



# The IIJA Update Atlanta Region's Strategic Approach to USDOT Discretionary Funding Opportunities

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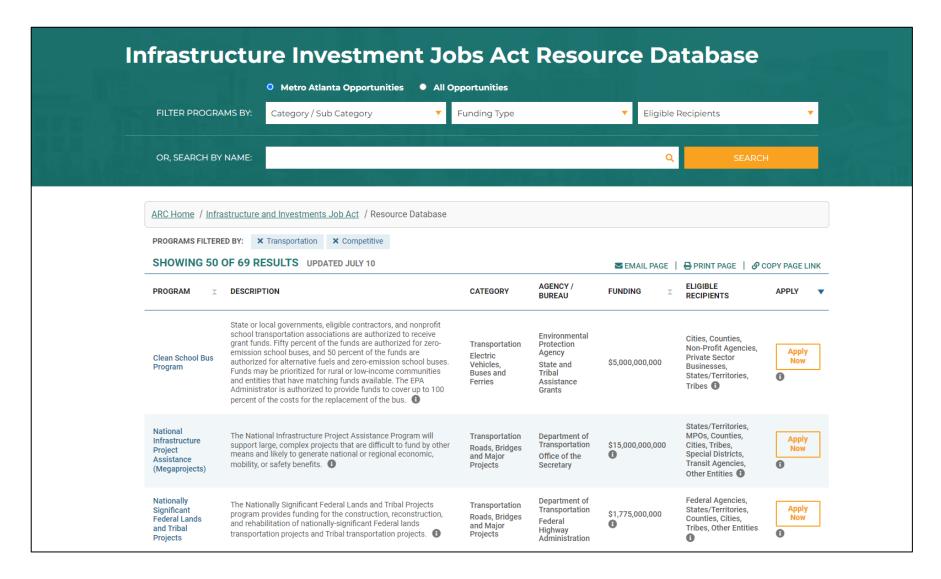
### **IIJA Update**

- Ongoing Committee and Stakeholder Information Sharing
  - Funding Program Database and Monthly Newsletter
  - Currently Open Key Funding Opportunities
  - Recent Funding Award Announcements
  - Identification of Potential Projects for Active and Pending Application Cycles
- Analysis of Regional Track Record for IIJA Discretionary Funding
- Improving Regional Messaging Around "Reconnecting the Region"





### Funding Program Database and Monthly Newsletter









## **Currently Open Key Funding Opportunities**

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)
  - \$848 million available; applications due August 18
- National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA)
  - \$1.8 billion available; applications due August 21
  - Joint NOFO with INFRA and RURAL
- Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA)
  - \$3.1 billion available; applications due August 21
  - Joint NOFO with MEGA and RURAL





## **Currently Open Key Funding Opportunities**

- Clean School Bus Rebate Program
  - \$400 million available
  - Applications due August 22
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods
  - Combines Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program from IIJA with Neighborhood Access and Equity Program from IRA
  - \$3.35 billion available
  - Applications due September 28
  - In addition to traditional planning and construction grants, dedicated funding for Regional Partnership Challenges Grants (\$450 million)





### **Recent Funding Award Announcements**

- Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
  - Announced on June 5
  - \$570 million available
  - DeKalb County will receive \$460,460 for planning related to conversion of an at-grade crossing to grade separated
  - Gwinnett County will receive \$888,000 for feasibility studies at three locations
- Low or No Emission / Bus and Bus Facilities Programs
  - Announced on June 26
  - \$1.7 billion available
  - Georgia State University will receive \$22,286,475 to buy electric vehicles for the Panther shuttle system
- Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)
  - Announced on June 28
  - \$2.2 billion available
  - City of Atlanta will receive \$25 million to construct a segment of the Northeast Beltline Trail
  - Gwinnett County will receive \$20 million to replace the Gwinnett Place Transit Center
- Congressionally Directed Spending Requests (to Appropriations) (Select)

