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Segway Rolls Into Atlanta and Reports for Duty

Atlanta has embraced a new, revolutionary form of transportation that will give commuters another option to make short trips and ultimately reduce auto dependence. **Central Atlanta Progress's Ambassador Force, ARC, Georgia Power** and the **Atlanta Police Department** have deployed 16 **Segway Human Transporters (HT)** for use in the Atlanta Region.

"I look forward to seeing the Segway HTs in action," said ARC Director Chick Krautler. "Atlanta has always been known for bold planning strategies, so this is a perfect match."

The Segway HT is the first self-balancing, electric-powered personal transporter designed to enhance the productivity of people by increasing the distance they can travel and the amount they can carry anywhere people walk. It is designed for optimal use in dense urban environments providing a non-polluting, short-distance travel solution.

The Segway HTs will be used by the following:

- **The Ambassador Force** has purchased six units for use by shift supervisors in the downtown area. The Segway HTs will allow Ambassadors to cover more ground and navigate the area more efficiently.
- The **Atlanta Regional Commission** will use their two Segway HTs in a variety of settings – from short trips in urban settings, to suburban applications including travel from outlying transit stations to nearby town centers for meetings.
- **Georgia Power** has purchased two units for use at its power plant sites and other larger corporate facilities. The company also plans to conduct feasibility testing for reading electric meters using a Segway HT.
- The **Atlanta Police Department** has received six Segway HTs for a 60-day trial period and is working with Segway to develop the structure and methodology for law enforcement applications. Four officers will use Segway HT units in Atlanta's downtown Zone 5 district for community policing protocol development. Two additional officers will use Segway HTs at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport to create overall security and traffic and pedestrian flow management practices around the airport's perimeter.

*For more information about **Segway HT**, please visit **www.segway.com**, or call Bob McCord at (404) 463-3253.*

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DCA Awards Eight Quality Growth Grants

Georgia Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Laura Meadows announced $150,000 in grant awards this week to eight Georgia communities to help them implement quality growth initiatives. This was the inaugural round of the **Quality Growth Grant Program**, which was conceptualized by the **Georgia Quality Growth Partnership**, a consortium of 40 public and private organizations interested in promoting quality growth statewide.

Grant awards ranged from $10,000 to $25,000, and funded projects such as: development of a comprehensive county growth management study, creation of a 230-acre greenspace site and development of innovative land use and growth management regulations.

The eight grants were awarded to: Carroll County; Dalton and Whitfield Counties; Hinesville; Jefferson County; LaGrange; Lumpkin County and Tifton and Walker Counties.

For more information about this program, or quality growth in general, visit DCA Web site at www.dca.state.ga.us, or the Georgia Quality Growth Web site at www.georgiaqualitygrowth.com.

ARC Responds to Over 800 TIP Comments

In seeking the most inclusive way to plan for this region's transportation future, ARC compiles numerous questions and comments regarding its transportation planning activities. During the period of October 9, 2001, through February 15, 2002, ARC received over 800 comments regarding transportation and land use issues as well as the preliminary draft FY 2003-2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). ARC and its planning partners have prepared a report that responds to each of these comments. It is available at www.atlantaregional.com/mobilityair/getinvolved/responsereport.pdf.

ARC encourages comments on current transportation planning activities. To give us your opinion, or for more information about how to become involved, contact Judy Dovers at (404) 463-3272, or email at opinion@atlantaregional.com.

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ARC Awards Five LCI Communities Implementation Grants

To help ensure that the good ideas being generated out of the **Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)** become reality, ARC awarded $83,000 to five communities that have completed their LCI studies. The **LCI Study Implementation Program** it is intended to expedite the completion of those studies or projects that are integral to the successful implementation of the LCI plans.

"This program further solidifies ARC's commitment to make our town and activity centers more livable," said Dan Reuter, Chief of ARC's Land Use Division. "This newest LCI program provides study communities with additional funding to help ensure a successful outcome to strengthen the key role these communities play in our region's future."

Of the 32 communities that have received funds through the LCI program, 25 (including three "grandfathered" studies) have completed an LCI study. "These communities have shown great commitment to developing innovative plans, but indicated that sometimes additional studies are needed to implement plans," said Reuter. "The LCI Study Implementation funds help to bridge the gaps between plan completion and implementation."

