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Regulation	Yes	No	Volume Chapter/Page	Notes
23 CFR 450.306				
a. The RTP reflects consideration of the eight planning factors?	X		Vol. 1, 1-6	Consideration of factors noted throughout various sections of PLAN 2040 Volume I.
b. Planning factors have been addressed given scale and complexity of issues?	X		Vol. 1, 1-6	A Regional Assessment, conducted in 2009 and 2010, identifies key planning related issues affecting transportation and land use. Federal planning factors are considered in the overall Plan development process, specifically assessing the scale and complexity of issues. Additional information on the regional assessment is available on-line at www.atlantaregional.com/File%20Library/Land%20Use/Long%20Range%20Planning/Draft%20RA%20document%202-1-10.pdf
23 CFR 450.322				
a. The RTP covers at least a 20-year planning horizon as of the effective date?	X		1-3	The Plan horizon year is 2040, 28 years beyond the first year of the Plan (2012). All population and employment forecasts were updated as part of the PLAN 2040 process.
Does the RTP include an air quality conformity determination?	X		Vol. II	The Conformity Determination Report is included as Volume II.
b. Includes long- and short-range planning strategies?	X		Chapter 4 and Appendix A	Short range strategies between 2012-2017 and long-range strategies from 2018-2040 are included in PLAN 2040.
c. Updated within four years for nonattainment, five years for attainment?	X		Volume II, p-6	The current E6 was approved on October 10, 2007, with conformity determinations approved periodically. The last conformity determination was on September 9, 2010.

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For TMAs, Certification Review at least every four years?	X	Vol. 1, 1-6	The Atlanta region's transportation planning process was last certified by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration on October 5, 2007, as required by 23 USC 134(i)(5) and 49 USC 5305(e).
d. In nonattainment and maintenance areas is there a process for developing transportation control measures (TCM)?	X	Vol. II	The CDR includes discussions on the status of TCMs. While no new TCMs are anticipated or planned as part of PLAN 2040, the process to develop these will be coordinated through the IAC, when applicable.
e. Latest available estimates and assumptions for land use, population, travel, employment, congestion and economic activity were used in the update of the transportation plan?	X	Vol. 1, 2-3 – 2-6;	Updated demographic forecasts, land use assumptions, and assessments of congestion were used in developing PLAN 2040. Additional information is available in the Regional Assessment and on-line at www.atlantaregional.com/info-center/arc-region/plan-2040-forecasts/plan-2040-forecasts
f. The RTP addresses each of the following:			
1. Projected transportation demand of persons and goods	X	Vol. 1, 2-6	The Regional Assessment and PLAN 2040 considers the projected demand of persons and goods in recommendations. Additional information on the assessing demand is available on-line at www.atlantaregional.com/File%20Library/Land%20Use/Long%20Range%20Planning/Draft%20RA%20document%202-1-10.pdf
2. Identifies existing and proposed transportation facilities, including roads, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, multimodal and intermodal facilities	X	Vol. 1, 2-1 to 4-31	PLAN 2040 identifies major transportation systems. These systems form the foundation for federal funding recommendations. Specific proposed line item projects and programs included in Appendices A-1 & A-2

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3. Operational and management strategies to improve performance of the existing and proposed transportation facilities to relieve vehicular congestion and maximize safety	X	Vol. 1, 4-4 to 4-11	PLAN 2040 increases the emphasis on these investments, with several new operational programs included in PLAN 2040. Specific line item projects and programs included in Appendices A-1 & A-2
4. Identifies congestion management strategies and identifies SOV projects that result from congestion management process (TMAs only)	X	Vol. 1, 4-21 to 4-31; Appendix A	PLAN 2040 considered the latest CMP congestion rankings in developing recommendations. Congestion management strategies are considered with specific projects recommended. Additional information on the CMP is available at www.atlantaregional.com/cmp
5. Assessment of capital investment and other strategies to preserve existing and projected future transportation infrastructure and multimodal capacity increases	X	Vol. 1, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5	PLAN 2040 conducted extensive analysis of the preservation of existing and forecast infrastructure. Policy guidance was given regarding this area in the summer of 2010.
6. List of all existing and proposed transportation facilities (including design concept, scope, descriptions, and source of funds)	X	Appendix A-1, A-2	For PLAN 2040 projects, specific line item projects and programs included in Appendices A-1 & A-2
7. General discussion of types of potential environmental mitigation activities at the corridor or regional level (i.e., policy/strategy level, not project-specific) and potential areas to carry out activities developed in consultation with Federal, state and tribal wildlife, land management, and regulatory agencies.	X	Vol. 1, Chapter 3, 4-18, 6-1 to 6-5	ARC considered environmental mitigation activities during project evaluation and has established a Plan Management framework to address these issues. Consultation has been held with federal partners during PLAN 2040.
8. Pedestrian walkway and bicycle facilities (23 USC 17 (g)).	X	Vol. 1, 3-21, 4-16	PLAN 2040 includes an extensive set of walkway and bicycle facility recommendations, including both recommendations for specific projects and programs. Specific programs and projects are included in Appendix A.
9. Transit enhancement activities.	X	3-18, 4-7, 4-13, 4-14, 4-25	Transit enhancement activities are considered and funded through a variety of programs, including ARC's Livable Centers Initiative. Specific programs and projects are included in Appendix A.
10. Financial plan that demonstrates how the adopted transportation plan can be implemented and includes strategies for implementation of any new funding sources (23 USC 101 (a)(5)).	X	Chapter 5	Additional detail provided in Appendix B

