



TIP/MTP Amendment

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Executive Summary



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

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 2020-2025 TIP comprises the first six years of the thirty year 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 transportation needs.

ARC coordinates closely and continuously with its planning partners to make revisions to the TIP and MTP. Common revisions include increases to cost, shifts in schedule and changes to transportation project scope. Minor changes may be handled administratively by ARC staff, while major revisions must be handled via an amendment. Amendments entail significant coordination with ARC's local, state and federal partners, require a formal public comment process, and are presented to the ARC Board for approval.

Amendment 8

Amendment 8 proposes to incorporate new projects into the TIP which utilize discretionary grant funding. These projects have been directly selected by either Congress or the US DOT and will address safety and mobility needs across 10 counties in the Atlanta region.

Amendment 8 highlights include:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All Program Planning Grants**
 These 10 US DOT selected grants will assist local governments develop holistic, well defined strategies to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries.
- Congressionally Directed Spending Grants**
 Congressionally Directed Spending grants (previously referred to as earmarks) accelerate the implementation of important local priorities for transportation improvement. Amendment 8 includes 14 Congressionally Directed Spending grant projects, which encompass improvements to the region's transit, roadway and bike/ped transportation network.
- Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant**
 US DOT SMART grant funding will prototype technologies to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety along Singleton Road in Gwinnett County.
- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)**
 MARTA will utilize US DOT RAISE grant funding to update and modernize the 44 year-old transit hub at Five Points station.
- Reconnecting Communities Grant Program**
 Funding from this US DOT program will be used by the City of Roswell to conduct a scoping and feasibility study focused on restoring the connectivity of communities bisected by GA 400.

Highlights:

25

Projects added to the TIP

2

Revisions to existing TIP projects

\$66.4M

Total additional federal discretionary funding proposed for amendment 8 Projects

Amendment 8 will add 25 new projects to the TIP and program discretionary funding to 2 existing TIP projects. Project geographies impact Barrow, Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Paulding and Rockdale counties. Project improvement categories include bicycle & pedestrian, planning, roadway, and transit. A total of \$383.9 million in additional funding is proposed to be added to the TIP through this amendment. Of this amount, \$66.4 million originates from federal sources, \$13.8 million from state sources and \$303.7 million from local sources. Over \$200.5 million of the aforementioned \$303.7 million in local funding is linked to the MARTA Five Points Station Transformation project and is currently authorized via the More MARTA sales tax.

Further details, including the full project list and project fact sheets, may be found at www.atlantaregional.org/amendment.

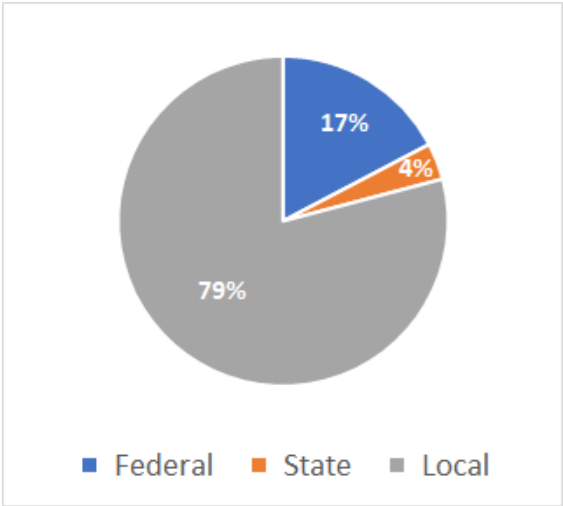


Figure 1 - Amendment 8 fund source summary

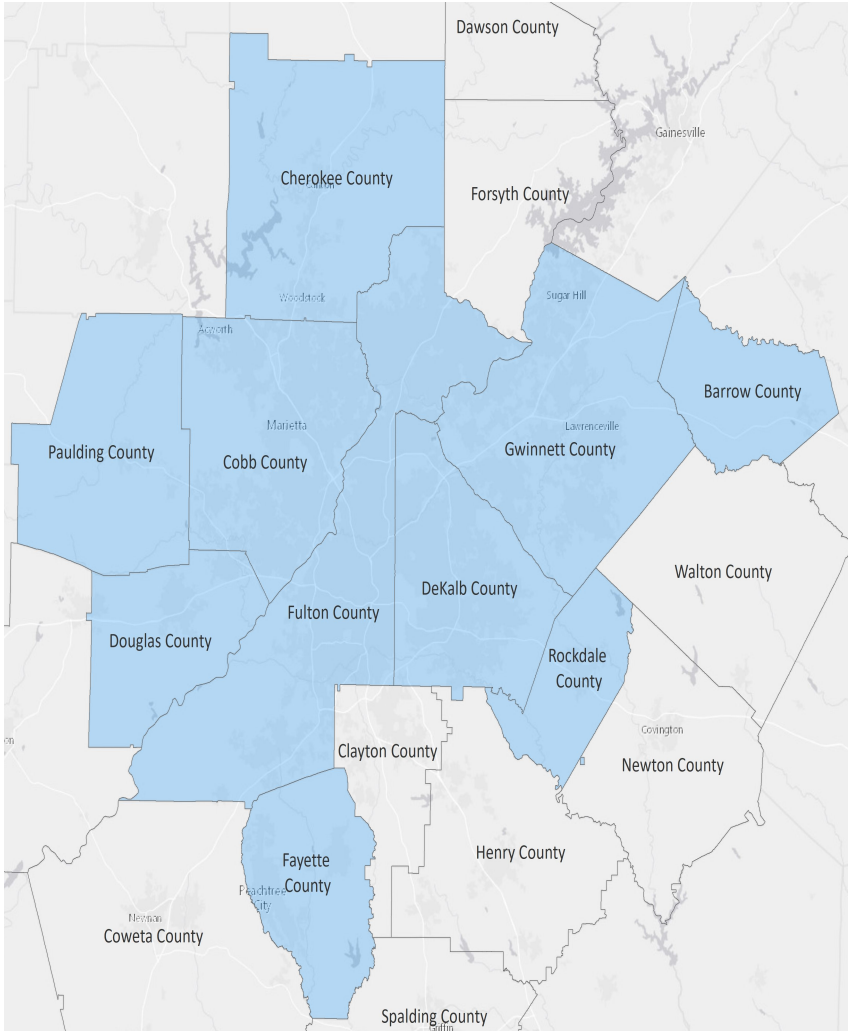


Figure 2 - Location of amendment 8 projects in the Atlanta region

Amendment 8 Timeline

- Public Review and Comment Period – **June 29, 2023 to July 28, 2023**
- Public Hearing – **July 14** (ARC Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting)
- Committee and Board Actions:
 - Transportation Coordinating Committee action -- **August 4, 2023**
 - Transportation & Air Quality Committee action -- **August 9, 2023**
 - ARC Board action – **August 9, 2023**
 - GRTA Board action – **August 9, 2023**
- Conformity Determination Expected from US DOT -- **By early September 2023**
- Amendment officially incorporated into TIP/MTP -- **By early September 2023**

For More Information

Full amendment 8 documentation, including project lists and fact sheets, may be found at atlantaregional.org/amendment