LCI promotes quality growth in the region by encouraging greater mobility and livability within existing employment and town centers, thereby using the infrastructure already in place instead of building anew. All totaled, the program awards $5 million over five years – with $3 million already awarded – for planning studies. Then, beginning in July 2002, ARC will begin making available some $350 million for project and plan implementation.

*For more information about the **LCI Study Implementation Program**, contact Dan Reuter at (404) 463-3305.*

Recipients of the LCI Study Implementation Funds

City of Forest Park –$21,000
To complete a real estate market analysis to identify and capitalize on emerging market opportunities. This analysis will consider successful local, regional and national projects and strategies that would be comparable to and facilitate the planned Forest Park Transit Village, the revitalized Main Street and the revitalization of the retail portion of the State Farmers Market.

City of Marietta – $15,000
To develop a commercial design overlay district on Roswell Street between Cobb Parkway and Glover Park (Marietta Square) and create standards for Powder Springs Street, Fairground Street, Atlanta Street and North Marietta Parkway. The design overlay/standards will include specifications and drawings to address corridor issues including parking, site layout, building design and signs.

City of Suwanee – $10,000
To produce a market analysis on the 20-acre town center site. This study will assist the city in creating specific concept plans to guide the development, land use and infrastructure improvements for this new town center. The final plan will likely include a town square anchored by a public structure and surrounded by mixed use developments.

Cumberland CID – $21,000
To create a housing strategy and implementation plan for the Cumberland Galleria activity center. The original LCI study found a disproportionate jobs-to-housing ratio and renter-to-owner ratio in the area that threatens the future viability and sustainability of the center. This study will formulate a targeted housing strategy and implementation program to address these problems.

Midtown Alliance – $16,000
To conduct a work force housing study along the Peachtree corridor from Buckhead to downtown Atlanta. This study is a joint effort between the **Midtown Alliance**, **Central Atlanta Progress**, and **Buckhead Action Committee**. It will not only provide valuable information that will assist the implementation of housing initiatives, but will also help to bring these three major activity centers together to focus on a coordinated approach to this critical regional issue.

Atlanta Regional Workforce Board Partners with HCA to Train Dislocated Workers

Georgia and the Atlanta Region have been hard hit over the last year with job losses. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, Georgia lost more than 93,000 jobs in the last 12 months. One job sector already experiencing severe shortages is the healthcare field. In Georgia alone, the shortage of nurses had already grown by 38 percent from 1999 to 2001. The Atlanta Region is currently experiencing a 15 percent vacancy rate in registered nurse positions in particular.

In an effort to address these serious shortages in healthcare occupations in the Atlanta Region, the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board – in conjunction with the DeKalb Workforce Board – has partnered with the Healthcare Corporation of America (HCA) to administer the HCA's new scholarship program, **HCA Cares**. This opportunity is a result of a $10 million collaboration between the US Department of Labor and HCA.

The **HCA Cares Healthcare Scholarship Program** will enable qualified, dislocated workers to enroll in some of the country's top nursing and medical technology schools. Previous healthcare experience is not necessary. States involved in this initial effort include Colorado, Georgia, Florida and Texas.

HCA has established a Web site, ***www.hcacares.com*** that provides additional information about this initiative including job descriptions, application procedures and answers to frequently asked questions. An HCA coordinator will follow up with each individual who expresses interest in the program and refer applicants to either the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board (ARWB) or the DeKalb Workforce Board for assessment, career advisement and referral to appropriate training. Over 600 individuals have already expressed an interest in the program.

During the training needs discovery phase, it was determined that Medical Coding programs meeting hospital requirements did not exist within the region. Perimeter College has worked with the Atlanta Regional Commission and the DeKalb Workforce Board in conjunction with HCA to design a Medical Coding Course that meets hospital requirements. All individuals successfully completing the course will be hired by HCA. The first course is scheduled to begin June 3 with 15 enrollees already identified.

Plans are also underway to conduct an **Information Forum** at the Atlanta Regional Commission for additional Hospitals to become involved in the process and for training institutions to work with hospitals on industry specific requirements.

