

Transportation Improvement Program

FY 2020-2025, Amendment #1

Public Review 07/31/20 – 08/19/20

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 2020-2025 TIP comprises the first six years of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 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 RTP to meet federal planning requirements and address local needs.

Purpose of Amendment

- Partially incorporate forthcoming recommendations of the 2019 TIP project solicitation.
- Update financial and travel demand modeling assumptions for the Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) and other projects with a substantial state interest.
- Incorporate new local and state funded capacity projects into the ARC travel demand model.
- Address project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively.

An email was sent to ARC's interested parties distribution list indicating the TIP Amendment was open for public review. Details regarding the amendment project list, process, and timeline were posted on ARC's website. Additionally, the request for review was advertised via newspapers and various ARC newsletters and presentations.

ARC received no public comments during the formal comment period or at the August 13th virtual public hearing held during the Transportation & Air Quality Committee meeting. On August 21st, ARC did receive one partner agency change request by staff at the Georgia Department of Transportation, which is summarized below.

Partner Agency Request

Staff at the Georgia Department of Transportation requested further changes to project ARCID FT-324 (GDOT PI 0007526) – a project already documented in the draft amendment 1 list.

- Remove local share funding by Forsyth County from both the construction (CST) and utility relocation (UTL) phases of this project
- Add state funding share to the UTL phase; increase to \$1,572,425
- Increase federal share on UTL phase to \$6,289,699
- Add state funding match to the CST phase \$8,280,167

The impact of this request would result in no change in total funding committed to the CST phase and an increase of \$4,001,745 in total funding to the UTL phase of this project compared to the original amount proposed to be changed in the amendment 1 project programming changes list. An updated fiscal constraint analysis which incorporates this request shows that anticipated FHWA formula fund revenues in FY 2021 continue to exceed overall program costs.

This document, along with specific comments will be shared with ARC Transportation Coordinating and Transportation & Air Quality Committee members, as well as all appropriate regional transportation project sponsors. Additionally, this document will be shared with respondents who submitted public comment, via a link to the Amendment webpage, where this report will be posted, available at www.atlantaregional.org/amendment.