•	Recipient	Project	House Amount	House Requestor(s)
•	City of Marietta	Franklin Gateway Bridge over Rottenwood Creek	\$4,050,000	Loudermilk
•	City of Smyrna	South Cobb Drive / SR 280 Improvement Project	\$4,000,000	Loudermilk
•	Cherokee County	I–575 Interchange Improvements at Ridgewalk Parkway	\$4,000,000	Loudermilk
•	Atlanta Regional Commission	Atlanta Regional Transportation Carbon Reduction Plan	\$900,000	McBath
•	Recipient	Project	Senate Amount	Senate Requestors
•	Atlanta Regional Commission	Emergency Health Care Transportation Access Study	\$543,000	Ossoff, Warnock
•	Central Atlanta Progress	The Stitch	\$5,000,000	Ossoff, Warnock





### Regional Track Record for IIJA Discretionary Funding

- For key programs, there have been a total of 12 NOFOs since January 2022
- Average period for applications to be submitted = 84 days
- Average time for award announcements to be made = 112 days
- Total of \$15.3 billion awarded
- Projects in the region received a total of \$169.4 million (1.10% of total)
- The Atlanta region comprises about 1.54% of the nation's total population
- Excluding SS4A, about 15% of applications in 2022 were funded (compared to 17% nationally)
- The region is significantly underperforming on MEGA, INFRA, Bridge Investment and ATTAIN programs (no awards) and Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (0.24%)
- ♣ Five NOFOs are either active or have recently closed, representing an additional \$8.65 billion of available federal funding





## The Core Regional Strategy: "Reconnecting the Region" to Improve Transportation Outcomes and Address Income Inequality



#### RECONNECTING THE REGION

A comprehensive approach to addressing the physical and social barriers of the I-20 Divide

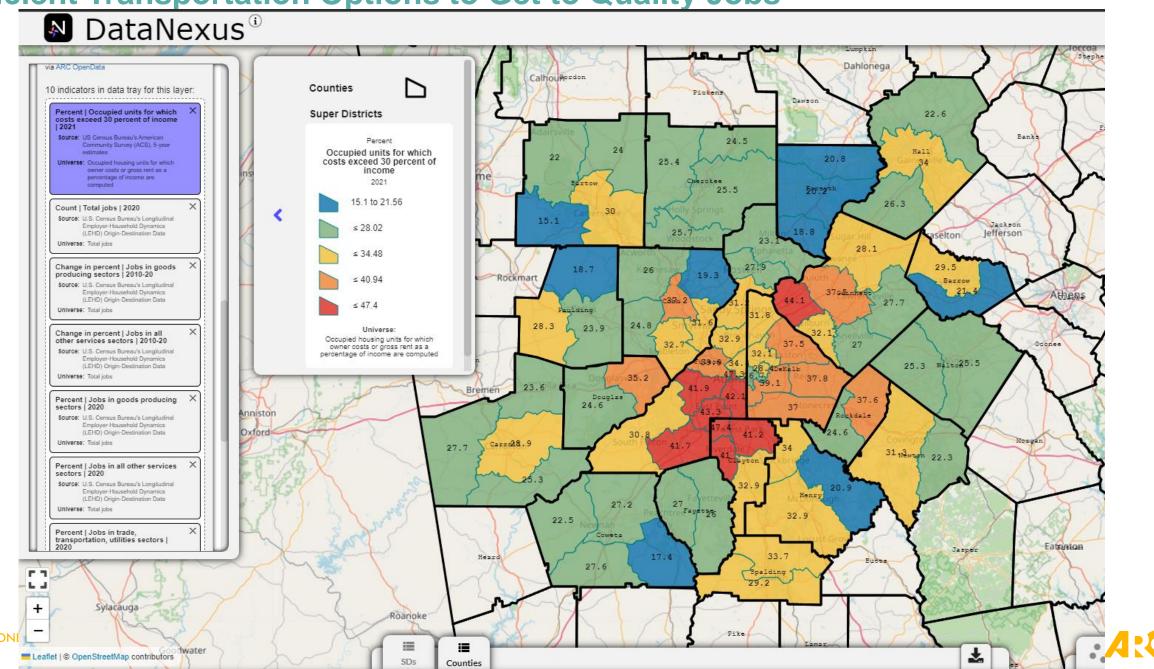
In the 1950s while planning I-20, Mayor William B. Hartsfield said he envisioned the corridor, which is the main east-west interstate in Atlanta, as a "boundary between the white and Negro communities."