For more information on the HCA Cares Scholarship Program, contact Anna Thompson at 404-463-3331 or athompson@atlantaregional.com.

Segway: By the Numbers

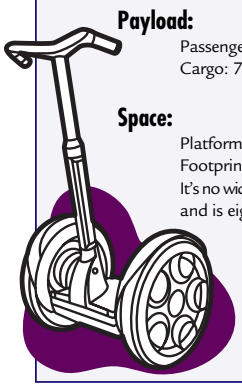
Speed: 12.5 mph
It has the ability to travel about three times faster than the average walker.

Range: up to 17 miles on a single charge
Optimal range is 17 miles in ideal conditions and flat terrain. With variations in terrain and other factors, expected range is 11 miles on a single battery charge.

Turning Radius: zero
The wheels have the ability to rotate in opposite directions, which enables the machine to turn in place.

Payload:
Passenger: 250 lbs.
Cargo: 75 lbs.

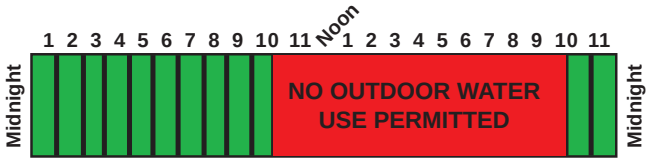
Space:
Platform Height: 8 inches
Footprint: 19 x 25 inches
It's no wider than a person's shoulders and is eight inches off the ground.



Weight: 80 lbs.
Lightweight enough to handle and is collapsible.

Despite Rains, Drought Hangs On

In case you thought it was safe to turn on the sprinkler any time you'd like, be advised – the Atlanta area is still experiencing drought conditions. Most reservoirs in the region are at safe levels – but the heat and drought of summer are still ahead.
Following are the current outdoor water restrictions for a 15-county area that includes: Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties.



Outdoor Water Restrictions

Outdoor water use is not allowed at all from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Address-based, odd-even water use allowed during other hours. The day starts and stops at midnight.
EXAMPLE: A homeowner at 82 Mockingbird Lane can water from midnight to 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight on June 4 and not at all on June 5.

For a complete list of watering restrictions in your county and tips for conserving water go to www.atlantaregional.com.

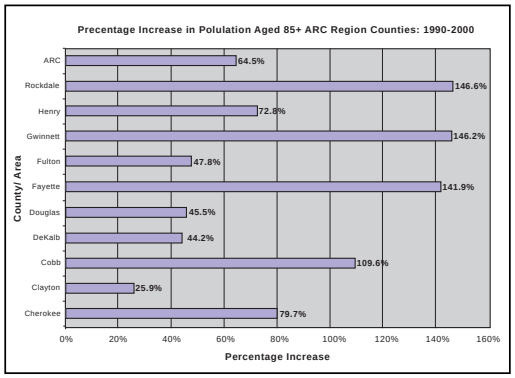
America: A Community for All Ages

Celebrate May – Older American's Month

For more than 30 years, the President of the United States has designated May as the official month during which the extraordinary contributions of older Americans are recognized. This year's national theme – developed by the U.S. Administration on Aging – is ***America: A Community for All Ages***. It recognizes the national community in which we live, and pays tribute to the multi-generational family that is the strength of America. Older members of our families provide us with the historical perspective that enables us to move forward and contribute to our nation's greatness and prosperity.

Fast Facts About Older Americans:

- The 2000 Census counted nearly 35 million people in the United States 65 years of age or older, about one of every eight Americans or about 12 percent of the total population. By 2030, demographers estimate that one in five Americans will be 65 or older.
- About 72 percent of citizens ages 65 to 74 voted in the 2000 presidential elections, the highest rate of any age group.
- Georgia's population age 85 and older is expected to increase 118.4 percent between 1990 and 2010.
- Georgia has the fourth fastest growing 60+ population and the third fastest growing 85+ population in the United States.
- Georgia's population age 60 and older is expected to increase 52.6 percent between 1990 and 2010 – from 893,049 persons to 1,362,845 persons.



