



Action Date: 1/10/2024

**ISSUE SUMMARY: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
Update / FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP)**

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

IMPORTANCE:

The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) brings forward a long-range list of projects and programs that supports One Great Region. The FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) does the same, but for the near-term period of the first four years of the MTP. The goal of both plans are the same as ARC's overall mission: To foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning, and investments. The best way to achieve ARC's mission within the MTP/TIP context is to ensure diverse stakeholders engage and to always maintain a regional perspective while addressing local issues. Stakeholder participation serves as the foundation for MTP/TIP policies, programs and projects.

ARC has completed an update to the MTP and developed a new TIP that meets the federally-required metropolitan transportation planning process administered by USDOT. In this process, ARC has sought comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta region through the year 2050.

Both plans are required by federal regulations to be completed, with final federal approvals, no later than February 18, 2024. The MTP and TIP were developed through the ARC committee structure with input from regional stakeholders, local governments, and the public. Action is requested for approval of the 2050 MTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP. Pursuant to the ARC Community Engagement Plan, a public comment period which exceeded the minimum required 30-day period was completed on December 8, 2023.

ARC requests approval of the MTP and TIP in January 2024 in order to meet federal regulatory deadline requirements and to ensure the continuity of federal funding programs in 2024 and beyond. Additional information on the plan document and project listings are available on-line at <https://atlantaregional.org/mtp-update/>.

ACTIONS REQUIRED: TCC, TAQC and ARC Board Adoption



**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING:
THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) UPDATE
And
THE FY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission is a Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-80, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-93 designates such a commission to be the planning agency for comprehensive transportation planning under the administrative requirements of the United States Department of Transportation; and

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, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1990 require the MPO to develop and adopt a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that conforms with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality; and

WHEREAS, in particular, the MTP and TIP are fiscally constrained and demonstrate conformity with air quality emission budgets established by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD); and

WHEREAS, ARC has completed technical and community engagement activities for the MTP update and new TIP, which have strived for comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta region through the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, the MTP and TIP have incorporated strategies and projects outlined in existing plans and programs such as the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI), Walk Bike Thrive! Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Regional Freight Mobility Plan, local Comprehensive Transportation Plans, and others; and

WHEREAS; ARC implemented a communication process that provided regular updates on plan development to local government officials and other planning partners and provided opportunities for local government, citizens and non-governmental organization to engage productively in key steps in the plan development process.

For approval by TCC, TAQC and ARC Board in January 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update and the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program; 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.

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on January 10, 2024.

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