

## **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 August 5, 2021 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) update the travel demand model to reflect the latest scoping changes for projects within the region's air quality conformity analysis, 2) edit programming and financial details for Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP), 3) add and remove select projects in the TIP/RTP, 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 will involve a new air quality conformity determination by the USDOT and is expected by November 2021. The most recent conformity determination was issued by FHWA and EPA on March 17, 2021.

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 review and comment period will run from August 5 through August 19, 2021. 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 & Air Quality Committee teleconference on August 11, 2021 at 10:30 am. Teleconference login details are available at: [www.atlantaregional.org/taqc](http://www.atlantaregional.org/taqc). Intent to present comments at

this meeting should be emailed to: [transportation@atlantaregional.org](mailto:transportation@atlantaregional.org) or notice via phone at: (470) 378-1557 by 4:00 pm August 10, 2021.

- 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](http://www.atlantaregional.org/amendment) or by calling Rebecca Apter, (470) 378-1557.
- To comment verbally, call (470) 378-1557 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) 378-1557.
- 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](mailto:transportation@atlantaregional.org) or (470) 378-1557.

\*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).