Rain Doesn't Dampen Spirit of 16th Annual PROMINA Mayors' Walk for Seniors

Despite the drizzle and chill, mayors from all over the 10-county Atlanta Region, along with 2,000 older adults, laced up their walking shoes and participated in the 16th annual *PROMINA Mayors' Walk for Seniors* held in Centennial Olympic Park on April 30. The Walk, presented by *PROMINA Doctors and Hospitals*, brought together adult walkers ages 50 and older, who accompanied the mayors in one and two-mile non-competitive walks around the park.

The official mayoral host for this year's event was **City of College Park's Mayor Jack Longino**. Atlanta's **Mayor Shirley Franklin** was also in attendance to rally and walk with the event's participants in her first Mayors' Walk. **WSB-TV's Monica Kaufman** served as the official emcee for the event.

In addition to the walk, a ***Health and Information Fair*** took place with approximately 50 exhibitors in attendance including the *American Heart Association, Pfizer* and *Ross Products*. Other highlights of the day included a picnic, wheelchair aerobics, free giveaways, door prizes, an awards ceremony and a complete line-up of music and entertainment.

"The Mayors' Walk is a great opportunity for walking clubs and individuals interested in maintaining good health to come together for a day of fun, fitness and fellowship," said Mayor Longino.

Established in 1986 by the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Public Health and numerous community partners, the Mayors' Walk is designed to promote healthy and independent lifestyles for mid-life and older Georgians through walking. The event has grown significantly and has become the **largest non-competitive senior fitness event in the State of Georgia**.

Area Agency on Aging Initiatives

Atlanta Senior Medicare Patrol Project

It is estimated that Medicare loses more than $12 billion each year due to errors in billing, fraud and other types of abuse. Often, errors are made because of the diverse types of programs and the sheer volume of health care expenditures. Unfortunately, these same factors invite fraud and abuse. Those that have misused the system have obtained billions of dollars illegally and it is critical that the problem be addressed at the federal, state and local level. Most importantly, it is the consumer who must be informed and involved in identifying fraud.

In a concerted effort to protect Medicare and Medicaid and to educate beneficiaries, ARC administers the **Atlanta Senior Medicare Patrol Project**. Now in its third year, the Medicare Patrol Project is a collaboration of local organizations and a committed and well-trained volunteer force. The volunteers are retired professionals with the necessary experience, skills, energy and dedication to the success of the Medicare Project These volunteers include a physician, nurses, teachers, social workers, and those with business backgrounds.

ARC is currently applying for a grant to continue and expand this vital project. *For more information on the Atlanta Senior Medicare Patrol Project, contact Cheryll Schramm at 404-463-3220 or cschramm@atlantaregional.com.*

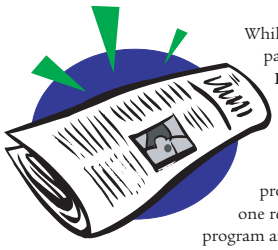
ARC Selected by Rosalyn Carter Institute For Caregiver Project

ARC was recently selected by the ***Rosalyn Carter Institute for Human Development*** to participate in a demonstration project to establish a caregiving network – called CARE-NET – in the Atlanta Region. Funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging as part of the implementation of the National Caregiver Support Program, the Atlanta Region's CARE-NET will be comprised of representatives from the faith-based community as well as family caregivers. Through the work of CARE-NET, an action plan for a coordinated, community-wide response to the needs of caregivers will be developed.

The *Rosalyn Carter Institute* was established in 1987 to promote the mental health and well-being of individuals, families and professional caregivers.

For more information on the CARE-NET initiative , contact Cheryll Schramm at 404-463-3220 or cschramm@atlantaregional.com

Unique Program Seeks to Keep Homebound Seniors Informed



While it is important to feed the body, it is equally important to feed the mind. This is the mission of a unique new partnership between ARC's Metropolitan Partnership in Aging (MPIA) and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution called **Feed the Body, Feed the Mind**. Vulnerable older adults in the Atlanta Region who receive home-delivered meals will soon have the opportunity to stay connected with current events by receiving a daily newspaper along with their meals. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution not only provides up-to-date information on the region and the world, but it keeps these citizens mentally agile.

