) and Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) both reviewed the checklist and staff began using the checklist in 2008 as a tool in reviewing DRIs.

Under Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) rules that took effect July 1, 2009, all Regional Commissions are required develop a DRI checklist following a checklist model created by DCA. In early 2010, DCA completed their DRI checklist template and set a deadline for RC board adoption. The new DRI checklist template was developed by DCA based on the ARC/GRTA checklist already in use by staff. While the format of the checklist has changed, the questions and content align with the existing ARC checklist.

The Georgia DCA template will take the place of the existing ARC/GRTA created checklist. ARC must take action approving the DCA checklist model as the template for an ARC DRI checklist by May 31, 2010. Staff will review the checklist with ELUC in June. ARC will have the option to adopt amendments to the DRI checklist in the future.

A motion to adopt was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman Leithead reminded the Commission that it was decided at the working retreat that meetings would be more issue focused, consensus was the three top issues would be: transportation, water and aging services.

Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, and Chair of TAQC, provided a brief overview on ARC's role in transportation planning and funding. Consistent with federal requirements, ARC is the *metropolitan planning organization* for the 18-county Atlanta area (13 whole counties and portions of 5). An MPO is required under federal regulations in order for the region to avail itself of certain federal benefits and funding sources. 18 counties in MPO area are totally or partially in 9 of the 13 congressional districts; outlying 8 counties are included in 4 different Regional Commissions outside of the ARC; 14 other MPOs in Georgia (www.gampo.org); ARC is only Regional Commission in Georgia included solely within one MPO. Plans and programs are developed under the *3-C process* – comprehensive, continuous and cooperative, and must consider 8 planning factors.

ARC is required to develop 3 main transportation plans or programs for the 18 county MPO area:

1. **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)** – covers at least 20 years, must include all transportation projects receiving federal funds and all regionally significant transportation projects. Must be financially constrained. Must be developed in cooperation with the State and any affected public transportation operators

- FHWA and FTA indirectly approve the RTP by approving the associated technical evaluation for conformity
 - *Current RTP (atlantaregional.com/rtp) – The 2007 Envision 6 2030 RTP is a 4 year update to the 2004 Mobility 2030 plan and will be replaced in 2011 by Plan 2040 (atlantaregional.com/plan2040) which increases the plan scope from 2030 to 2040 unlike the current plan which only updated the 2030 plan..*
2. **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – covers the first 6 years of the RTP, must be financially constrained. Must be developed in cooperation with the State and all affected public transportation operators. Includes all projects (GDOT's, GRTA's, MARTA's, counties, cities, CIDs, etc.) receiving federal transportation funding in the Atlanta Region and all regionally significant projects
 - Governor must approve and has delegated TIP approval authority to GRTA
 - Once approved by Governor (GRTA), GDOT incorporates the TIP or TIP amendment *without change* into the STIP (State TIP).
 - A TIP amendment (addition, deletion or major modification of projects) must follow same process
 - *Current TIP – Envision 6 FY 2008-2013 TIP with Amendments 1-9, with amendment #10 expected to be offered in Summer of 2010 (atlantaregional.com/tip)*
 3. **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – includes ARC's annual transportation-related work activities from the agency-wide work program and also includes transportation planning activities of our planning partners (GDOT, GRTA, MARTA, Atlanta, counties).
 - FHWA and FTA both approve the UPWP
 - *Current UPWP – 2010 UPWP (atlantaregional.com/transportation under “Important Information & Resources”)*
- *Plan 2040* (new 2040 RTP and FY 2012 2017 TIP) currently under development. Adoption targeted for summer 2011. (atlantaregional.com/plan2040)
 - Since Atlanta is a 20-county area nonattainment area for ozone and particulate matter:
 - RTP/TIP technical evaluation is required to demonstrate that air quality limits are not exceeded.
 - ARC performs technical evaluation for the entire 20-county area which also covers the Hall County RTP and TIP developed by the Gainesville MPO.
 - Nonattainment area is expected to be redefined this fall – 2010 and may alter (by addition, deletion or both) the nonattainment area for which compliance must be demonstrated
 - ARC planning process has been a “bottoms up” process since ARC adopted a policy statement in 1974
 - RTP and TIP development
 - Planning partners provide their priorities to ARC (counties, cities, transit operators, state agencies, CIDs, etc.)
 - Issues are addressed through ARC staff interaction with local planning partner staff and through the transportation committee process – TCC and TAQC
 - ARC staff and planning partners work together to create plans and programs that develop an integrated transportation system
 - Prior to Board action, transportation matters must first be reviewed by the technical committee (TCC) then forwarded to the policy committee (TAQC) with recommendations.

- Staff keeps TCC, TAQC and the Board involved throughout the process to minimize the potential for proposed changes in the final steps of RTP and TIP development
- IF the Board should propose a substantive change to the RTP or TIP, the matter is referred back to the TCC for review, then to the TAQC, and then back to the Board. This is a mandatory step because although the 8 outlying counties were made “limited ARC members for transportation planning purposes only” in a 2004 ARC by-laws change and have a voice on the TCC and TAQC, they have no vote on the Board. Any change at Board level would delay final adoption and federal approval by a minimum of one month to several months if additional technical analysis for conformity and additional public comment periods are required.

Roles and responsibilities for transportation planning are defined in the Quad Party Agreement between ARC, GDOT, GRTA and MARTA to prevent duplication of efforts; additional agreements are in place with the outlying 8 counties and with the Gainesville MPO to define each role and responsibilities; all current transportation-related agreements are listed in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

PROGRAM REPORTS

Mayor Ken Steele, City of Fayetteville, and Chair of the Aging Services Committee gave the following update on:

Lifelong Mableton Kick-Off Event On Thursday, May 20, 2010, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and Cobb County, with support from the Administration on Aging hosted special guests including the Hon. Woody Thompson, Cobb County Commission; Charles “Chick” Krautler, Cobb Community Development and Transportation Departments; Mableton Improvement Coalition; and Cobb Senior Services. The event was to celebrate the kickoff of Lifelong Mableton. The project is funded through a grant from the Administration on Aging, one of 13 demonstration grants nationwide to improve the quality of life and help people aging in place.

The goal of Lifelong Mableton is to support the local vision for Mableton’s future by involving stakeholders in planning and focused on Lifelong Community. To establish a presence within the community, ARC opened an office in the target study area through a donation of free office space provided by Cobb County government. ARC has hired a Lifelong Mableton Project Coordinator who holds regular office hours at the Lifelong Mableton office.

Aging Spotlight This month’s Aging Spotlight reports on the Senior Community Gardens Program designed to improve seniors’ health by increasing their access to fresh fruits and vegetables and providing opportunities to remain active and engaged. Funded through a grant from Kaiser Permanente, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia this initiative will establish 11 community gardens at senior centers and other locations listed on the pamphlet. These will expand the senior community gardens already established and provide a model for further replication across the region.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS

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- New ARC Brochure and Media Activity Report – **Distributed**
- Project Review Status Report – **No new reviews opened between April 15 and May 15**
- Regional Snapshot: Income and Poverty Trends in Metro Atlanta – **Distributed**

In closing, Chairman Leithead announced the following “save the dates”...

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- II. Treasurer's Report** *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- III. Action Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Resolution to Adopt the Atlanta Strategic Truck Route Master Plan (ASTRoMaP) (Action Item)
 - B. Resolution to Transmit Regional Resource Plan to Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) (First Read)
 - C. Appoint Retreat Implementation Task Force (Action Item)
 - D. Appoint Task Force on Commission Agenda and Committee Structure (Action Item)
 - E. Other
- IV. Discussion Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Board Retreat Response
 - 1. Aging – June Briefing
 - 2. Water – July Briefing
 - B. Other
- V. Program Reports** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- 1. HB 277 – Roundtable Structure
 - 2. Summer Work Program Report
 - 3. Other

Continued on Reverse

VI. Announcements and Attachments

Chick Krautler, Director

- Employee Service Anniversaries recognizing Kellie Brownlow (*Ten Years*), Deryl Sessoms (*Fifteen Years*) and Julie Ralston (*Twenty-Five Years*)
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- Project Review Status Report
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VII. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

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- **Friday, November 5** – *ARC State of the Region Breakfast, Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 7:00am to 9:30am*

Next Commission Meeting: Wednesday, **July 28** at 1:00 p.m.



