



# TIP/MTP Amendment 7 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 2020-2025 TIP comprises the first six years of the thirty year 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 7

Amendment 7 proposes financial and schedule changes to 11 projects for the following purposes:

### Highlights

11

number of projects proposed to be revised by amendment 7

6

number of counties impacted by amendment 7 projects

\$120M

total additional federal funds proposed for amendment 7 projects

- **To implement financial and schedule changes ahead of fiscal year 2023 closeout**  
These actions are proposed to draw down available FY 2023 funds to assist local governments deliver projects in the TIP.
- **To assist the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with ongoing Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) rebalancing efforts**  
Inflation-related cost increases have outstripped previous project funding allocations, requiring schedule and financial changes to the STIP for projects in the Atlanta region.
- **To incorporate financial and schedule changes to the GDOT Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP)**  
Changes requested by GDOT to advance right-of-way funding and increase funding for preliminary engineering have been requested on the Top End I-285 Express Lanes project.
- **To address project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively**  
Cost increases for construction, engineering and utility work on various projects have exceeded the threshold for processing administratively and must be handled via and amendment.

Amendment 7 proposes financial and schedule revisions to 11 projects located in Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett and Henry counties. Project improvement categories include roadway maintenance, operations & safety, expansion and pedestrian safety. A total of \$160 million in additional federal funding is recommended for these projects, with \$48 million originating from sources in which GDOT retains programming authority and \$58 million from sources tied to ARC programming authority. Further details, including the full project list and project fact sheets, may be found at [www.atlantaregional.org/amendment](http://www.atlantaregional.org/amendment).

## Amendment 7 Timeline

- Public Review and Comment Period – **March 16, 2023 to April 14, 2023**
- Public Hearing – **April 7** (Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting)
- Committee and Board Action:
  - Transportation Coordinating Committee action– **May 5, 2023**
  - Transportation & Air Quality Committee action – **May 10, 2023**
  - ARC Board action – **May 10, 2023**
  - GRTA Board action – **May 16, 2023**
- Conformity Determination Expected from US DOT – Expected **early June 2023**
- Amendment officially incorporated into TIP/MTP - **June 2023**

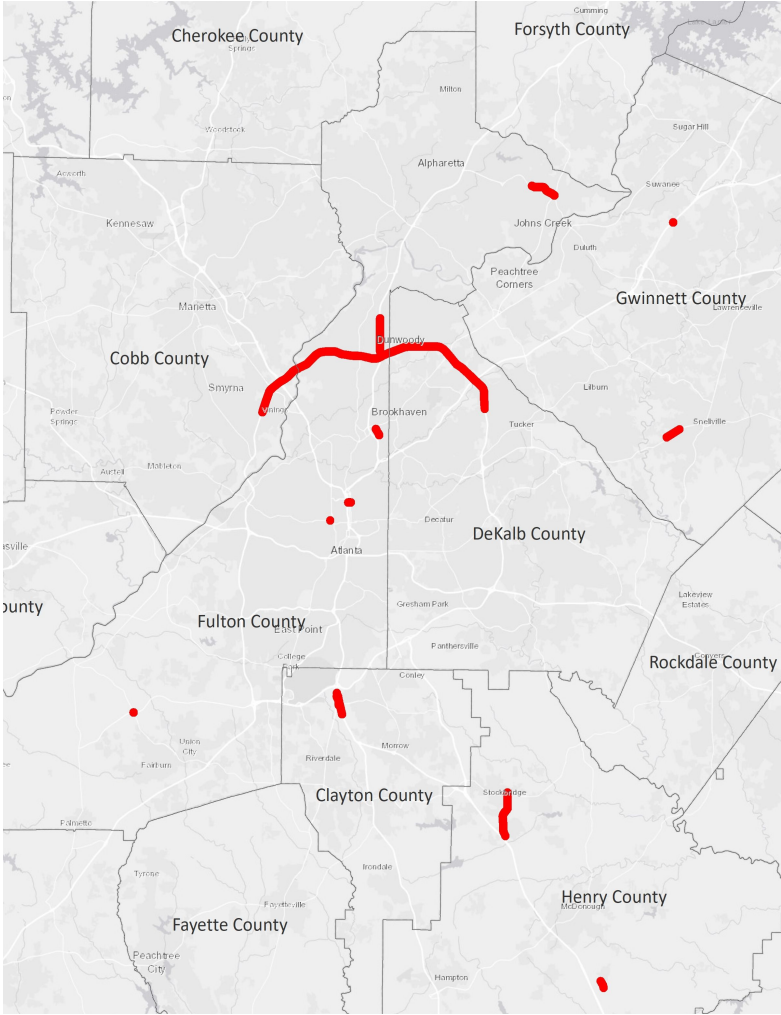


Figure 1 - Location of amendment 7 projects in the Atlanta region.

