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ISSUE SUMMARY: Transmittal of the 2013 Annual Progress Report for the 2012 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to the Economic Development Administration (EDA)

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IMPORTANCE:

During 2012, ARC completed the Regional Competitiveness Strategy, through a collaborative process that brought together multiple stakeholders in the public, private and non-profit sectors. The Regional Competitiveness Strategy serves as the 2012 5-year CEDS for the metro Atlanta Economic Development District, as required by EDA. ARC is the designated Economic Development District for metro Atlanta.

EDA requires that ARC provide an Annual Progress Report every year on progress made toward implementing the goals and objectives of the CEDS.

Providing the 2013 Annual Progress Report to EDA annually keeps ARC in compliance with EDA requirements for CEDS administration.

ARC staff in the Community Development Division compiled documentation of actions undertaken by ARC and regional economic development partners that achieve goals and objectives outlined in the Regional Competitiveness Strategy. In addition, the Regional Competitiveness Strategy Implementation Committee met in August, 2013, and members reported on work activities that support implementation of the Strategy. Activities that accomplish any of the goals and objectives of the Strategy were included in the annual report.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Recommend Board Adoption.

**RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION
TO APPROVE THE REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS STRATEGY'S 2013 ANNUAL
PROGRESS REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, ARC seeks to improve the region's quality of life, improve and maintain infrastructure, support job creation and economic progress for all areas of metro Atlanta;

WHEREAS, during 2012, ARC completed the Regional Competitiveness Strategy, through a collaborative process that brought together multiple stakeholders in the public, private and non-profit sectors;

WHEREAS, the final product supports the goals of PLAN 2040 and meets the federal Economic Development Administration's requirements for a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS);

WHEREAS, the federal Economic Development Administration requires annual reports on progress made towards CEDS implementation;

WHEREAS, ARC completed the 2013 Annual Progress Report, documenting progress made toward the action items outlined in the 2012 Regional Competitiveness Strategy and Implementation document;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission supports the CEDS 2013 Annual Progress Report for submission to the Economic Development Administration as documentation of progress made towards implementation of the 2012 5-year CEDS.