**Atlanta Regional Commission
MINUTES
June 23, 2010**

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) met on Wednesday, **June 23, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Ann Cramer Conference Room, R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Mr. Tad Leithead, Chair	Mayor Doris Ann Jones
Commissioner Charles Bannister, Vice Chair	Mayor Lorene Lindsey
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Dr. Gene Hatfield	Commissioner Tom Worthan
Mayor Bucky Johnson	

Members NOT Present

Mr. Kerry Armstrong	Mayor Randy Mills
Mr. Todd Ernst	Mr. Eddie Moore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Leithead opened the meeting with the announcement that ARC programs and staff received several very significant honors at the National Association of Regional Council's Annual Conference held last week in Cleveland. Chick Krautler was selected to receive the Walter Scheiber Leadership Award, which recognizes the significant impact of a regional planning organization director on local, state and national levels. It is named after Walter Scheiber, former Executive Director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and a founder and first president of NARC – and it is the top annual award for a regional council director. Chick was also elected Chairman of the NARC Executive Director's Council and Vice President of the NARC Board of Directors – both the highest positions achievable by a regional council director in that organization. These are very significant professional achievements for Chick. Congratulations to Chick.

In addition, ARC received the top Achievement Award for any Major Metro area in the U.S. for our Green Communities Certification Program. Congratulations to Patricia Stevens, *Chief*, Environmental Planning Division and her staff for this excellent program. And, finally, Workforce Development's involvement in the Innovation Crescent initiative was recognized with a Merit Award. Congratulations to Mary Margaret Garrett, *Chief*, Workforce Division and her staff.

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and agreed without opposition to adopt the minutes of the May 26, 2010 Commission meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's Report was presented for information by Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Leithead introduced Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, and chair of TAQC. Chairman Smith presented the Resolution to Adopt the Atlanta Strategic Truck Route Master Plan (ASTRoMaP).

In 2008, ARC adopted the findings from the *Atlanta Regional Freight Mobility Plan* for consideration in development of future transportation plans and programs. As a recommendation (or second phase) of the *Freight Mobility Plan*, an *Atlanta Strategic Truck Route Master Plan* (ASTRoMaP) was developed to identify major truck routes in the Atlanta region. Incorporating significant input from private sector freight providers, associated route improvements have been identified ranging from capital to operational improvements. In May 2010, ARC completed development of the ASTRoMaP which is shown as a work activity in the 2010 Unified Planning Work Program. The ASTRoMaP Report is posted at www.atlantaregional.com/truckrouteplan as well as the associated documentation.

After adoption, ARC staff will incorporate the ASTRoMaP into the planning process, will monitor implementation of recommendations and periodically report progress. As an immediate next step, discussions are underway through the TCC Management & Operations Subcommittee to incorporate the ASTRoMaP information into the NaviGator website and 511.

A motion to adopt was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Next Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and ELUC Chair, presented and gave a "first read" on the Resolution to Transmit the Regional Resource Plan to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Pursuant to the Rules of the Department of Community Affairs, Chapter 110-12-4, *Regionally Important Resources*, ARC is required to develop and submit a Regional Resource Plan. Regionally Important Resources are natural and cultural resources that have been identified as meeting criteria prescribed by both ARC and DCA regarding the protection of water quality, active or passive greenspaces, wildlife habitat, historic value, and working agricultural or forestry resources, among others.

The Regional Resource Plan gives consideration to the value and vulnerability of each identified resource, as well as guidance for development in proximity to these resources and policies and protection measures to enhance local stewardship of resources.

Pursuant to the Rules, Regionally Important Resources will be incorporated into Plan 2040 as Areas Requiring Special Attention and ARC will work to promulgate the plan within the region. Additionally, ARC will develop work to update the plan annually, and develop a work program within Plan 2040 to address the Regional Resource Plan. The resolution will be presented for action at the July 28, 2010 Commission meeting.

Next, Chairman Leithead introduced for appointment two ad hoc committees to focus on specific issues impacting ARC. The first committee is the Retreat Implementation Task Force chaired by Chairwoman BJ Mathis, *Henry County*. Also serving are Buzz Ahrens, Ken Steele, Dave Sjoquist, along with Tad Leithead, and lead staff Tony Landers, with Chick Krautler, Catherine Brulet and Emerson Bryan.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the appointment passed unanimously.

The next ad hoc committee is the Commission Agenda and Committee Structure Task Force chaired by Chairman Tom Worthan, *Douglas County*. Also serving are Charles Bannister, Mark Mathews, Eddie Moore, Lamar Willis, and lead staff Kathryn Lawler, with Julie Ralston and Tom Weyandt.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the appointment passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Ken Steele, *City of Fayetteville*, and Chair of the Aging Services Committee (ASC), along with a few committee members (Judy Waters, Kevin Isakson and Dr. Laura Beaty) gave the following update on ARC's work in the Aging Services Division.

Since the passage of the Older Americans Act, the 10-county senior service programs and 12 community agencies, in close partnership with ARC, have developed an extensive Aging Services Network. Moving into the new century, we are faced with new challenges with regard to the dramatic growth in the number of older adults and their changing needs and demands. We must create communities where older adults can age in place. The services that ARC and the contract agencies provide are critical and form the foundation that the network has established over the past 30 years; however, we can no longer focus on services alone and we must reexamine what we provide now to assure that they are the ones needed by older adults now and in the future.

Ms. Judy Waters, *Citizen District 8 member*, and a member of the ASC added: What are challenges and necessary changes that need to be made in the Aging Services System? Some of the mandates and challenges that we are currently facing demand that we: respond to the increase in sheer numbers, the demand and the ever-changing diversity and needs of clients; we recognize that – on one end we must serve active older adults with health promotion programs and on the other end serve the frail elderly – all with very different needs and expectations. We must also respond to the large number of caregivers recognizing that 80% of care is provided by families. Supporting caregivers allows us to prevent or stall the demand for government resources such as Medicaid.

In addition, we must adopt business models to increase capacity and deliver services based on what people need and prefer. Several ways to do this include: staff continue to increase revenue through entrepreneurship such as selling Database subscriptions and securing grants for innovation. However, in order to make bold program shifts, the next logical step is for us to rally around the Older Americans Act and be engaged in its Reauthorization in 2011.

Next, Kevin Isakson, *ASC member*, asked the question: *How does a private developer integrate the Lifelong Community Principles and make the housing numbers work?*

ARC passed the resolution to support the creation of Lifelong Communities in the summer of 2009 and since then: this is not just a public sector challenge or solution; the private sector needs incentives or less government mandates to participate in solutions; density bonuses for example, including more housing that accommodates needs of older adults; policies that support private solutions; ease of permitting. Are we going to react or respond? It's upon us now. Staff are coordinating with other divisions to integrate aging into all regional plans such as *Plan 2040* and Livable Communities Initiative (LCI), and working to move the same planning concepts into local plans working closely with local planners. The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to support lifelong community principles and to develop policies related to senior housing options and senior center locations and programming throughout the County. ARC received a national grant from the US Administration on Aging to implement to lifelong community framework. This grant is one of 13 national demonstration grants underway throughout the country. ARC is working with other communities in the region to apply the lifelong community principles in different capacities.

Mayor Steele emphasized that we are working at the staff and committee levels to assure that *Plan 2040* integrates the dramatic increase in the region's older population and that our land use, transportation and aging services policies and programs address the needs and demands of this population group.

Next Dr. Laura Beaty, *ASC member*, asked the question: *What role should we play in promoting healthy living and healthy aging?* 30% of Georgians are obese, 22% smoke, and 10% have diabetes. But it might surprise everyone to know that diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in Georgia and contributes to our leading causes of death; both heart disease and stroke. Georgia's cardiovascular disease rate is 10% higher than the national average. The cost of cardiovascular disease in the US including health care expenditures and lost productivity is estimated to be greater than 500 billion in 2010. This number will continue to increase as our population ages. Prevention and management of chronic disease for the individual and the community has never been more important.

