

Transportation Improvement Program FY 2018-2023, Amendment #7 Public Review 04/04/19 – 04/18/19

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the mechanism by which federal, state and local funds are approved for all significant surface transportation projects and programs in the region. The FY 2018-2023 TIP comprises the first six years of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 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 RTP to meet federal planning requirements and address local needs.

Purpose of Amendment

- Include the programming of new projects that impact air quality conformity
- Update programming and financial details for projects in the Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP)
- Address project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively
- Incorporate changes to the travel demand model coding.

An email was sent to ARC's interested parties distribution list indicating the TIP Amendment was open for public review. Details regarding the amendment project list, process, and timeline were posted on ARC's website. Additionally, the request for review was advertised via newspapers and various ARC newsletters and presentations.

ARC received 5 public comments submitted verbally at the April 5th Transportation Coordinating Committee. The summary of the comments received are listed below. This document, along with specific comments will be shared with ARC Transportation Coordinating and Transportation & Air Quality Committee members, as well as all appropriate regional transportation project sponsors. Additionally, this document will be shared with respondents who submitted public comment, via a link to the Amendment webpage, where this report will be posted, available at www.atlantaregional.org/amendment.

Public Comments #1-5

Five people spoke during the public comment period. Four of the speakers were from the City of Atlanta and one was from DeKalb county. All five of the speakers spoke concerning the need to increase funding in order to build light rail along the entire Beltline corridor. While ARC convened a public hearing in regards to TIP Amendment #7 during this meeting, these five speakers signed up for and spoke during the standard public comment period at the beginning of the meeting, prior to the official public hearing.

No other comments were received via writing or verbally during the public comment and review period.