



Infrastructure Application Guidance for 2024 TIP Project Solicitation

Who should fill out this application?

Please **DO NOT** complete this application if your organization is seeking \$2 million or less in additional federal funding for a project activity (phase) which is already in the TIP and currently funded through one of the federal programs which ARC administers. In these cases, submit a request through [PLANIT](#), the ARC MTP/TIP project database. All PLANIT submittals must originate from the sponsor on record. If you do not have a PLANIT login, please email tipsolicitation@atlantaregional.org.

In general, this application should be completed by sponsors who are seeking a total federal funding award amount of \$2 million or higher for projects which are proposed to get underway within the FY 2025 - FY 2028 TIP timeframe. Depending on the specific circumstances of the request, proposals will be classified as either "**New Federal Funding Requests**" or "**Supplemental Federal Funding Requests**," both of which are explained below:

New Federal Funding Requests

The following proposal scenarios typify new federal funding requests:

1. The proposal seeks to add a completely new project to the TIP, utilizing federal funds on one or more of the project's phases. A new TIP project is defined as one that is not listed in the current TIP/MTP documentation.
2. The proposal seeks to advance one or more long range project phases of an existing MTP project into the TIP
3. The proposal seeks federal funds for the first time to allocate to one or more phases of a project already programmed in the current TIP (e.g., a 100% local or state funded phase in the current TIP).
4. The proposal seeks to add federal funds for the first time to implement a project that was previously awarded with a federally funded scoping (SCP) phase.
5. The proposal seeks federal funds to add the remaining phase(s) of a project that was initially only programmed with federal PE funds, during a prior solicitation.

All applications classified as "New Federal Funding Requests" will be required to complete a project deliverability assessment section unless the sponsor can provide an approved GDOT concept report.



Supplemental Federal Funding Requests:

1. The funding request seeks to add federal funds to a TIP project supplement a previously authorized project activity. An example would include adding a right-of-way (ROW) phase in FY 2025 to help complete ROW activities which could not be completed by a previously authorized ROW phase in FY 2024.
2. The funding request seeks to add federal funds to an existing, ARC funded TIP project phase within the same fiscal year. An example would include adding federal funds a FY 2025 CST phase to address a recently discovered funding shortfall.

There will be no Studies and Non-Capital Applications accepted during the 2024 TIP Solicitation Cycle.

Important information regarding project funding eligibility:

Funding decisions for this project solicitation will be informed by the [TIP Project Evaluation Framework \(Updated Winter 2024\)](#). The first step in the evaluation process focuses on filtering out project proposals that are not supported by regional policy or federal funding eligibility requirements. Project submittals that do not meet the policy filter criteria will not advance to the later stages of technical evaluation and will not be considered for funding. Policy filters are broken out into three categories: general, roadway capacity specific and transit capacity specific. Transit capacity filters only apply to right-of-way (ROW), utility (UTL) and construction (CST) funding requests and do not apply to planning, design or environmental activity. Before submitting a proposal through this application, please carefully consider the following policy filters which ARC staff will utilize in the TIP project solicitation:

General Filters

- Project must originate from a locally adopted plan or an official transit agency plan
- Sponsors must have Qualified Local Government (QLG) status current or pending
- Projects on the state system or right-of-way will not be considered without a letter of support from GDOT
 - **Send letter of support request to: ARCTIPSolicitation@dot.ga.gov**
- Project must be federal aid eligible



Roadway Capacity Expansion Filters

- Roads that are four or more lanes must include a median to adhere to the Regional Safety Strategy and GDOT safety standards
- Projects must comply with FHWA's and GDOT's Complete Streets policies and be consistent with ARC's Regional Workbook for Complete Streets, by accommodating all modes in a safe and context sensitive manner; this includes incorporation of Proven Safety Countermeasures that reduce risks for all roadway users.
- Roadway expansions in rural-only areas as designated by the UGPM2 will not be considered. Instead applicants will be encouraged to consider operational and access management solutions.

Transit Capacity Expansion Filters

- Rail and BRT capacity projects must be a part of the MTP and/or the most recent [ATL Regional Transit Plan](#)
 - Project must demonstrate a firm financial package
 - Project must connect to an existing public transit service or regional center
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What else do I need to know?

- **Please note that there is no separate application for LCI projects.** LCI sponsors should complete this application for transportation project funding. LCI performance, in addition to policy filters and technical performance, will be assessed for each project that is at least 50% located within an LCI boundary. Contact Amy Goodwin at agoodwin@atlantaregional.org, if you have questions regarding LCI projects or evaluation process.
- As you work through this application, roll the mouse or tap on the 'question mark' tooltip icons for helpful hints that pertain to the question you are answering.
- Additional resources and documentation for this solicitation may be found at <http://www.atlantaregional.org/tipsolicitation>.
- For application support or general questions, please email: TIPSolicitation@atlantaregional.org.