As stated by the Surgeon General's office "Community-based self-management programs will be particularly important in helping older adults manage their chronic conditions. Self-management programs help individuals gain self-confidence in their ability to control symptoms and manage the progression of several long-term and chronic age-related illnesses." The Atlanta Regional Commission must set and achieve our regions healthy aging goals through collaboration and coordination with community partners.

In closing, Mayor Steele asked: What are you doing to respond? What are you as Commission members doing to integrate lifelong community principles into your planning departments and into the work you do, and to create Lifelong Communities? How can you help raise the issues around Reauthorization and requesting that it allow for: greater flexibility, support for livable communities, and shift to entrepreneurial business models? And for all of these – the necessary funding increases to support the new way of doing business?

PROGRAM REPORTS

Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, and chair of TAQC Chairman gave a brief update on HB 277. The proposed roundtable composition is made up of the ten-county commission chairs and the mayor of Atlanta. Chairman Smith distributed a draft letter asking each Chair to caucus a meeting with the mayors and select their mayoral representative to complete the roundtable composition.

Dr. David Sjoquist, *Citizen District 5 member*, distributed a Policy Brief from the Fiscal Research Center (FRC) on the Revenue from a Regional Transportation Sales Tax. The report can be found at www.frc.gsu.edu.

Next, C.J. Bland, *Citizen District 6 member*, and member of the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board, gave a brief update on the Summer Work Program. The Atlanta Region Workforce Board, coordinated by ARC, has so far placed more than 1,000 disadvantaged youth in summer work programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS

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Atlanta Regional Commission Monthly Agenda – REVISED

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- I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, 6/23/10 Meeting Summary** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- II. Oath of Office to new Commission member: Honorable Tim Lee, Chair, Cobb County**
- III. Recognition and Appreciation of Outgoing Commission member the Honorable Woody Thompson, Interim-Chair, Cobb County**
- IV. Convene Public Hearing** for the Purpose of Receiving Comments on Amendment #10 (**Attached – For Information**) to the FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Sign-in begins at 12:00 p.m.)
- V. Adjourn Public Hearing** *Tad Leithead, ARC Chair*
- VI. Re-Convene Monthly Meeting of the Atlanta Regional Commission**
- VII. Treasurer’s Report** *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- VIII. Action Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
 - A. Resolution to Adopt the 2010 Regional Agenda Work Program Update (Attached – Action Item)
 - B. Resolution to Adopt the 2010 Work Program and Budget Revision 1 (*GA Teen Partnership Program*) and Revision 2 (*GA DHS Aging Programs*) (Attached – Action Item)
 - C. Resolution to Adopt *TIP/RTP Blueprint (2010)* (Attached – Action Item)
 - D. Resolution to Adopt Vision, Goals and Objectives to Guide Development of *Plan 2040* (Attached – Action Item)
 - E. Resolution to Transmit the *Plan 2040* Regional Resource Plan to GA Department of Community Affairs (DCA) (Attached – Action Item)
 - F. Other
- IX. Discussion Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
 - A. Regional Resource Plan Presentation *Buzz Ahrens, ELUC Chair*
 - B. On-Board Transit Survey Results (Attached – *For Information*) *Jack Smith, TAQC Chair*

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- C. Board Retreat Response
 - 1. Water – August Briefing
- D. Other

X. Program Reports

Tad Leithead, Chair

- 1. 2009 Audit *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- 2. RTC Governance Report *Kasim Reed, RTC Chair*
- 3. Other

XI. Announcements and Attachments

Chick Krautler, Director

- Statement of Financial Interests (*Due on or before July 31, 2010*)
- Report on HB 277 Kick-off
- GARC Annual Training Conference, November 3 – 5, St. Simons Island, GA
- 2010 n4a Aging Achievement Award
- ACTION Newsletter and Media Activity Report
- ARC TV Show DVD: “Improving Our Community Health”
- Project Review Status Report
- Regional Snapshot: Congestion in Metro Atlanta

XII. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

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**Atlanta Regional Commission
MINUTES
July 28, 2010**

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) met on Wednesday, **July 28, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Ann Cramer Conference Room, R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Mr. Tad Leithead, Chair	Mayor Bucky Johnson
Commissioner Charles Bannister, Vice Chair	Mayor Doris Ann Jones
Mayor Mike Bodker, Treasurer	Commissioner Tim Lee
Ms. Judy Waters, Parliamentarian	Mayor Lorene Lindsey
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens	Mayor Mark Mathews
Mr. Kerry Armstrong	Commissioner B.J. Mathis
Ms. Julie K. Arnold	Mayor Ralph Moore
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Members NOT Present

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Dr. Gene Hatfield	Councilman H. Lamar Willis
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Oath of Office was given to new Commission member the **Honorable Tim Lee, Chairman, Cobb County**, who is replacing the **Honorable Woody Thompson, Interim-Chair, Cobb County**.

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and agreed without opposition to adopt the minutes of the June 23, 2010 Commission meeting.

Next, Chairman Leithead convened the **Public Hearing** for the purpose of receiving comments on Amendment #10 to the FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). There were no comments. Chairman Leithead adjourned the public hearing and re-convened the monthly meeting of the Atlanta Regional Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's Report was presented for information by Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Leithead introduced the following resolutions:

Resolution to Adopt the 2010 Regional Agenda Work Program Update. The Atlanta Regional Commission is required to periodically submit a Regional Development Plan (RDP) Technical Report and annually a Regional Agenda work program document to Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The Technical Report was approved by the Board in 2004. The Regional Agenda is the work program for the RDP. It reflects a summary format of the ARC activities outlined in the annual Work Program document. The Regional Agenda officially communicates to DCA the activities ARC plans to undertake to implement the RDP and other planning documents including the RTP. Georgia DCA approved the draft Regional Agenda that was submitted and ARC is now required to officially adopt the document.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Adopt the 2010 Work Program and Budget Revision 1 (*GA Teen Partnership Program*). The 2010 Work Program & Budget as adopted on December 2, 2009, requires amendment as follows: The Workforce Development Division of the Atlanta Regional Commission has received funding for the 2010 Georgia Summer Teen Partnership under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 TANF Emergency Funds. The funding is as follows: 2010 Georgia Teen Partnership Program – ARC has received \$3,788,994 from the federal stimulus program for this work with no matching requirement, and 10%, or \$378,899, available for administrative purposes.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Adopt the 2010 Work Program and Budget Revision 2 (*GA DHS Aging Programs*). The 2010 Work Program & Budget as adopted on December 2, 2009, requires amendment as follows: The Atlanta Regional Commission has received additional funding of \$294,452 from the State of Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS). This additional funding will be passed through to sub grantees administering the following programs: Community Based Services (CBS) Alzheimer's Funds; Long Term Care Ombudsman Program; Income Tax Check off; and Older Americans Community Service Employment Program (OACSEP), Title V.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Adopt *TIP/RTP Blueprint (2010)*. The *TIP/RTP Blueprint (2010)* is a convenient, comprehensive and user-friendly reference guide to assist transportation project sponsors in understanding and adhering to standard practices governing how projects are programmed and documented in the Atlanta region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The TIP is the short range element of the long range RTP. The *Blueprint* documents the mechanics of how a project is managed in planning documentation once policy decisions related to the overall project list and individual projects have been reached through the MPO process.

In September 2003, ARC adopted the original *TIP Blueprint*. The 2010 document updates the original to reflect changes to federal and state legislation, policies and practices over the past several years, and to expand coverage to include the long range element of the RTP. The *Blueprint* will be a living document, updated on a regular basis to reflect any substantive changes in TIP/RTP programming requirements which may occur at the federal, state or regional levels. The need for comprehensive updates will be assessed with the development of each new TIP and RTP.

The guiding principles, core functions and business rules outlined in the *TIP/RTP Blueprint (2010)* will be used during development of *Plan 2040* (the 2040 RTP and associated FY 2012-2017 TIP).

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution to Adopt Vision, Goals and Objectives to Guide Development of *Plan 2040*. As directed by the Commission in February 2009, staff is developing *Plan 2040*, a regional unified plan to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably. Scheduled for adoption in July 2011, *Plan 2040* addresses cross-cutting regional issues such as transportation, land use, aging, environment, economy, and housing.