While the program is still in its pilot phase in Henry County, the AJC is currently seeking sponsorships to help provide a daily newspaper to homebound seniors throughout the Atlanta Region. Sponsors can choose to support one recipient at $35 per year or make a larger donation to fund multiple recipients of the program. Donations to the program are tax-deductible.

For more information on the Feed the Body, Feed the Mind program, contact Maureen Kelly at 404-463-3222 or mkelly@atlantaregional.com.

Residents Give *EasyLiving Home* Seal of Approval

The first certified ***EasyLiving Home*** ℠ built in Georgia was unveiled recently in Gwinnett County, winning much praise community. The homes include features such as a level entrance, wide passage through hallways and doors as well as first floor bedrooms. The homes are designed to appeal to persons of all abilities – from the disabled to the new mother.

U.S. Representative Johnny Isakson, honorary chairman of the *EasyLiving Home* program said, "This has the potential to be the most sought after seal in home-building."*

The *EasyLiving Home*℠ program is a concept developed by partners in the disabilities and aging communities, along with the public sector including the *Atlanta Regional Commission, Statewide Independent Living Council, Concrete Change, AARP, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Easter Seals, Shepherd Center* and *the Home Builders Association of Georgia.*

**Source: Atlanta Journal-Constitution, April 30, 2002*

County-Based Aging Programs

AGING CONNECTION	Regional Information	404-463-3333
Cherokee	Cherokee County Senior Services	770-345-2675
Clayton	Clayton County Aging Program	770-603-4050
Cobb	Cobb Senior Services	770-528-5355
DeKalb	Senior Connections	770-455-7602
Douglas	Douglas Senior Services	770-489-3100
Fayette	Fayette Senior Services	770-461-0813
Fulton	Fulton County Office on Aging	404-730-0184
Gwinnett	Gwinnett Senior Services	770-822-8850
Henry	Henry County Senior Citizen Services	770-898-7670
Rockdale	Rockdale County Aging Program	770-922-4633

Young Minds Draft Solutions to Regional Problems

For the fourth year, the youth of Atlanta shined as they debated regional issues at the annual **Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC)** Board meeting held on April 27. The 2001-2002 class, made up of more than 50 high school sophomores and juniors from all 10 counties in the Atlanta Region, offered up their solutions for a more vibrant, healthy region. The meeting was a culmination of six months of hands-on learning about regional issues such as: transportation, land use, community services, quality of life and the environment.

Created by ARC and the Y Clubs of Georgia, MARC seeks to both educate and involve the regional leaders of tomorrow in the challenges of today.

Following are synopses from the 2001-2002 MARC resolutions:

Communications Committee
The resolution proposes to create a task force made up of former MARC participants to work on creating an awareness of regional challenges for other metro area high school students through: informative resources, student presentations and a media campaign.

Quality of Life Committee
This resolution calls for an incentive program to attract quality teachers to the Atlanta Region. These incentives include: daycare, mortgage incentives and free public transportation.

Environment and Land Use Committee
The resolution proposes to create a uniform plan for the 10 local governments to require developers to:

- Practice a five to one ratio of tree cutting and replanting
- A tree cutting plan six months prior to initial construction
- Have construction underway within six months of tree-cutting. In addition, the resolution calls for a requirement that all 10 counties must allot 20 percent of all developments as greenspace.

Community Services Committee
The resolution proposes that adequate information concerning sex education and drug education be made available to Atlanta Region young adults.

Transportation and Air Quality Committee
This resolution calls for the promotion of cleaner, more efficient automobile travel as well as a safer environment for pedestrians by:

- Providing a $200 tax break to drivers who own alternative fuel vehicles
- Installing Smart Signal Systems at the top 10 percent of areas that would benefit the most
- Mandating sidewalks and crosswalks on all new roads built

Economic Development Committee
The resolution proposes that, in order to reduce traffic congestion, state tax exemptions be provided to encourage individuals who are employed inside the perimeter to move inside the perimeter.