- Rachel Singh; "Atlanta Streets: When Roads Become Walls"; 2022
- Builds upon the "Reconnecting Communities" and "Justice40" initiatives
- Provides a common and unifying theme which ties together discretionary program applications which ARC leads and supports
- Communicates a thoughtful, methodical and long-range approach to federal decision-makers





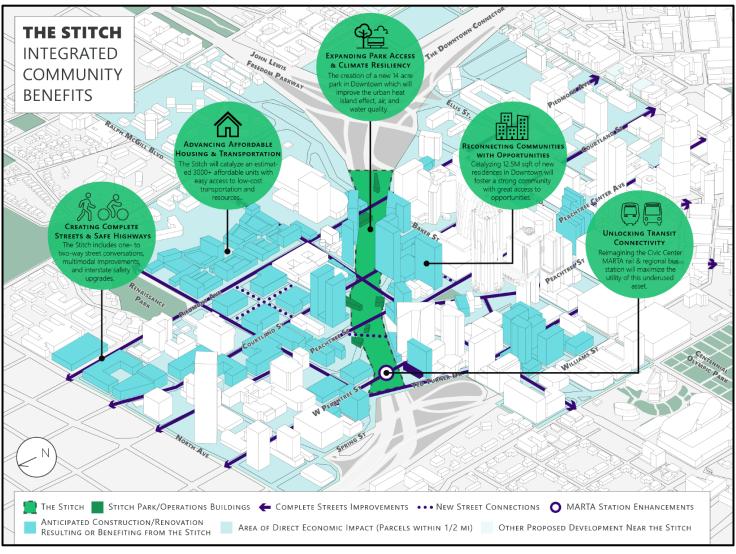
Efficient Transportation Options to Get to Quality Jobs



## Reconnecting the Region Emphasis Projects: Atlanta STITCH

#### **Atlanta STITCH**

- **Regional Function:** Improves connectivity between areas of persistent poverty and job centers which were separated by the construction of I-75/85 in the 1950s.
- <u>Current Status:</u> Completing engineering so that the capital cost estimates can be further refined and environmental cleared so that construction can begin by 2026.
- <u>Competitiveness:</u> Ideal fit for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program, but could also compete effectively for MEGA, INFRA and RAISE funding.



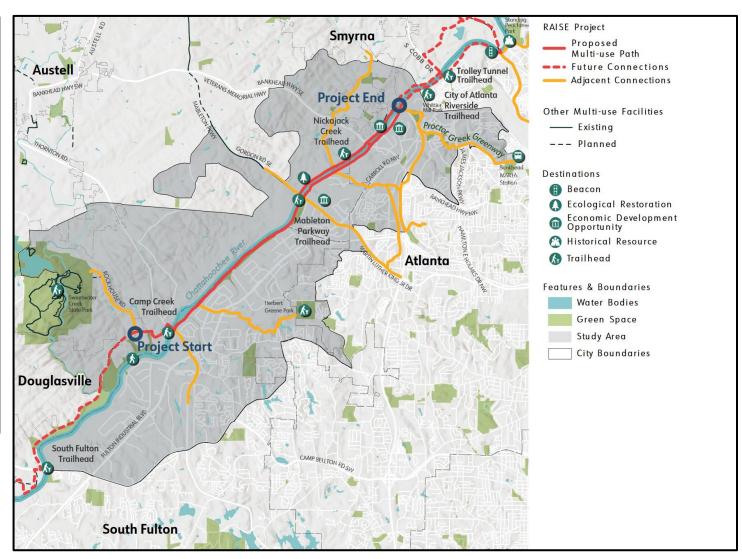




## Reconnecting the Region Emphasis Projects: Chattahoochee RiverLands

#### **Chattahoochee RiverLands**

- Regional Function: The Chattahoochee
  RiverLands is the signature multijurisdiction regional trail project that has
  strong relationships to travel options,
  resiliency, equity, and economic
  development potential.
- <u>Current Status:</u> Need to advance the necessary engineering to complete the environmental reviews to begin right-ofway and construction.
- <u>Competitiveness</u>: Strong candidate for RAISE Application in February 2024.