This resolution presents the Vision, Goals, and Objectives for *Plan 2040* which will be used as guidance in development of *Plan 2040*, including developing Plan recommendations such as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Vision, Goals, and Objectives were shaped by early *Plan 2040* efforts including the Regional Assessment and stakeholder outreach. TCC and TAQC have both been continuously updated and have provided important input into this process. *Plan 2040* is ARC's most comprehensive planning effort conducted to date, with a specific outcome to breakdown the "silos" limiting creative solutions to meet the region's challenges. *Plan 2040* will provide a road map for long-term, sustainable investment in the region as well as a complementary framework of agency policies and programs to support Plan implementation.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Chairman Leithead introduced Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and Chair of ELUC, along with Ms. Allison Duncan, ARC staff, who gave a presentation and presented the Resolution to Transmit the *Plan 2040* Regional Resource Plan to GA Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Pursuant to the Rules of DCA, Chapter 110-12-4, *Regionally Important Resources*, ARC is required to develop and submit a Regional Resource Plan. Regionally Important Resources are natural and cultural resources that have been identified as meeting criteria proscribed by both ARC and DCA regarding the protection of water quality, active or passive greenspaces, wildlife habitat, historic value, and working agricultural or forestry resources, among others.

The Regional Resource Plan gives consideration to the value and vulnerability of each identified resource, as well as guidance for development in proximity to these resources and policies and protection measures to enhance local stewardship of resources. Pursuant to the Rules, Regionally Important Resources will be incorporated into *Plan 2040* as Areas Requiring Special Attention and ARC will work to promulgate the plan within the region. Additionally, ARC will develop work to update the plan annually, and develop a work program within *Plan 2040* to address the Regional Resource Plan. (*First reading was June 23, 2010)

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman Jack Smith, *Fayette County*, and TAQC Chair, gave a brief update on the On-Board Transit Survey Results. An executive summary of the on-board transit survey was distributed. More than 50,000 surveys were conducted between October 2009 and January 2010. This represents 1 of every 10 transit riders in the region. The survey was administered to passengers on bus routes and rail lines operated by all public transit systems in the 20-county region. The purpose of the survey is to better understand the travel pattern of transit users in the Atlanta area. The major findings: transit is vital to Atlanta's mobility – over 40% of transit riders do not have access to / do not own a car; transit is vital to Atlanta's economy – 3 out of 4 transit riders are employed, and 45% use transit to get to work; transit is vital to Atlanta's education – over 30% of riders are students; and many residents with cars and higher incomes are choosing to use public transit instead of driving.

The results of the survey will be used to update ARC's regional travel demand model as part of the transportation planning process. This will also put the region in a better position for FTA new-starts funding opportunities. ARC's next survey effort will be a \$2 million Household Travel Survey to be conducted in 2011.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer gave a brief update on the 2009 Audit. A copy of the Comprehensive Annual Report was distributed. Mayor Bodker reminded the Commission that the ARC Bylaws instruct the Commission to prepare a financial report for each preceding calendar year, and the report is to be audited by an independent certified public accountant and the report results of the audit are to be presented to the Budget and Audit Committee. ARC did receive a clean audit, which is an unqualified opinion, and that is the best opinion you can get from the auditors. Mayor Bodker noted the ARC retirement plan was audited and is in very sound shape, and received an unqualified opinion as well.

Mayor Kasim Reed, *City of Atlanta*, and RTC Chair gave a brief update on the Regional Transit Committee Governance Report. The RTC held a retreat in June, at which a consensus of the members of the group reached a decision regarding key aspects of a permanent transition governance structure for the Atlanta metropolitan region. The recommended structure consists of a Board with a commission chair, a mayor from up to 20 transit-supporting counties, including the Mayor of Atlanta and three State appointees. The ARC, MARTA, GRTA and GDOT will serve as non-voting members of the Committee. Voting will incorporate weighting and proportionality. The retreat was held at Southface Institute. At the July 15th RTC meeting, a resolution was passed that memorializes the points of agreement from the retreat. The resolution also directs the staff to further define the definition of transit-supporting county, as well as to prepare specific options for weighted voting. A follow-up discussion will be held on August 12th at the RTC meeting at which time the staff will present their additional work on the definition of eligibility and the weighted voting scenarios which will require additional approval by members of the RTC. The Governor's recommendation of the RTC will be presented to the Regional Transit Study Commission authorized under HB 277, which is tasked with pairing a preliminary report by the end of the year and prior to the legislative session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS

- Statement of Financial Interests (*Due on or before July 31, 2010*)
- Report on HB 277 Kick-off
- GARC Annual Training Conference, November 3 – 5, St. Simons Island, GA
- 2010 n4a Aging Achievement Award
- ACTION Newsletter and Media Activity Report
- ARC TV Show DVD: “Improving Our Community Health”
- Project Review Status Report
- Regional Snapshot: Congestion in Metro Atlanta

In closing, Chairman Leithead announced the following “save the dates”...

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- II. Treasurer's Report** *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- III. Action Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Committee Appointments (Action Item)
 - 1. TAQC Chair – Tom Worthan, *Douglas County*
 - 2. TAQC Vice-Chair – Eldrin Bell, *Clayton County*
 - 3. Aging Vice-Chair – Richard Oden, *Rockdale County*
 - B. Resolution to Adopt TIP Amendment #10¹ (Action Item)
 - C. Resolution to Adopt 2009 Population Estimates (Action Item)
 - D. Other
- IV. Discussion Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Board Retreat Response
 - 1. Water *Buzz Ahrens, ELUC Chair and Kit Dunlap, MNGWPD Chair*
 - B. Policy Committee *Dave Sjoquist, Chair*
 - C. Other
- V. Program Reports** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- 1. Regional Transit Committee *Kasim Reed, Chair*
 - 2. *Fifty Forward* Capstone *Cain Williamson, ARC*
 - 3. Lifelong Communities Mableton *Laura Keyes, ARC*
 - 4. Other

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¹ www.atlantaregional.com/tip

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ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Leithead introduced the following motions with regard to committee appointments:

Transportation and Air Quality Committee (TAQC) Chair – Tom Worthan, *Douglas County*.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Transportation and Air Quality Committee (TAQC) Vice-Chair – Eldrin Bell, *Clayton County*.

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Newly appointed Chairman Tom Worthan, *Douglas County*, and TAQC Chair presented the Resolution to Adopt TIP Amendment #10. TIP Amendment #10 was necessitated following a recent statewide rebalancing conducted by GDOT, to address significant new funding commitments. The amendment reflects the net of additions and deletions to program as follows: Additional overall federal commitment \$51.1 million (majority is traditional formula funds; earmarks comprise a small percentage); Additional overall state commitment of \$13.9 million (gas tax); Additional overall bond commitment of \$77.8 million (to be repaid from gas tax). Increases in funds available for use within the Atlanta region resulted from a statewide project readiness evaluation by GDOT, with those projects able to proceed immediately to construction being advanced in priority and others still under development being shifted back in the work program. Due to the nature of the changes, a technical evaluation of the fiscally constrained TIP and RTP was required. This analysis demonstrates air quality limits will not be exceeded. A 30-day public comment period was held from July 3 to August 1, 2010. The results of this comment period will be provided to TCC, TAQC and ARC Board before action is requested.

8/6/10 Revision – GDOT proposed an amendment to TIP project FN 255, SR 9 (GDOT PI 721010), to add \$50K in state and federal funds for Preliminary Engineering Oversight (PE OV). TCC approved the draft resolution as amended subject to the project sponsor, the City of Roswell, providing additional required information by Friday, 8/13. GDOT has recently begun identifying PE OV phases for local projects to cover the cost of GDOT oversight and to assure that the project would be eligible for potential future federal funding. GDOT has agreed to develop a coherent, consistent policy to govern similar future requests. This revision has no conformity implications nor does it require an additional public comment period pursuant to the adopted Public Participation Plan.

Following ARC approval, GRTA approval is targeted for September 11, followed by a GDOT STIP amendment. This amendment includes projects such:

- I-75 Managed Lanes in Henry County
- I-20 Collector/Distributor Lanes in DeKalb County
- I-285 / Ashford Dunwoody Interchange
- I-85 Widening in southern Fulton County and Coweta County

This amendment also required a technical evaluation for conformity which demonstrated air quality limits will not be exceeded. A 30-day public comment period was held. 2 comments were received - one regarding the P3 program and one from the City of Roswell requesting GDOT provide state and federal funds for preliminary engineering oversight of a Roswell project. GDOT agreed to provide the funds and TCC approved a revision to the draft resolution contingent on Roswell providing additional information. This information has been supplied.

