

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

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) will open a public review and comment period on July 31, 2020 for a Planning Amendment to be made to the Atlanta Region's Plan Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 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 FY 2020-2025 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.

The purpose of this amendment is to: 1) include the programming of new funding recommendations from the 2019 TIP solicitation, 2) update programming and financial details for projects in the Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP), 3) address project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively, and 4) incorporate changes to the travel demand model coding.

All amendments require a conformity determination from the US DOT, in consultation with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This amendment will involve a new air quality conformity determination by the USDOT and is expected by October 2020. The most recent conformity determination was issued by FHWA and EPA on February 18, 2020.

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 POPs are being made in the Atlanta TIP at this time.

To comment or for additional information:

- The public review and comment period will run from July 31 through August 19, 2020. ARC must receive comments prior to midnight on this date in order 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 & Air Quality Committee teleconference on August 13, 2020 at 9:30 am. Teleconference login details are available at: www.atlantaregional.org/taqc. Intent to present comments at

this meeting should be emailed to: transportation@atlantaregional.org or notice via phone at: 470-378-1563, by 4:00 pm August 12, 2020

- 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 Melissa Roberts, (470) 378-1563.
- To comment verbally, call (470) 378-1563 to speak to staff or leave a voice message or send by fax to (470) 423-3548.
- If special assistance in understanding the contents of this amendment is needed, please call ARC at (470) 378-1563.
- To comment in writing, please send to:

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- All other inquiries related to the regional transportation planning process should be addressed to Melissa Roberts, ARC, transportation@atlantaregional.org or (470) 378-1563.

*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).