



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 2024-2027 TIP comprises the first four years of the 2050 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 revisions 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 2 Project Summary

Amendment 2 to the ARC FY 2024-2027 TIP and MTP proposes changes to 45 new and existing projects for the following purposes:

Highlights:

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Projects impacted by amendment 2

\$38.2M

Congressionally directed spending
award funding proposed for
amendment 2 projects

\$221.6M

Federal discretionary grant funding
proposed for amendment 2
projects

• Congressionally Directed Spending Grants

Congressionally Directed Spending grants (previously referred to as earmarks) accelerate the implementation of important local priorities for transportation improvement. Amendment 2 includes 22 Congressionally Directed Spending grant projects, which encompass improvements to the region's transit, roadway and bicycle transportation network.

• Expanding Beltline Access via the Flint River Gateway Trails Concept

Clayton County, ARC and the cities of College Park, East Point, and Hapeville have received a federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant to implement a multi-use trail connecting the Atlanta BeltLine and the Flint River.

• Stitching Together Downtown and Midtown Atlanta

Another RCN grant has been allocated to support construction of "The Stitch" concept - a transformational civic infrastructure investment to reconnect Downtown and Midtown Atlanta. Once implemented, this project will create approximately 14 acres of urban greenspace and transportation enhancements atop a new, 3/4-mile platform spanning the Downtown Connector (I-75/I-85) between Ted Turner Drive and Piedmont Avenue.

- **Planning for a Resilient Future**

Funded by a grant under the federal Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) program, ARC will develop the Atlanta region's first resilience improvement plan. This plan will identify areas in the region's transportation system that are particularly vulnerable to natural hazards such as flooding, extreme temperatures, and drought, and recommend specific mitigation measures.

- **Improving Safety Through Connected Vehicle Technology**

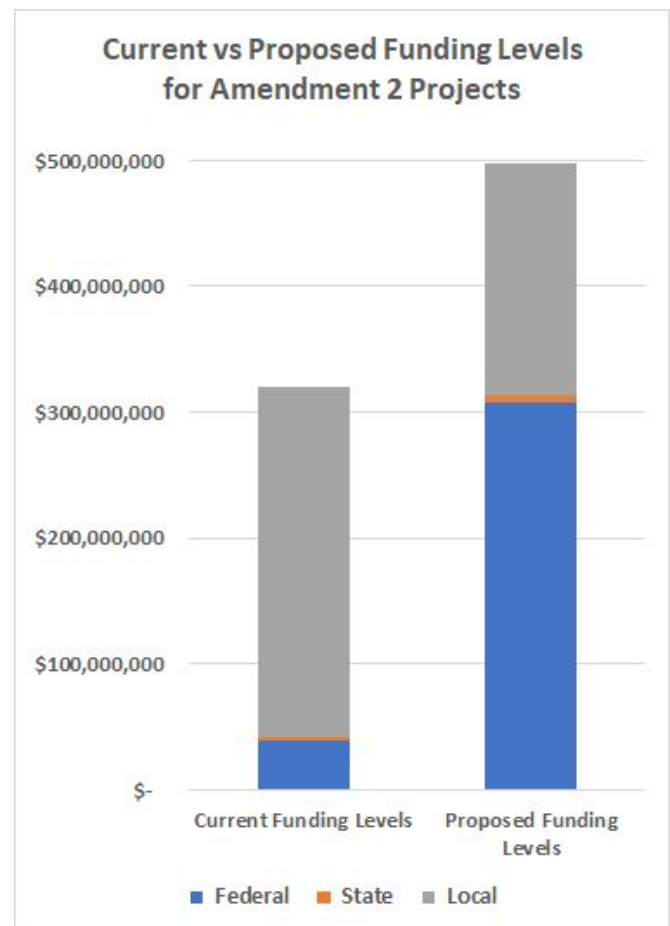
Henry County will utilize funding through a federal Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant to improve roadway operations and decrease emergency vehicle response times. The project will support Connected Vehicle (CV) prototype and plan development efforts, which seek to 1) prototype and conduct performance management of CV technology, and 2) develop the first Henry County Connected Vehicle Technology Deployment Plan (CV Plan).

Amendment 2 Financial Summary

Amendment 2 project footprints touch many jurisdictions within in the Atlanta region, including Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Spalding counties. Project purposes include multiuse trails, planning and studies, roadway expansion, roadway operations, bridge rehabilitation and safety improvements. Driven largely by an infusion of federal discretionary grant funding and congressionally directed spending awards, this amendment increases federal funding programmed to TIP and MTP projects by \$265.3 million. These new federal dollars impact several projects which previously relied more heavily upon local funding, which decreases by \$93.4 million in amendment 2. Finally, amendment 2 proposes a state funding increase of \$1.6 million to support several GDOT sponsored projects. Combined, the total proposed change in TIP and MTP project funding is an addition of approximately \$173.5 million across all funding sources.

Amendment 2 Major Milestones

- Public Review and Comment Period – **July 5 to July 19, 2024**
- Public Hearing – **July 10** (ARC Transportation & Air Quality Committee meeting)
- Committee and Board Actions:
 - Transportation Coordinating Committee action -- **August 9**
 - Transportation & Air Quality Committee action -- **August 28**
 - ARC Board action – **August 28**
 - GRTA Board action – **August 28**
- Conformity Determination Expected from US DOT -- **Early September**
- Amendment officially incorporated into TIP/MTP -- **Early September**



For More Information

Full amendment 2 documentation, including project lists and fact sheets, may be found at atlantaregional.org/amendment