A motion to approve was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Leithead introduced Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and Chair of ELUC who presented the Resolution to Adopt 2009 Population Estimates. The Atlanta Regional Commission annually produces population estimates for major jurisdictions in the Atlanta region. These estimates are the basis for assessing dues for the following year. Under the law establishing ARC, the estimates and dues calculation must be adopted by the Commission before the end of August.

The foundation for these population estimates is the 2000 United States Census. Census counts of housing units are updated to April 1 of the estimate year based on building permit data. Extensive field surveys verify that multifamily projects have been completed and determine how many units are occupied. The field surveys also check mobile home parks for changes in units and occupancy levels. Telephone and mail surveys collect group quarters (college dormitories, jails, long-term care facilities, etc.) population. The updated housing inventory is converted into population based on observed year 2000 average occupancy rates and household sizes adjusted for best available current information.

A motion to approve was made, no second necessary, and the resolution passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and Chair of ELUC, gave a brief history of ARC's involvement in water planning. In the 1970's ARC facilitated the Chattahoochee watershed, which the General Assembly adopted and became the Metro River Protection Act (MRPA). In the mid to late 70's, ARC joined with the Corps of Engineers, the Metro Atlanta Water Resources Management (MAWRS) Study with some interesting results. In 1981, MAWRS recommended a regulation dam be built at Buford Dam for water supply. In 1988, the Corps changed their recommendation to reallocate Lake Lanier storage for water use and in 1991 they brought Alabama aboard. The involvement with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and other agencies and authorities spanned water quality studies, water supply and watershed studies.

Chairman Ahrens introduced Ms. Kit Dunlap, Chair of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD). Ms. Dunlap gave a brief overview of the District. The District was created by the Georgia General Assembly in 2001 to establish policy, create plans and promote intergovernmental coordination of all water issues in the District from a regional perspective.

The District includes fifteen counties and over ninety cities within the metro Atlanta region. The primary purpose of the Metro Water District is to develop regional and watershed-specific plans for stormwater management, wastewater treatment and water supply and conservation. Three comprehensive water plans were adopted in 2003: District-wide Watershed Management Plan; Long-term Wastewater Management Plan; and the Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. These plans will protect water quality and public water supplies in and downstream of the region, protect recreational values of the waters in and downstream of the region, and minimize potential adverse impacts of development on waters in and downstream of the region.

Ms. Pat Stevens, *Chief*, ARC's Environmental Planning Division was asked to facilitate membership to the ACF Stakeholders for ARC Commission member Kerry Armstrong. In closing, Ms. Dunlap stressed the importance of conservation and the District's plan to submit a list of conservation actions at the September 22 Commission meeting.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Chairman Richard Oden was asked to give a brief update on the Policy Committee meeting held earlier on Commission day. Chairwoman Mathis' taskforce presented a new draft mission and vision statement for review. The taskforce also recommended to staff to condense the 19 organizational objectives into statements that are fewer in number, updated and more reflective of our current work program and aspirations.

Chairman Worthan's taskforce on Meetings and Committees presented the results of a survey conducted over the past month, with about 30 participants. Based on the feedback it was suggested to continue with the 1:00 p.m. meeting time; provided lunch for the entire Commission to promote networking; and to seek input from the Commission should the opportunity arise to reconfigure the standing meeting room/amphitheater, it was also recommended that for Commission members who spent the entire day at ARC on Commission day, have a meeting room for handling emails and calls to their home office. This would be on a six-month trial basis. In addition, Chairman Oden presented a few ideas with regard to reorganizing the Policy and Executive committees. The new structure would reduce the number of meetings and the occasional overlap of agendas. Policy committee provided feedback and a more definitive proposal will be presented next month.

In closing, Chairman Oden reported that Ms. Julie Arnold, *Chair*, ARC's Communication and Public Involvement Committee, presented a plan for addressing the communication needs of the organization, including outreach to key partners, legislators and other elected officials.

Chairman Leithead announced that the regional roundtable is now finalized. Mayors from all ten counties have been elected from their perspective caucuses, with Mayor Reed, *City of Atlanta*, being designated by the legislation to serve as the 11th member. Out of the 21 members on the roundtable, 19 also serve on the Commission. Todd Long, GDOT Planning Director, is scheduled to call the first meeting on November 15, along with the final selection criteria.

Mayor Kasim Reed, *City of Atlanta*, and RTC Chair gave a brief update on the Regional Transit Committee. The committee focused on accomplishing two things, one was to pass the transit supporting jurisdiction legislation to determine what transit support and jurisdiction means to make that a requisite membership for the regional transit authority. Definition reached was that the transit support and jurisdiction is defined as one within which FTA eligible services is funded using local or sales tax funds to be FTA eligible. Transit services refers to any service that is eligible to receive federal transit administration matching funds, i.e., fixed group bus and rail, manned pool and demand response services. The proportional weighted voting is to be handled at the next RTC meeting. Also discussed was HB 277. The Lt. Governor and Speaker have both appointed their members to the study committee. Chairman Leithead has appointed Tom Weyandt, Director, ARC Comprehensive Planning as the staff representative. We have asked Cobb, Cherokee and Gwinnett for their representatives. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9 at 10:00am in the Legislative Caucus Building.

Mr. Cain Williamson, ARC Staff, reported on the *Fifty Forward* Capstone Event, held on July 29 at the Carter Center. The capstone event was a culmination over the past few years of a series of regional forums and neighborhood meetings on a series of topics including: sustainability, demography and diversity, mega regions, technology innovation, land use and housing, transportation and energy, along with community health. The large scale forums consisted of speakers both nationally and locally. The neighborhood forums were conducted by the Atlanta Civic League across the region, engaging some 750 residents.

Mrs. Laura Keyes, ARC Staff, reported on the Lifelong Communities Mableton project. ARC received a grant from AoA to implement Lifelong Communities Framework and advance the three LLC goals to promote housing and transportation options, encourage healthy lifestyles, and expand access to services in the community of Mableton, South Cobb County. The first year of our three year grant is complete; exceeding expectations in the implementation of work elements to support the Lifelong Community Goals. The creation of key partnerships is one of the most essential components necessary to move us Lifelong Mableton from planning to implementation.

A strong focus to ensure the Lifelong Mableton Program is not pushed onto the residents of the community but that they see themselves as the essential piece to creating changes within Mableton.

The Lifelong Mableton Partnership Committee continues to grow as we advance the work program. To date we have received valuable participation and support from elected officials, key county staff, local non-profits, resident and local business. The Partnership Committee play a critical role helping to: align the Lifelong Mableton work plan with local vision and goals for the community; create local community ownership of Lifelong Mableton work program; and help leverage resources from partners.

Successes to date include: local design charrette in Mableton led by Cobb County Planning, goal to develop form based code, results will align with LLC principles and put them into the local zoning code; walkability assessment which assessed pedestrian safety and physical attributes of the study area to make walkable. The results were formally submitted to Cobb County Planning and Transportation; establishment of a weekly Farmer's Market at the Mable House Art Center, a central location in our study area; two markets to date; and establishment of a Community Garden near the Mable House – logistical work underway; ownership being established through Mableton Improvement Coalition subcommittee.

Looking forward there are two more years of funding to ensure a strong partnership committee that will be vital to keeping programs going once grant runs out; current success is promising that the community wants to come together to ensure LLC principles are implemented. In closing, the committee is looking at different ideas to implement local transportation alternatives, monitor adoption of Form based Code scheduled for early 2011, and expanding access to health and supportive services.

Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, ARC Treasurer and Chair of the Budget and Audit Review Committee (BARC) reminded the Commissioners of the recent annual audit with Mauldin and Jenkins and that ARC had received a clean review. This was the first year of a four-year contract with Mauldin and Jenkins. And as the audit was ending they requested an additional payment of \$9,000.00, claiming excess work totaling \$18,000.00. ARC was not under contractual obligation to honor this request. BARC called a special meeting and it was determined the request was not warranted and the auditors would be paid according to the original contracted amount. In addition, it was agreed that ARC cancel the current contract with Mauldin and Jenkins and seek another firm for our ongoing audit process.