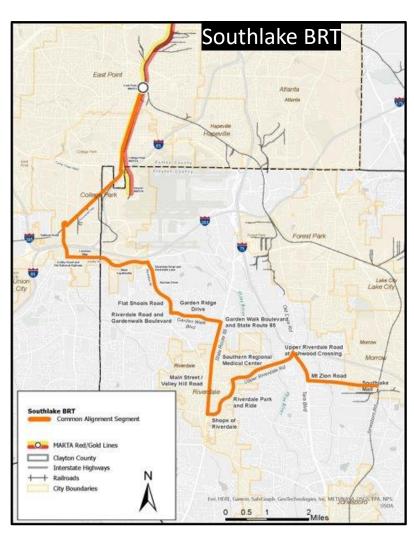


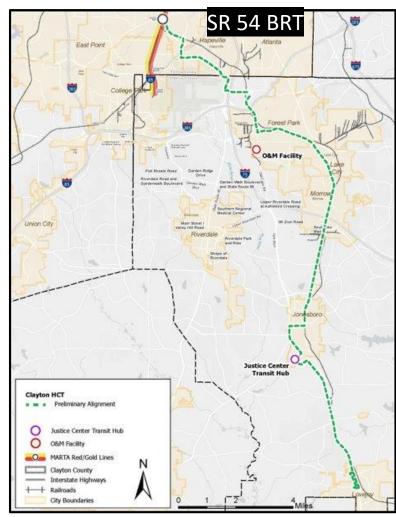


## Reconnecting the Region Emphasis Projects: Clayton County Southlake and SR 85 BRT Corridors

## **Clayton County Southlake and SR 85 BRT Corridors**

- Regional Function: Transit and active transportation improvements, including complete streets enhancements, ADA accessible sidewalks, bike facilities, roadway improvements, and related infrastructure improvements including lighting, and stormwater drainage. These corridors are critical to addressing regional equity by connecting communities with job centers.
- <u>Current Status:</u> Southlake final design underway; SR 54 alignment under evaluation.
- <u>Competitiveness:</u> In addition to FTA Small
   Starts and New Starts programs, both would be strong candidates for RAISE funding.





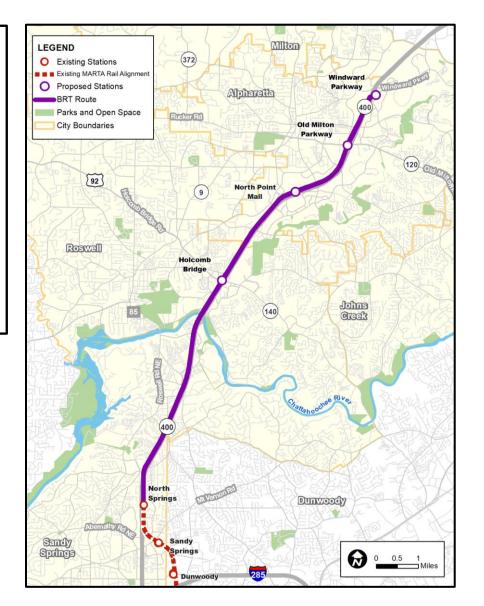




## Reconnecting the Region Emphasis Projects: SR 400 BRT

#### **SR 400 Bus Rapid Transit Stations**

- **Regional Function:** These stations are essential to provide access to major job centers in Alpharetta and Roswell for communities in areas of persistent poverty throughout the region.
- <u>Current Status:</u> The entire corridor is cleared environmentally and GDOT has construction planned for 2025 on the Express Lanes element.
- <u>Competitiveness:</u> Would be a strong candidate for INFRA funding and other federal programs.