Clean Water Campaign Launches Stenciling Program

For a region the size of metropolitan Atlanta – about four million people – there is a very finite amount of water. Yet over 600 miles of streams in the region are polluted – not by industry – but by polluted stormwater runoff. In an effort to raise awareness of the effects of and prevention of polluted stormwater runoff, the **Clean Water Campaign** kicked off its regionwide storm drain stenciling program on April 18 at E. Rivers Elementary School in Atlanta.

Atlanta Mayor **Shirley Franklin**, Gwinnett County Commission Chair **Wayne Hill** and ARC Director **Chick Krautler** were on hand to officially launch the stenciling program, which includes a series of stenciling events throughout the region over the month of May. A guest appearance by "Mr. Raindrop," the official mascot of the **Clean Water Campaign**, and a special presentation from Ms. Stephanie Prevo's first grade class from E. Rivers Elementary School also highlighted the morning's festivities.

The **Clean Water Campaign** is a cooperative, multi-agency public education initiative spearheaded by 20 local governments and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. It was established to inform residents and how they can help to effectively reduce the amount of pollution generated around homes, yards and businesses.

It's Smog Season

The first day of May marks the beginning of the five-month smog season, and organizations like the **Clean Air Campaign** will once again hit the ground running to promote strategies to address the region's air quality challenges.

The Clean Air Campaign has already made significant strides in improving the Atlanta Region's air quality. For example, due in large part to last year's efforts, the number of names in the ARC **Commute Connections'** 1-87-RIDEFIND database has swelled from nearly 16,000 last year at this time to almost 26,000. The 1-87-RIDEFIND database maintains a list of names of those who are interested in carpooling.

The Clean Air Campaign is a coalition of state agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals who have united to educate people about ground-level ozone and smog, and to encourage changes that we each can make in our daily lives to reduce air pollution.

For more information about the Clean Air Campaign and the 2002 smog season, please call ***1-877-CLEANAIR*** *or check out their Web site at* ***www.cleanaircampiagn.com****.*

Commute Connections
Atlanta Regional Commission
1-87-RIDEFIND Your Rideshare Hotline

One of the primary goals of ARC's **Commute Connections** is to encourage alternatives to the single-occupant vehicle, either through carpooling, vanpooling, teleworking or a spate of other strategies. Most people agree that these alternatives are beneficial to the environment, but they also have considerable personal benefits take alternatives to driving alone to:

- Reduce wasted time spent driving
- Use riding time for reading, phone calls, paperwork or relaxing
- Decrease traffic-related stress
- Get healthy exercise
- Build friendships through carpools
- Build your company's reputation as a good corporate citizen
- Spend less money and time pumping gasoline
- Reduce wear and tear on vehicles
- Shorter pre-school "carpool" lines
- Teach kids about environmental awareness
- Minimize time spent maintaining lawns in the summer heat
- Reduce energy costs.

TAKE NOTE

On May 6, the **Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District** entered into a 45-day period of public review and comment on the *Final Draft of the Short-term Wastewater Capacity Plan* and the *Draft Model Stormwater Management Model Ordinances.* Public hearings will be held throughout the District in June.

LAKE LANIER BASIN
Tuesday, June 4, 2002, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Georgia Mountains Center
300 Green Street, Gainesville, GA 30503
(770) 534-8420

OCMULGEE BASIN
Tuesday, June 11, 2002, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
"Nancy Guinn" Conyers-Rockdale Library
864 Green Street, Conyers, GA 30012
(770) 388-5041

ETOWAH BASIN
Wednesday, June 5, 2002, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
North Metro Technical College, Building 400
5198 Ross Road, Acworth, GA 30102
(770) 975-4000

FLINT BASIN
Wednesday, June 12, 2002, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room
Fayette County Administrative Complex
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville, GA 30214
(770) 460-5730

OCONEE BASIN
Thursday, June 6, 2002, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Monroe Utilities Network
215 N. Broad Street, Monroe, GA 30655
(770) 267-3429

CHATTAHOOCHEE BASIN
Thursday, June 13, 2002, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Loudermilk Center Amphitheatre
40 Courtland Street, Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 507-1690