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 - 1. Project Implementation – Ralph Moore, *Union City*, Chair
 - 2. Roles and Responsibilities – Tim Lee, *Cobb County*, Chair
 - B. ARC Comments on HB 277 Draft Criteria (Action Item)
 - C. Other
- IV. Discussion Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Atlanta Regional Workforce Board Briefing *Randy Hayes, Co-Chair*
 - B. Other
- V. Program Reports** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- 1. Regional Transit Committee *Kasim Reed, RTC Chair*
 - 2. Proposed MNGWPD Conservation Actions *Buzz Ahrens, ELUC Chair*
 - 3. HB 277 Update *Tom Worthan, TAQC Chair*
 - 4. Volunteer Services Overview *Ken Steele, Aging Chair*
 - 5. Other

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VI. Announcements and Attachments

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- Federal Proposal on Infrastructure
- Transit Governance Study Commission
- Gwinnett Redevelopment Forum, **Friday, October 15**
- Georgia*Forward* Update
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Charles Bannister

Dan Reuter, ARC

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MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and agreed without opposition to adopt the August 25, 2010 ARC monthly Commission meeting summary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's Report was presented for information by Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Leithead introduced the following ad hoc committee appointments:

➤ **TASK FORCE ON IMPLEMENTATION – Chair: Ralph Moore, Mayor, City of Union City**
Members: Eldrin Bell, Jack Smith, CJ Bland, Tread Davis; **Staff Members:** Dan Reuter – Lead, Mary Margaret Garrett, Cathie Berger, Tom Weyandt, Pat Stevens

- Catalog and identify examples of current implementation efforts of the agency
- Evaluate authority and ability to expand or augment implementation
- Determine a process for how the board can participate in decisions regarding implementation activities and priorities
- Present recommendations to the Policy Committee

➤ **TASK FORCE ON BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – Chair: Richard Oden, Chair, Rockdale County**

Members: John Eaves, Bucky Johnson, Tim Lee, Dan Post, Mickey Thompson; **Staff Members:** Emerson Bryan – Lead, Kellie Brownlow, Julie Ralston

- Define an “engaged board”
- Determine what should be expected of Board member participation and engagement
- Develop roles and responsibilities of an engaged board including participation
- Present recommended changes in procedures and processes

Next, Chairman Leithead introduced a Resolution Adopting Comments to the DRAFT Criteria for the Development of the Investment List of Projects and Programs. In June 2010, Governor Perdue signed the *Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (HB 277)*, which provides citizens of Georgia the opportunity to vote in 2012 on a one percent regional sales tax to fund transportation projects in their region. There are 12 regions (special districts) defined in the state based on Regional Commission boundaries. In compliance with the bill, on August 3rd the GDOT Director of Planning provided local governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations across the State with draft criteria for development of an investment list of projects and programs, for review and comment. This response is due to the Director of Planning by September 30th.

The Atlanta Regional Commission, as the federally-designated Atlanta Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning for 18 counties, provided the draft criteria to the planning partners and the public for comment and has developed the attached response.

Special note: Although the Atlanta MPO area is 18 counties, the Atlanta special district (Roundtable) is 10 counties. The remaining eight counties (Barrow, Bartow, Coweta, Forsyth, Newton, Paulding, Spalding, and Walton) are in four adjacent Regional Commissions (Georgia Mountains, Northeast Georgia, Northwest Georgia, and Three Rivers) and will thus be in the four adjacent Roundtables. During the planning process and following the successful passing of the special tax in an adjacent special district, ARC will work with the eight counties to assure their projects are folded into the transportation planning process as required by federal regulation.

On September 3, 2010, TCC approved this draft resolution and letter in concept, with requested additional wording (1) including the special notice above, and (2) clarifying how public comment was used in the response. On September 9, 2010, TAQC approved the revised TCC draft with additional changes as shown on the attached.

A motion to approve was made, an amended motion to strike “draft” was added, the amended motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Kerry Armstrong, *Citizen Member District 9*, and Co-Chair of the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board (ARWB), introduced Mr. Randy Hayes, the dual Co-Chair of the ARWB. Mr. Hayes spoke about the positive results for people that have gone through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) training programs, citing facts on the large number of workers that have lost their jobs and have applied for retraining to help return to the workplace and telling the stories of two young high school dropouts from broken homes who have turned their lives around with the help of WIA staff at a Cherokee County ARWB Youth Program, both earning their GED and finding employment. Mary Margaret Garrett, Chief of WFD, elaborated further on the large numbers of customers that have come to the ARWB Career Resource Centers for training and job search assistance. Ms. Garrett also highlighted some of the current initiatives that the ARC Workforce Development Division is involved in, such as the Work Ready Georgia Entertainment Media (GEM) Region and the Innovation Crescent.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Mayor Kasim Reed, *City of Atlanta*, and RTC Chair gave a brief update on the Regional Transit Committee. In meetings prior to our September meeting, the RTC: defined the scope of membership for an eventual Regional Transit Authority (RTA) as any “transit supporting jurisdiction” in the Concept 3 planning area – including one mayor and the chief elected county official from each jurisdiction; defined Transit supporting jurisdiction as “one within which FTA-eligible service is funded using local or sales tax funds”; defined FTA-eligible transit service is any service eligible to receive Federal Transit Administration matching funds, which includes fixed-route bus and rail, vanpool, and demand-response services.

At the September meeting, the RTC endorsed a weighted voting framework for the board of directors of the eventual regional transit authority. Attributes of the framework include: it is based on the proportion of population and the amount non-federal funding contributed to the regional transit system by each jurisdiction represented on the board. And total voting shares are distributed equally based on these two factors; an annual update of the population and financial data driving the distribution of voting shares; an annual evaluation of the framework itself to ensure functionality; and a split of votes between a mayoral representative and the county official from each jurisdiction.

For the October meeting, staff has been directed to prepare specific options for the distribution of votes between mayors and county commission chairs. Finally, with regard to the HB 277 Transit Governance Study Commission: all 17 members of the commission have been appointed; first meeting has been held; Donna Sheldon was elected chair; a majority of the Study Commission members attended the September RTC meeting.

Chairman Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*, and Chair of ELUC gave a brief update on the proposed Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) Conservation Actions. The Metro Water District is considering adding additional water conservation measures to those in the existing Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan. This is in response to the federal court ruling that held that Lake Lanier is not authorized to be operated for water supply. Since 70 percent of the District’s water supply depends on this limited resource, additional water conservation measures are necessary.

The Metro Water District is seeking public review and comment on the draft Additional Water Conservation Measures. The draft and existing Water Supply and Water Conservation Management Plan can be found on the Metro Water District Web site at www.northgeorgiawater.org. The comment period is open from September 17, 2010 through October 22, 2010. Comments must be submitted in writing by the last day of the comment period to be considered.

Chairman Tom Worthan, *Douglas County*, and Chair of TAQC gave a brief update on HB 277. By November 15, 2010, the GDOT planning director must issue final draft criteria and notice of the first roundtable meeting. All 21 members of the Atlanta roundtable have been identified and a list provided to the GDOT planning director. All but two of those members are ARC Commission members with the exception of the Mayor of Powder Springs and Peachtree City. A preliminary Atlanta roundtable meeting will be held following the October 27th Commission meeting. Tentatively the first official formal roundtable meeting will be November 18, 2010. A chart was provided to the Commission providing an estimate of the discretionary funding.

