



TIP/MTP Amendment 1 Executive Summary

ARC
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 1 Project Summary

Amendment 1 to the ARC FY2024-2027 TIP and MTP proposes financial and schedule changes to 49 projects for the following purposes:

Highlights:

49

Projects impacted by amendment 1

\$996.6M

Additional GDOT directed federal
funding proposed for amendment 1
projects

\$26.6M

Additional ARC directed federal
funding proposed for amendment 1
projects

- **Programming Bridge Maintenance and State of Good Repair Funds**

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) proposes to invest \$157 million to replace and rehabilitate 22 substandard bridges across the Atlanta region.

- **Financial Adjustments to the GDOT Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP)**

Conceived in 2016, MMIP encompasses a multi-billion dollar suite of investments designed to enhance safety, increase system capacity, facilitate freight movement and decrease overall travel times across Georgia's major metropolitan regions. Financial changes proposed by GDOT through amendment 1 for these projects includes an additional \$701 million in federal funds and \$1.6 billion in additional private financing

- **Reconnecting Rockdale County via Courtesy Parkway**

This project will provide another connection between employment and housing in Rockdale County, much of which is bisected by I-20. ARC proposes an additional \$11.7 million in federal funding to construct this local high priority project.

- **Addressing a Regional Freight and Commuter Bottleneck in Fairburn**

Under increased demand from the nearby CSX intermodal freight yard and commuter traffic from Fayette County, the interchange at SR 74 and I-85 in Fairburn is frequently overwhelmed during peak travel periods. ARC proposes an additional \$10 million in federal funding to construct a complete overhaul of this key transportation facility.

- **Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Program Enhancements**

ARC's CTP program provides federal assistance for local transportation planning study efforts. An additional \$3.8 million is proposed by ARC to help the City of Atlanta more closely examine transit oriented development and travel safety, assist Clayton County in their efforts to create a trail master plan and and providing for a new visioning study to examine trail connections between the Atlanta Beltline and the Flint River.

- **Preparing the Regional Workforce for Careers in Transportation**

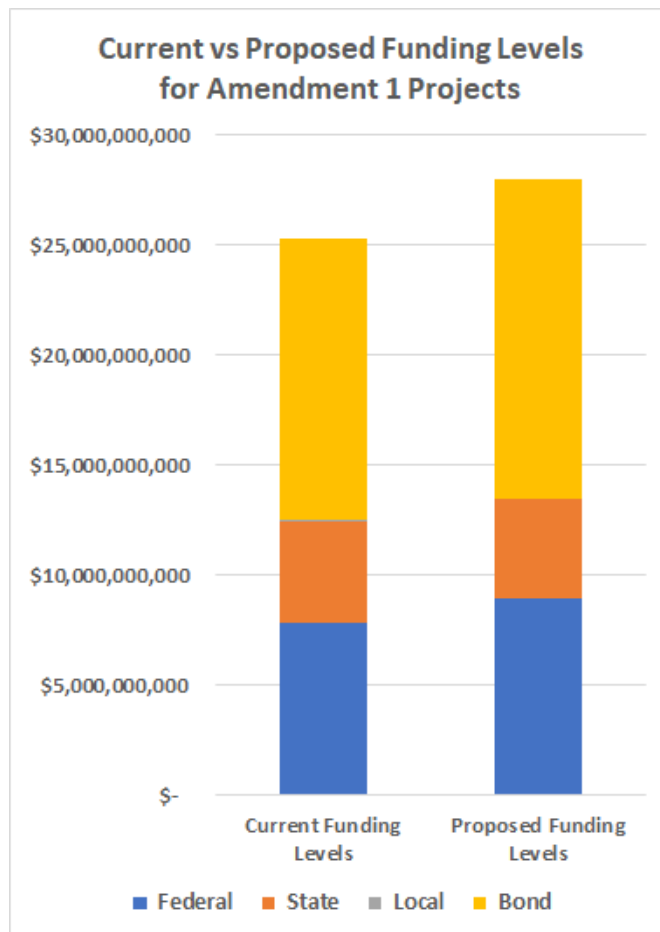
Through a new pilot program, ARC proposes \$1.55 million to foster collaboration across the state between government agencies, the private sector, the workforce training community and others to encourage workforce participation in the infrastructure construction sector in order to satisfy the increased demand in Georgia driven by new funding provided in the 2021 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Amendment 1 Financial Summary

Amendment 1 project footprints traverse nearly every county in the Atlanta region, including Barrow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Rockdale and Spalding counties. Project purposes include multiuse trails, planning and studies, roadway expansion, roadway operations, bridge rehabilitation and safety improvements. This amendment increases federal funding to TIP and MTP projects by \$1.02 billion - of which \$26.6 million is being programmed by ARC and the remaining \$996.6 million by GDOT. An additional \$1.5 billion in bond/private source funding is also proposed by GDOT, coinciding with a decrease of \$109.7 million in funding by state sources. The total proposed change in TIP and MTP project funding is approximately \$2.5 billion across all funding sources.

Amendment 1 Major Milestones

- Public Review and Comment Period – **March 29 to April 12, 2024**
- Public Hearing – **April 5** (ARC Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting)
- Committee and Board Actions:
 - Transportation Coordinating Committee action -- **May 3**
 - Transportation & Air Quality Committee action -- **May 8**
 - ARC Board action – **May 8**
 - GRTA Board action – **May 8**
- Conformity Determination Expected from US DOT -- **By late May**
- Amendment officially incorporated into TIP/MTP -- **By late May/early June**



For More Information

Full amendment 1 documentation, including project lists and fact sheets, may be found at atlantaregional.org/amendment