BOARD BRIEFS

March 27, 2002

Bob Kerr, Director of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Pollution Prevention Assistance Division was on hand to discuss the new *"Georgia Rivers Poster Series"*...Kerr also commented on the *Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) and Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT)* river basin compacts... An update was given on the *Clean Water Campaign*... The Commission adopted a resolution: 1) Approving the Atlanta Regional Commission as the Area Agency on Aging, 2) Authorizing Submission of the State Fiscal Year 2003 Area Plan on Aging Update, and 3) Adopting Policy Sections of the State Fiscal Year 2003 Area Plan on Aging Update... The Environment and Land Use Committee noted they had been briefed on the proposal to expand the *Area Plan Review process (APR)*, to protect areas needed for major transportation improvements included in ARC's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The APR process is still under review... The Board adopted a *Regional Agenda Work Program Update*... A resolution passed endorsing a revision of the National Highway System and Functional Classification System for *State Route 92 in Cherokee County*... The updated "Atlanta Region *Transportation Planning Fact Book*" was distributed for information... ARC Director Chick Krautler briefed the Board on a recent *trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the Region's legislative delegation... A Regional Issues Briefing* to be hosted by ARC was announced. The briefings will be breakfast sessions and are scheduled for Atlanta Region registrants at the upcoming annual meetings of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

April 24, 2002

The Commission was updated on the *drought situation*... The 4th Annual Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC) was announced for April 27 ....The Board was briefed on the status of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water District's *Draft Model Stormwater Ordinances*....For business, civic and non-profit leaders who want to broaden their perspective of the issues facing the Atlanta Region, ARC will accept applications for the *Regional Leadership Institute* (RLI) beginning April 19 through May 10. The 13th annual RLI will be held on St. Simons Island from September 29th through October 4th.

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ARC Sends Inaugural Delegation to Washington

Eighteen Atlanta Regional Commission Board members and staff traveled to Washington, DC on March 6 and 7 for the **first annual Congressional Briefing Trip**. Among the highlights of the visit was a breakfast meeting hosted by Senator Max Cleland to update Georgia congressional and senate members and their staffs on the issues and challenges facing the Atlanta Region and ARC's work in that regard. The Board also visited with senior staff members from the Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration to discuss the potential in the Atlanta Region.

C A L E N D A R

June 2002

4 **1:30 p.m.**
Aging Services Task Force, Location TBA
Contact: *Maureen Kelly at 404-463-3222*

6 **9:30 a.m.**
Land Use Coordinating Committee, ARC Offices
Contact: *Dan Reuter at 404-463-3251*

7 **9:30 a.m.**
Transportation Coordinating Committee, ARC Offices
Contact: *Jane Hayse at 404-463-3265*

13 **9:30 a.m.**
Community Services Committee
Executive Conference Room
Contact: *Tony Landers at 404-463-3210*
10:30 a.m.
Transportation and Air Quality Committee
Amphitheater/ARC Board Room,
Contact: *Jane Hayse at 404-463-3265*
12:00 p.m.
Environment and Land Use Committee
Harry West Community Room
Contact: *Pat Stevens at 404-463-3255*
1:30 p.m.
Communications and Public Involvement
Committee, Executive Conference Room
Contact: *Julie Ralston at 404-463-3190*

21 **9:30 a.m.**
Transportation Coordinating Committee, ARC Offices
Contact: *Jane Hayse at 404-463-3265*

26 **12:00 p.m.**
Executive Committee, Executive Conference Room
Contact: *Phyllis Thigpen at 404-463-3102*
1:30 p.m.
Board Meeting, Amphitheater/ARC Board Room
Contact: *Phyllis Thigpen at 404-463-3102*

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2 **1:30 p.m.**
Aging Services Task Force, Location TBA
Contact: *Maureen Kelly at 404-463-3222*

5 **9:30 a.m.**
Transportation Coordinating Committee, ARC Offices
Contact: *Jane Hayse at 404-463-3265*

11 **9:30 a.m.**
Land Use Coordinating Committee
Childs Young Room, Loudermilk Center
Contact: *Dan Reuter at 404-463-3251*

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Board Meeting, Amphitheater/ARC Board Room
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25 **10:00 a.m.**
Atlanta Regional Workforce Board
Level B, Amphitheater B
Contact: *Mary Margaret Garrett at 404-463-3325*