Mayor Ken Steele, *City of Fayetteville*, and Chair of the Aging Services Committee gave a brief update on Volunteer Services. The volunteers in Aging Services have reached over 50,000 adults within our region, answering questions and helping to facilitate better decisions for quality of life. Our volunteers number 192. They provide over 15,000 hours of service. The volunteers have also obtained over 1,800 hours of training to be more effective and efficient in offering advice and customer service to our clientele. This equates to a value to the Region of about \$360,000, this would be the equivalent of about 7.5 full-time employees on staff and we do all that with one full-time and two part-time staff members addressing these issues for ARC. ARC's senior services help utilize the services that are available with an emphasis on health and preventative services, computer literacy, etc... Going forward in 2011, one of the two areas of focus will be chronic disease self-management and the Senior Mobility Transportation program, this works along with ARC's Plan 2040 initiatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS

- Employee Service Anniversaries recognizing Chris Burke (*Ten Years*), Diane Pelletier (*Ten Years*), Mary Lou Vergara (*Ten Years*), Cathie Berger (*Thirty Years*)
- Federal Proposal on Infrastructure – the President's proposed new infrastructure for funding transportation, has not yet been translated into legislation, will most likely move forward in 2011.
- Transit Governance Study Commission – has met twice and is working closely with the Regional Transit Committee and the State Committee to understand all the work accomplished over the past six years. This collaboration will hopefully put us into a better position to support a regional transit governance bill that the RTC will be working on later in the year.
- Gwinnett Redevelopment Forum, will be held on Friday, October 15, at the North Atlanta Trade Center
- Georgia*Forward* Update given by Dan Reuter, Chief, ARC Land Use Division. A meeting was held on August 25, 2010, in Macon, Georgia, led by the Central Atlanta Progress (CAP). There were over 200 people in attendance. A survey was given on the perception of the "two Georgia's" and this was the discussion of the day. The number one challenge facing Georgia over the next ten years was education. Lack of public transit was number two. Three of Georgia's biggest strengths – Hartsfield/Jackson International Airport, the Atlanta region and our natural environment. The other big strengths were our agricultural industry and the Port of Savannah.

Both gubernatorial candidates spoke by phone, and there were breakout sessions on HB 277, economic development, education and water equity. One of the facilitated discussions was to cultivate, support and demand ethical leadership. Keynote luncheon speaker was Anita Brown Graham, Director of the Institute for Emerging Issues, North Carolina. Next steps discussions include holding a Georgia to Georgia Link program, some legislative events and smaller forums statewide, growing into a larger event.

- Media Activity Report was distributed for information.
- Project Review Status Report was distributed for information.
- Regional Snapshot: Workers and Jobs: Which Areas Import/Export was distributed for information.

In closing, Chairman Leithead announced the following “save the dates”...

- Saturday, September 25 – *Plan 2040* Neighborhood Forum Hosted by the Civic League of Regional Atlanta, *Loudermilk Ballroom, Level B*, 8:00am
- Friday, November 5 – ARC State of the Region Breakfast, *Hyatt Regency Atlanta*, 7:00am to 9:30am

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Atlanta Regional Commission Monthly Agenda
Wednesday, October 27, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.

Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater
R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community
40 Courtland Street, NE, Level C
Atlanta, GA 30303

- I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, 9/22/10 Meeting Summary** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- II. Recognition and Appreciation of Outgoing Commission member the Honorable **Charles Bannister**, Chair, Gwinnett County**
- III. Treasurer's Report** *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- IV. Action Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Adopt Regional Resource Plan (Action Item)
 - B. ARC Recommendations to the GA Tax Commission (Action Item)
 - C. Recommendations from:
 - a. Task Force on Commission Agenda and Committee Structure (*Chairman Tom Worthan*)
 - b. Task Force on Retreat Implementation Strategies (*Chairwoman BJ Mathis*)
 - D. Other
- V. Discussion Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. Informal Pre-Roundtable Work Session #1: October 27 and Work Session #2: November 18
 - B. 2011 Work Program and Budget *Mike Bodker, BARC Chair*
 - C. Other
- VI. Program Reports** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- 1. Regional Transit Committee *Kasim Reed, RTC Chair*
 - 2. Lifelong Mableton *Ken Steele, Aging Chair*
 - 3. Other

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VII. Announcements and Attachments

Chick Krautler, Director

- Employee Service Anniversaries recognizing Darlene Daly (*Twenty-Five Years*), Pete Blomquist (*Ten Years*) and Stephanie Washington (*Ten Years*)
- HUD Sustainable Communities Grant Report
- Media Activity Report
- Project Review Status Report
- Regional Snapshot: Taking Stock of the Atlanta Region's Housing

VIII. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

SAVE THE DATE(s):

- **Friday, November 5** – ARC State of the Region Breakfast, *Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 7:00am to 9:30am*
- **November Committee Day has been rescheduled for MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 (*NOT on November 11*)**

Next Commission Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.



**Atlanta Regional Commission
MINUTES
October 27, 2010**

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) met on Wednesday, **October 27, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater, R. Charles Loudermilk Sr. Center for the Regional Community, Atlanta, Georgia.

Members Present

Mr. Tad Leithead, Chair
Vacant, Vice Chair
CEO Burrell Ellis, Secretary
Mayor Mike Bodker, Treasurer
Commissioner Buzz Ahrens
Ms. Julie K. Arnold
Commissioner Eldrin Bell
Mr. Kip Berry
Mr. C.J. Bland
Mr. Dennis Burnette
Mr. Tread Davis
Commissioner John Eaves
Mr. Todd Ernst
Mayor Bill Floyd
Dr. Gene Hatfield
Mayor Bucky Johnson

Mayor Doris Ann Jones
Commissioner Tim Lee
Mayor Lorene Lindsey
Mayor Mark Mathews
Mr. Eddie Moore
Commissioner Richard Oden
Mayor Willie Oswald
Mr. Dan Post, Jr.
Commissioner Jack Smith
Mayor Ken Steele
Mayor Mickey Thompson
Mr. Aaron Turpeau
Councilman H. Lamar Willis
Commissioner Tom Worthan

Members NOT Present

Ms. Judy Waters, Parliamentarian
Mr. Kerry Armstrong
Mr. Davis Fox
Mr. Rob Garcia
Commissioner Shirley Lasseter

Commissioner B.J. Mathis
Mayor Randy Mills
Mayor Ralph Moore
Mayor Kasim Reed
Dr. David Sjoquist

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and agreed without opposition to adopt the September 22, 2010 ARC monthly Commission meeting summary, with Chairman Leithead noting the summary was revised to note the corrected meeting venue as the Allen S. Hardin Amphitheater.

Next, Chairman Leithead presented a plaque to Commissioner Charles Bannister, *Gwinnett County*, in recognition and appreciation of his service on the Commission. Chairman Leithead welcomed Commissioner Shirley Lasseter, Interim-Chair of *Gwinnett County*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's Report was presented for information by Mayor Mike Bodker, *North Fulton County*, and ARC Treasurer.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Leithead introduced a Resolution adopting the *Plan 2040* Regional Resource Plan. Pursuant to the Rules of the Department of Community Affairs, Chapter 110-12-4, *Regionally Important Resources*, ARC is required to develop and submit a Regional Resource Plan. Regionally Important Resources are natural and cultural resources that have been identified as meeting criteria proscribed by both ARC and DCA regarding the protection of water quality, active or passive greenspaces, wildlife habitat, historic value, and working agricultural or forestry resources, among others.

The Regional Resource Plan gives consideration to the value and vulnerability of each identified resource, as well as guidance for development in proximity to these resources and policies and protection measures to enhance local stewardship of resources. Pursuant to the Rules, Regionally Important Resources will be incorporated into *Plan 2040* as Areas Requiring Special Attention and ARC will work to promulgate the plan within the region. Additionally, ARC will develop work to update the plan annually, and develop a work program within *Plan 2040* to address the Regional Resource Plan.

The Resource Plan was transmitted to DCA for review in August 2010 and was approved by DCA September 30, 2010.

A motion to adopt was made, seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Chairman Leithead deferred the agenda item, ARC Recommendations to the GA Tax Commission, to the December 1, 2010 monthly meeting.

Chairman Leithead introduced Chairwoman B.J. Mathis, *Henry County*, and chair of the Task Force on Retreat Implementation Strategies Recommendations. Chairwoman Mathis stated the taskforce looked into revision of the mission and vision statement of ARC, in addition, the organizational objectives and the Commission orientation. The new mission and vision statement was presented as:

Vision: The Atlanta Regional Commission is the regional leader in identifying values, developing policies and executing action plans that matter to residents and communities, that ensure competitive advantage and that preserve long term sustainability.

Mission: The Atlanta Regional Commission will demonstrate professional and forward looking leadership to ensure sustainable growth and competitive advantage by focus and balance related to environmental responsibility, economic growth and social needs.