## Reconnecting the Region Emphasis Projects: Regional Electrification Program (100 regional charging sites)

#### **Regional Electrification Program**

- Regional Function: This is a major multicounty resiliency and climate project which has a strong emphasis on equity by expanding charging infrastructure that will be free to use into disadvantaged communities.
- Current Status: Phase 1 application submitted in June 2023. Discussions are underway to submit for Phase 2 which will continue to expand regional coverage and emphasize small and minority-owned businesses.
- <u>Competitiveness:</u> Regional concept was specifically structured for maximum competitiveness under the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Program.



### **Charging the Atlanta Region**

A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ELECTRIFICATION STRATEGY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE



#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Opportunity Number: 693JJ323NF00004

Opportunity Name: Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program

<u>Applicant</u>

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## Thank you!

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### **Congressional Directed Spending House (to Appropriations)**

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	House	House		House	House
Project	Amount	Requestor(s)	Project	Amount	Requestor(s)
New Griffin-Spalding Airport	8,585,737	Ferguson	SR 140/Jimmy Carter Boulevard at I– 85	850,000	McBath
Taxiway Bravo West Expansion	3,803,000	Greene	Chattahoochee River Greenway—Abbotts Section	850,000	McBath
Austell-Powder Springs Trail Expansion	1,000,000	Greene	Atlanta Regional Transportation Carbon Reduction Plan	900,000	McBath
Historic Oostanaula School Community Center Renovation	1,000,000	Greene	Ride Gwinnett Local Fixed Route 60— Fleet, Infrastructure, and Operations	1,050,000	McBath
PDK Airport Design and Demolition Administration Building	1,000,000	Johnson	Ride Gwinnett Local Fixed Route 50— Customer Infrastructure	850,000	McBath
Brown Bridge Road Widening Project	960,000	Johnson	YMCA Facility Improvements and Upgrades	2,000,000	McBath
Top End 285 Trail-Georgetown Segment	850,000	Johnson	South Cobb Drive Improvement Project	3,500,000	Scott
Housing Projects for Domestic Violence Survivors in DeKalb County, GA	800,000	Johnson	Lee Road Extension/South Douglas Loop Project	1,050,000	Scott
Increasing Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety via the Realignment of Chestnut at Buford					
Highway	145,335	Johnson	Lee Road Widening/Sweetwater Project	850,000	Scott
North Fork Peachtree Creek Trail— Phase 1	800,000	Johnson	City of Stockbridge Pedestrian Bridge Project	164,260	Scott
Safe Routes to Transit	1,050,000	Johnson	East Atlanta Road Resurfacing Project	850,000	Scott
YMCA of Metro AtlantaSouth DeKalb	3,500,000	Johnson	Union City Shannon Parkway Streetscape Project	850,000	Scott
County Line Park Improvement	850,000	Johnson	Safe Roads to Transit Project, Sidewalk and Road Infrastructure Improvements	500,000	Scott
Kittridge Athletic Fields	850,000	Johnson	South Metro Atlanta Affordable Housing Project	500,000	Scott
DeKalb County Community Schoolyards	500,000	Johnson	City of College Park Finding the Flint Restoration Project	500,000	Scott
South Cobb Drive / SR 280 Improvement Project	4,000,000	Loudermilk	Serving Homeless Youth Project	500,000	Scott
			Heroes Walk: Promoting Economic Development through Pedestrian Infrastructure in		
I–575 Interchange Improvements at Ridgewalk Parkway	4,000,000	Loudermilk	Atlanta's Sweet Auburn	1,016,086	Williams
Cass-White Road Widening, Phase II	5,000,000	Loudermilk	Quality Living Services Gardens Renovation Project	1,050,000	Williams
George Busbee Parkway Corridor project	2,500,000	Loudermilk	Fulton County Back on Track Campus	1,000,000	Williams
Oakdale Road Complete Streets Bridge Replacement at Buckner Road	1,500,000	Loudermilk	Revitalization of the Historic Phyllis Wheatley Westside YWCA Atlanta	1,000,000	Williams
Franklin Gateway Bridge over Rottenwood Creek	4,050,000	Loudermilk	ULGA Financial Empowerment Center at Heritage Village in Fulton County	850,000	Williams
Cobb International Boulevard Reclamation	2,000,000	Loudermilk	Silver Comet Intown Connector	850,000	Williams
Bridge Rehabilitation and Trail Accessibility Improvement	200,000	Loudermilk	Atlanta Community Food Bank Trucks to Serve Our Community	850,000	Williams
Paces Mill/Palisades Unit Rehabilitation and Improvement	1,000,000	Loudermilk	Transportation Needs for Boys & Girls Clubs	500,000	Williams
Chattahoochee River Greenway — McGinnis Section	1,000,000	McBath	Thriving Neighborhoods for Economic Interdependence	500,000	Williams
Gwinnett Loop Trail—Satellite Boulevard Segment	1,000,000	McBath	Restoration of Historic Fire Station 16 in Atlanta	500,000	Williams
Pleasant Hill Road Multi-Modal Bridge	1,000,000	McBath	A Safer Moreland Avenue	500,000	Williams