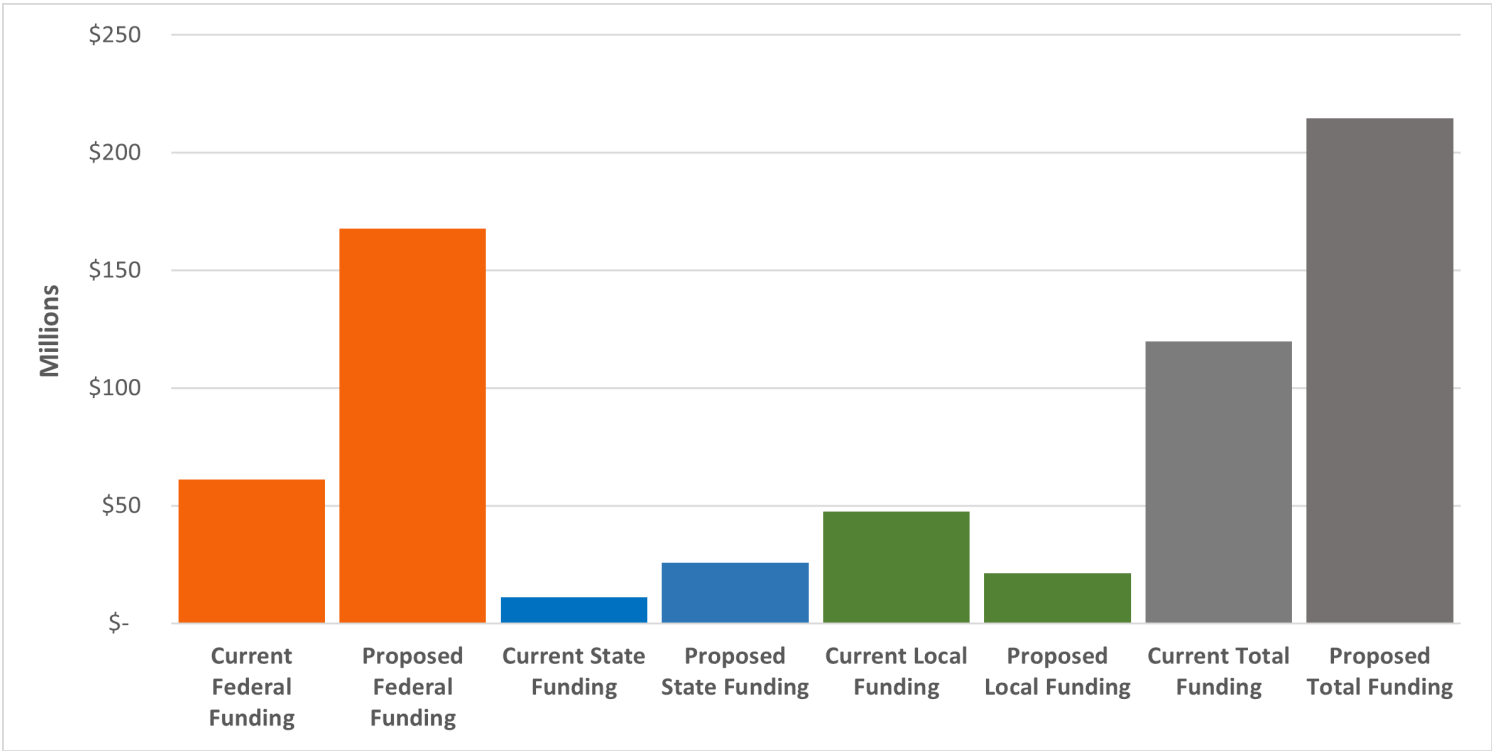


Figure 2 - Financial change summary for amendment 7 projects.

## For More Information

Full amendment 7 documentation, including project lists and fact sheets, may be found at [atlantaregional.org/amendment](http://atlantaregional.org/amendment)