A motion to adopt was made, seconded, and the recommendation passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Leithead introduced Chairman Tom Worthan, *Douglas County*, and chair of the Task Force on Commission Agenda and Committee Structure. Chairman Worthan reported the taskforce agreed the monthly commission meeting would continue at 1:00 p.m., and lunch would be provided prior to each

meeting, regardless of pre-meetings. The taskforce also authorized Chick to engage in conversations with United Way to reconfigure the amphitheater.

A commissioner's lounge has also been setup (in between the Executive Conference Room and the Harry West Community Room) for use on committee day and the monthly commission day. With regard to structure, the Executive Committee would be reduced in size to include only the Commission officers. This committee would assume the responsibility of the Ethics Committee and meet on an "as needed" basis. Also, the Policy Committee would be reduced in size and renamed the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC); they would assume responsibility for all agency-wide issues and coordination between committees. The SPC would be made up of all committee chairs and two additional mayors, two additional chairmen and two additional citizen members. Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) will be renamed the Community Sustainability Committee, and it would expand focus to include housing and energy, local government services, and this committee would appoint a direct liaison with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The taskforce also suggests that all county chairs meet quarterly on an as-needed basis.

A motion to adopt was made, seconded, and the recommendation passed unanimously.

It was noted both motions will be changed in the Bylaws, with a first read at the December 1st meeting and a second read and adoption at the February 23, 2011 meeting.

Chairman Leithead indicated future reports from the Task Force on Implementation, chaired by Mayor Ralph Moore, *Union City*, and the Task Force on Roles and Responsibilities, chaired by Commissioner Richard Oden, *Rockdale County*. Continuing, Chairman Leithead identified nine members of the Commission to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee. They are: Commissioner Buzz Ahrens, *Cherokee County*; Mayor Mike Bodker, *Johns Creek*; Mr. Todd Ernst, *Citizen District 1*; Mr. Davis Fox, *Citizen District 7*; Commissioner Tim Lee, *Cobb County*; Mr. Tad Leithead, *ARC Chairman and Citizen District 11*; Mayor Lorene Lindsey, *Locust Grove*; Mayor Mark Mathews, *City of Kennesaw*; and Commissioner Richard Oden, *Rockdale County*. Extensive work has been completed by all four taskforces to begin forming strategic goals and a set of priorities. Now is the time to address and outline commission and staff responsibilities to achieve these goals. The strategic planning committee will be charged with examining the current organizational structure and to develop a profile that senior leadership will need to implement these directives. In addition, the SPC will take the work of all the taskforces and tie them together into one strategic vision and direction for the Commission. Next step is to quickly define a scope and identify a consultant to work with this committee.

The Chairman announced at the conclusion of today's Commission meeting the pre-roundtable work session would begin and the second work session would take place on November 18.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Mike Bodker, *City of Johns Creek*, and Chair of the Budget and Audit Review Committee, presented the Draft 2011 Work Program and Budget, available at everyone's place via CD. Mayor Bodker reminded the commissioners that during the past working session they had agreed to become a more board-oriented organization. Heading towards that goal has been the formation and work of the four ad hoc committees, in addition, the newly formed Strategic Planning Committee. Organizational goals will be set along with departmental goals, and eventually set with the sub-departments, as well as the employees as part of the evaluation process. Top performers will be encouraged to carry out the Agency objectives, much like corporations strive for.

Mayor Bodker reported that 2011 focal points were to: complete Commission self assessments and new directions; adopt Plan 2040; participate in the transportation Roundtable, with staff support; and adopt the four-year Area Plan on Aging, including program funding recommendations; LINK program; workforce job creation: Innovation Crescent (bio sciences), Georgia Media Entertainment Region; State of the Region Breakfast; and the Regional Leadership Institute. 2011 budget objectives: maintain a healthy, balanced budget; use local dues to match federal grants; seek additional grant revenues for ARC and its member governments; and continue the distribution of 50% of the budget to local governments and community institutions/organizations. 2011 Budget revenue is projected at \$59,178,530, with expenditures at \$59,009,754, leaving a change in fund balance at \$168,776. Next steps include refinement of work program and budget; continuing grant negotiations; review by constituents and funding agencies; with adoption by Commission on December 1st.

PROGRAM REPORTS

In Mayor Kasim Reed's absence Chairman Leithead gave a brief update on the Regional Transit Committee. Prior to the October meeting the RTC defined the scope of membership for a regional transit authority for transit supporting jurisdiction. Defined for those who are eligible for FTA funding. A weighted voting framework was endorsed and a resolution was adopted completing the weighted voting recommendations. At the next meeting, on December 17, discussion will continue with regard to Concept 3 prioritization, as well as documentation to the legislative study committee with regard to a potential bill to be introduced in the 2011 legislative session.

Mayor Ken Steele, *City of Fayetteville*, and Chair of the Aging Services Committee gave a brief update on the Lifelong Mableton project. The October meeting of the Aging Services Committee made a site visit to the Lifelong Mableton study area. The committee visited the Mableton Farmers Market and the Mable House Arts Center, as well as the Mableton Community Garden. The committee also met with a Mableton Improvement Coalition board member and the garden coordinator, who highlighted the 14 newly planted plots and shared how a Kaiser Permanente grant made the inter-generational garden possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS

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- Civic League *Plan 2040* Forum on Tuesday, November 9, 6:45pm – 9:00pm

In closing, Chairman Leithead announced the following "save the dates"...

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- I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, 10/27/10 Meeting Summary** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- II. Recognition and Appreciation of Outgoing Commission Member the Honorable Jack Smith, Chair, Fayette County; and Outgoing Staff Tony Landers and Tom Weyandt**
- III. Treasurer's Report** *Mike Bodker, ARC Treasurer*
- IV. Action Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. 2011 Legislative Agenda
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 - C. Resolution Assigning Staff Resources to Support Regional Roundtable
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 - E. Green Communities Presentation
 - F. Other
- V. Discussion Items** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
- A. DRAFT Bylaws Changes – First Read (*Second Read and proposed approval at 01/26/11 Commission Meeting*)
 - B. Roundtable Update – Including Criteria Review
 - C. Other
- VI. Program Reports** *Tad Leithead, Chair*
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 - 3. FY2012-2015 Aging Services RFP Process *Ken Steele, Aging Committee Chair*
 - 4. Other

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Chick Krautler, Director

- Employee Service Anniversaries recognizing Debra Olander (*Five Years*), David Wise (*Five Years*), Andrew Parker (*Ten Years*) and Curt Davis (*Fifteen Years*)
- Piece by Piece: Regional Foreclosure Initiative held on November 30th
- 4th Annual Legislative Roundtable held on December 1st
- *Fifty Forward* Executive Summary
- Strategic Planning Initiative
- Media Activity Report
- Project Review Status Report
- Regional Snapshot: State of the Atlanta Region: How Atlanta Compares

VIII. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

SAVE THE DATE(s):

- **February 13 – 15, 2011 – NARC / National Conference of Regions, Washington, D.C**

Next Commission Meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.



**Atlanta Regional Commission
MINUTES
December 1, 2010**

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

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Tad Leithead, Chair

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- F. Other

II. Discussion Items

Tad Leithead, Chair

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- B. Roundtable Update – Including Criteria Review
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III. Program Reports

Tad Leithead, Chair

- 1. Regional Transit Committee *Kasim Reed, RTC Chair*
- 2. Draft *Plan 2040* Regional Development Guide *Dan Reuter, Chief, Land Use*
Power Point Presentation by Dan Reuter – PLAN at everyone's place
- 3. FY2012-2015 Aging Services RFP Process *Ken Steele, Aging Committee Chair*
One page description at everyone's place
- 4. Other

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IV. Announcements and Attachments

Chick Krautler, Director

- Employee Service Anniversaries recognizing **Debra Olander** (*Five Years*) – **Aging Senior Intake Specialist**, **David Wise** (*Five Years*) – **Communications – Graphic Design Coordinator**, **Andrew Parker** (*Ten Years*) – **Aging Community Care Senior Program Specialist**; and **Curt Davis** (*Fifteen Years*) – **Principal IT Analyst**
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V. Adjourn

Tad Leithead, Chair

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