### **Congressional Directed Spending Senate (to Appropriations)**

Agency	Account	Project	Recipient	Amount	Requestors
	Transportation Planning, Research,				
DOT	and Development	Emergency Health Care Transportation Access Study	Atlanta Regional Commission	543,000	Ossoff, Warnock
		Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) Northwest Hangar Development Access Roa	d		
DOT	Grants-in-Aid for Airports	and Utility Improvements		2,207,000	Warnock
DOT	Highway Infrastructure Programs	State Route 38 Bypass from SR 38/US 84 to SR 119		2,712,000	Ossoff, Warnock
DOT	Highway Infrastructure Programs	The Stitch		5,000,000	Ossoff, Warnock
	Community Development Fund	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation of the Milennium Center	Volunteers of America Georgia, Inc		Warnock
HUD	Community Development Fund	Expansion of Services at the Brookdale Resource Center/Hello House	United Way of Central Georgia	234,000	Ossoff, Warnock
HUD	Community Development Fund	Browns Mill Village Development	Atlanta Habitat for Humanity	2,000,000	Ossoff
HUD	Community Development Fund	Building Play Spaces in Metro Atlanta	YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc	606,000	Ossoff
HUD	Community Development Fund	Chattahoochee Valley Megasite Planning, Evaluation, and Remediation	United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley	1,555,000	Ossoff, Warnock
HUD	Community Development Fund	Downtown Americus Outdoor Event Space	One Sumter Economic Development Foundation, Inc	400,000	Ossoff
HUD	Community Development Fund	Expanded Facilities for Regional Victim Services Organization	Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance, Inc	488,000	Warnock
HUD	Community Development Fund	Furnishing Project	Status: Home, Inc	477,000	Ossoff, Warnock
HUD	Community Development Fund	Liberty Square Park Transformation	City of Roswell	1,769,000	Ossoff, Warnock
	Community Development Fund	New Support Center and Affordable Housing Complex for Individuals with Disabilities	Bobby Dodd Institute, Inc		Warnock
HUD	Community Development Fund	Oglethorpe Library	University System of Georgia	3,000,000	Ossoff
HUD	Community Development Fund	Providence Pointe	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc	2,500,000	Warnock
HUD	Community Development Fund	Quad Affordable Housing	West Georgia Star, Inc	1,602,000	Warnock
HUD	Community Development Fund	Reopening Cuthburt's Hospital — Randolph County Hospital	Hospital Authority of Randolph County	2,320,000	Ossoff
	Community Development Fund	West Broad Street YMCA Renovations	Chatham County Board of Commissioners	642,000	
HUD	Community Development Fund	YMCA Facilities Renovations	Albany YMCA	240,000	Ossoff



