

Atlanta Regional Commission Invites Public Comment on the Amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and FY 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) will open a public review and comment period on March 16, 2023 for a Planning Amendment to the Atlanta Region's Plan Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and to the FY 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The TIP is the mechanism by which federal, state, and local funds are approved for all significant transportation projects and programs in the region. The TIP comprises the first six years of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Atlanta region. As the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a 20-county* region, ARC is responsible for developing and amending/updating the TIP and MTP to meet federal planning requirements and address local needs.

The purpose of this amendment is to: 1) implement financial and schedule changes ahead of FY 2023 closeout, 2) assist GDOT with ongoing STIP rebalancing efforts, 3) incorporate financial and schedule changes to the GDOT Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP), and 4) address project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively.

All amendments require a conformity determination from the US DOT, in consultation with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This Amendment #7 is expected to receive an updated conformity determination by the US DOT and US EPA by June 2023. The most recent conformity determination was issued by US DOT and US EPA on January 4, 2023.

The public involvement process used to satisfy Federal Transit Administration (FTA) public participation requirements for FTA Section 5307 suballocated funds for all transit providers in the 20-county Transportation Management Area (TMA) is managed by the Atlanta-Region Transit Link (ATL) Authority which is the Designated Recipient for the Atlanta urbanized area. No changes to the current Program of Projects are being made in the Atlanta TIP at this time.

To comment or for additional information:

- The public comment period will run from March 16 to April 14, 2023. ARC must receive comments prior to midnight on this date to be considered in the official record of comments.
- There will be an opportunity to present comments verbally at a public hearing taking place during the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) meeting held at the ARC Conference Center on April 7, 2023 at 9:30am. A summary of all comments received during the period and responses to those comments will be presented to ARC's technical and policy committees and

the ARC Board for their consideration before taking action on the Planning Amendment.

- Complete details of the proposed changes and opportunities for review and comment are available on the ARC website at www.atlantaregional.org/amendment or by calling Morgan Bray, (470) 378-1439.
- To comment verbally, call (470) 378-1439 to speak to staff or leave a voice message or send by fax to (470) 423-3581.
- If special assistance in understanding the contents of this amendment is needed, please call ARC at (470) 378-1439.
- To comment in writing, please send to:

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- All other inquiries related to the regional transportation planning process should be sent to transportation@atlantaregional.org or (470) 378-1439.

*Barrow (partial), Carroll (partial), Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson (partial), DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton (partial), Paulding, Pike (partial), Rockdale, Spalding (partial), and Walton (partial).