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**DATE:** March 4, 2022

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**      **FY 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4**

**FROM:**            Mike Mason, Transportation & Air Quality Committee

**IMPORTANCE:**

TIP Amendment #4 was developed to:

1. include new exempt LCI projects from the 2021 LCI project solicitation,
2. incorporate changes to projects in the Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP), and
3. address miscellaneous changes and new projects submitted by GDOT.

For additional information on the amendment: [www.atlantaregional.org/amendment](http://www.atlantaregional.org/amendment)

Regarding the required conformity determination for the TIP amendment:

1. ARC determined that the changes reflected in Amendment #4 do not require a new technical evaluation for conformity. ARC provided this information to the adjacent Cartersville-Bartow MPO and Gainesville-Hall MPO.
2. Prior to the formal public comment period, ARC received concurrence as required through the Interagency Consultation process that the conformity determination for Amendment #4 does not necessitate a new regional emissions analysis.

Pursuant to the ARC Community Engagement Plan, a 15-day public comment period was conducted from January 24, 2022 to February 11, 2022. Comments received, and responses to those comments, were provided to TCC, TAQC and the ARC Board prior to action being taken.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** ARC approval

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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING:**

**FY 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Regional Commission is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning in Atlanta Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area which includes all or parts of twenty counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST Act) and the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1990 require the MPO to develop and adopt a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that conforms with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, a conformity determination was made on The Atlanta Region's Plan RTP Update/FY 2020-2025 TIP on February 18, 2020, by the US Department of Transportation in consultation with the US Environmental Protection Agency, which determined based on The Atlanta Region's Plan Conformity Determination Report, that The Atlanta Region's Plan RTP Update and FY 2020-2025 TIP conform to the requirements of the Clean Air Act under 40 CFR Part 93 for the 8 hour ozone 2015 standard (7 county nonattainment area), 2008 standard (15 county maintenance area) and 1997 standard ( 20 county partial maintenance area); and

**WHEREAS**, ARC did not perform a technical evaluation as no changes to the scope or schedule of any non-exempt status project was proposed in Amendment #4; and

**WHEREAS**, ARC did notify the Cartersville-Bartow MPO and the Gainesville-Hall MPO that such a technical evaluation would not be performed for the entire Atlanta Nonattainment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to releasing the amendment for a formal public comment period, ARC received concurrence through the Interagency Consultation process that Amendment #4 consists of changes that did not necessitate a new technical evaluation for conformity, and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment #4 to the Atlanta Region's Plan RTP Update/FY 2020-2025 TIP was developed consistently with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.316 and in adherence with the participation processes and guidelines outlined in the ARC Community Engagement Plan as follows:

- Notice of such an amendment was published in a legal organ for a 15-day public comment period from January 24, 2022 to February 11, 2022.
- Interested parties were provided the opportunity to comment on the amendment through the ARC website; and

*For approval by TCC on 3/4; TAQC and ARC Board on 3/9*

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- Results of this public comment period were provided to the Transportation Coordinating Committee, the Transportation & Air Quality Committee and the ARC Board for consideration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the Amendment #4 to The Atlanta Region's Plan RTP Update/FY 2020-2025 TIP, as defined above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission authorizes staff, with approval of the Chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission, to make non-substantive technical corrections to the final documents as necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission directs the staff to continue the regular reporting on The Atlanta Region's Plan management and implementation.