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i. Financial plan contains system-level estimates of costs and revenue sources 'reasonably expected to be available to operate and maintain the transportation system.	X	See above	System-level costs and revenues to maintain and operate the system are accounted for in RTP balancing.
ii. Public Transit operators were included in the cooperative development of funding estimates for the financial plan.	X	See above	ARC's Financial Planning Team, including Public Transit Operators, assisted in the development of funding estimates for the financial plan.
iii. Financial plan includes recommendations on any additional financing strategies to fund projects and programs in the metropolitan transportation plan.	X	See above	The financial plan includes a discussion of potential new revenue sources to fund projects in the future. However, PLAN 2040 does not anticipate new funding resources, such as a regional sales tax, to fund projects in the financially constrained RTP.
iv. All projects and strategies proposed for funding reflect "year of expenditure" dollars.	X	Vol. 1, 5-11 to 5-14; Appendix A-4	Financial constraint was determined using both current year dollars (2012) and year of expenditure (YOE) funding.
v. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, the financial plan addresses financial strategies to ensure implementation of transportation control measures (TCM).	X	See above	Funding for TCM's have been committed, with all prior TCM's implemented with the exception of the I-85 North HOV to HOT lanes conversion. This project will be completed by late summer 2011.
g. Consultation with state and local agencies responsible for environmental protection, land use management, natural resource and historic preservation agencies for the development of the metropolitan transportation plan.	X	Appendix D-2	ARC has coordinated with applicable state and local agencies in developing PLAN 2040. Prior consultation has occurred throughout PLAN 2040 with extensive analysis. Specific attention was given to developing a Regional Resource Plan, available on-line at www.atlantaregional.com/File%20Library/Land%20Use/Plan2040/lu_regional_resource_plan_final_12222010.pdf
1. Comparison of conservation plans/maps with transportation plans.	X	See above	
2. Comparison of natural or historic resources with transportation plans.	X	See above	

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<p>h. Metropolitan transportation plan includes a safety element that incorporates or summarizes the priorities, goals, countermeasures, or projects for the Metropolitan Planning Area contained in the GA Strategic Highway Safety Plan required under 23 USC 148 as well as (as appropriate) emergency relief and disaster preparedness plans and strategies and policies that support homeland security (as appropriate) and safeguard the personal security of all motorized and nonmotorized users.</p>	X		
<p>Metropolitan transportation plan includes a Security Element/Section.</p>	X	Vol. 1, 4-12	
<p>i. Citizens, state and local agencies, freight transportation services, providers of freight transportation services, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities, disabled persons, and private citizens were all given reasonable opportunity to comment on the transportation plan using the participation plan.</p>	X	Appendix F	<p>ARC held over 300 meetings during the development of PLAN 2040, with the objective to provide reasonable opportunity to comment on the development of the Plan. Major documents were also made available on-line at www.atlantaregional.com/plan2040.</p>
<p>j. Metropolitan transportation plan published and made electronically accessible on the World Wide Web.</p>	X	Vol. 1-4	<p>All documentation and background reports are available on the Web. Additional information is available on-line at www.atlantaregional.com/plan2040</p>
<p>If significant written and oral comments were received during the draft metropolitan long-range plan as a result of the participation process, was a summary, analysis or report part of the final metropolitan transportation plan?</p>	X	Vol. 1, Appendix F	<p>This action will occur in the final documentation for PLAN 2040 in late June 2011, after the completion of the official public involvement period.</p>