



DATE: December 14, 2022

**ISSUE SUMMARY: 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
AND APPLICATION FOR 5303 FUNDS**

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

IMPORTANCE:

Federal regulations require ARC, as a Metropolitan Planning Organization, to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that discusses the planning priorities facing the metropolitan planning area and describes all metropolitan transportation and transportation-related air quality planning activities anticipated within the area regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting activities. The UPWP must be developed cooperatively with the State, public transit operators and other planning partners.

The 2023 UPWP is structured as follows:

- ARC Adoption Resolution and FHWA Approval Letter
- Narrative overview of the purpose and organization of the UPWP, information on ARC's planning boundaries and organization structure, and the regulatory framework for metropolitan transportation planning
- Appendices 1 – Transportation Planning Department Work Program (from the ARC annual work program, "Strategy 2023," that describe ARC's transportation-related work activities for 2023 and which is also targeted for ARC adoption on December 14, 2022)
- Appendix 2 – Other Supporting ARC Work Activities (also from "Strategy 2023")
- Appendix 3 – Cost Center and Budget Details
- Appendix 4 – Partner Agency Transportation Planning Activities and Studies
- Appendix 5 – Supplemental Information on ARC Organizational Structure and Planning Process

The draft 2022 UPWP was provided to planning partners and the public for review from November 2, 2022 to December 2, 2022. Relevant and appropriate comments received were incorporated into the final document prior to approval.

Per the GDOT grant administrative procedures, this resolution also authorizes ARC to submit an application for Section 5303 metropolitan planning funds appropriated to the MPO.

ACTION REQUIRED: Adoption of the 2023 UPWP and authorization of the submittal 5303 application is recommended.



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING
THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR A GRANT UNDER
TITLE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5303**

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 within the Atlanta Metropolitan Area Boundary which includes all or portions of 20 counties; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 require the MPO to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in accordance with 23 CFR 450.308 that discusses the planning priorities facing the metropolitan planning area and describes all metropolitan transportation and transportation-related air quality planning activities anticipated within the area regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting activities; and

WHEREAS, the **2023 Unified Planning Work Program** (UPWP) was developed pursuant to federal requirements in a cooperative manner with the State, public transit operators and other planning partners; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 UPWP includes the following:

- Excerpts from “2023 Budget and Work Program,” to be adopted by ARC on December 14, 2022, that describe ARC’s transportation-related work activities for calendar 2023;
- 2022 transportation-related accomplishments and 2023 transportation-related objectives from each of the counties within the planning area as well as the City of Atlanta, public transit operators, and state planning partners; and
- Applicable studies programmed in the FY 2020-2025 TIP; and

WHEREAS, as the MPO, ARC is eligible for certain grant funding to support planning priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation requires a UPWP to apply for eligible funding pursuant to Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act to implement specific items of the UPWP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the attached 2023 Unified Planning Work Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ARC authorizes staff to take all necessary administrative actions to administer and implement the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anna Roach, ARC Executive Director, is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Atlanta Regional Commission with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to aid in the financing of a technical study grant pursuant to Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act, and in accordance with all state and federal requirements associated with use of those funds, to implement specific items of the FY 2023 ARC Unified Planning Work Program.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on December 14, 2022.

Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Board Secretary