



DATE: August 9, 2023

ISSUE SUMMARY: **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) / FY 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #8**

FROM: Mike Mason, Transportation & Air Quality Committee

IMPORTANCE:

Amendment #8 was developed to incorporate new discretionary grant funding from Congress and US DOT into the TIP.

For additional information on the amendment: www.atlantaregional.org/amendment

Regarding the required conformity determination for the TIP amendment:

1. ARC determined that the changes reflected in Amendment #8 do not require a new technical evaluation for conformity.
2. ARC coordinated this information with the adjacent Cartersville-Bartow MPO and Gainesville-Hall MPO.
3. Prior to the formal public comment period, ARC received concurrence as required through the Interagency Consultation process that the conformity determination for Amendment #8 does not necessitate a new regional emissions analysis.

Pursuant to the ARC Community Engagement Plan, a 30-day public comment period was conducted from June 29, 2023 to July 28, 2023.

Comments received, and responses to those comments, are provided as an attachment to this resolution to TCC, TAQC and the ARC Board.

ACTION REQUIRED: ARC adoption



A RESOLUTION ADOPTING:

FY 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) / Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment #8

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, 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 maintenance 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 #8; 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 Maintenance Area; and

WHEREAS, prior to releasing the amendment for a formal public comment period, ARC received concurrence through the Interagency Consultation process that the TIP/MTP Amendment #8 consists of changes that did not require a new technical evaluation for conformity, and

WHEREAS, Amendment #8 to the FY 2020-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) / Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 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 30-day public comment period from June 29, 2023 to July 28, 2023.
- Interested parties were provided the opportunity to comment on the amendment through the ARC website; and
- Results of this public comment period are provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the TIP/MTP Amendment #8 including the Conformity Determination Report, the Final Project Change List, and the Public Comment Report, as attached; 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.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on August 9, 2023.

Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Executive Assistant/Assistant Board Secretary