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ARC Quarterly Briefing

1. Monthly Meeting, June 27th

a) ARC Board Adopts Amendment to Transportation Improvement Program

Upon recommendation from the Transportation & Air Quality Committee, the Board unanimously approved Amendment #5 to the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This included \$400 million in new projects requested by cities and counties around the region during the 2017 project solicitation.

b) ARC Working to Make Streets Safer for Walking & Bicycling

John Orr, Transportation & Access Group Manager, provided the ARC board with a first read of a regional action plan for reducing traffic fatalities in metropolitan Atlanta called Safe Streets for Walking & Bicycling. The plan is part of the recently adopted Walk. Bike. Thrive! which sets a goal of zero bike/pedestrian fatalities in the Atlanta region by the year 2030 and is based on newly-released federal guidelines for bike and pedestrian safety and almost two years of research by ARC staff.

c) ARC Launches Empowerline - Services to Help Individuals Maximize Their Independence

Becky Kurtz, manager of ARC's Aging and Independence Services, announced the launch of Empowerline. This an innovative web service designed to connect metro Atlanta's older individuals and individuals living with disabilities to the information and supports they need to maximize their independence.

d) Resources Needed to Carry out 2020 Census

Thurmond Tillman of the U.S. Census Bureau gave a brief overview of this critical process that takes place every 10 years. The Census requirements include employees, Complete Count Committees made up of community leaders, and space at the county-level to carry out the census. 2020 is the first year that the U.S. Census will be carried out online.

e) ARC Board Approves Resolution to Fight Hunger Among Older Individuals

Clark Boddie presented a resolution to support the state Department of Human Services' plan to develop a regional coalition to address senior hunger. The board approved a resolution to enter a written contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services to develop and implement a Regional Senior Hunger Coalition.

2. Monthly Meeting, July 25th

a) ARC Board hears Progress Update on Learn4Life Regional Education Initiative

Ken Zeff, Executive Director of Learn4Life, made a presentation that highlighted the progress made by the regional education initiative. Learn4Life has been focusing on improving third-grade reading skills and has identified three successful programs they are scaling up and spreading through the region. The next phase will focus on post-secondary readiness and success.

b) Center for Strategic Relations Launches “What’s Next ATL” Website

Susan Chana, Director of the Center for Strategic Relations, provided the ARC Board with an overview of the new What’s Next ATL website, which provides a fresh, new way for the agency to talk about key regional issues and improve public engagement.

3. Monthly Meeting, August 23rd

Action Items

- A. “Safe Streets” for Walking and Bicycling Action Plan – Approved
- B. Change in the FTA Designated Recipient or the Atlanta Urbanized Area – Approved
- C. Issue Summary and Resolution Approving the 2018 Annual Population Estimates – Approved

4. ConnectATL: A Summit on the Future of Mobility and Communities, Friday, September 7, 2018, GA Tech Hotel & Conference Center.

The conference included discussions and live demonstrations of innovative technology aimed at improving the efficiency of transit in Atlanta. Some of the topics included: Building Today while Designing for Tomorrow, Managing the Curb and Actionable Plans for Emerging Technologies. The event showcased the need for transit to be an equal partnership between the private and public sector.

5. Monthly Meeting, September 26th Cancelled

6. Upcoming Monthly Meeting, October 24th

Upcoming Events

- ARC Annual State of the Region Breakfast, Friday, November 2, 2018, GA World Congress Center, 7:30 a.m.
- GA Association of Regional Commissions Annual Training Conference, November 7-9, 2018, Savannah, GA