



THE ATLANTA REGION'S PLAN

Leading Metro Atlanta Into The Future

TIP Training - Day 1

April 29, 2021

Day One Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Role and Responsibilities of ARC
- Partner and Local Government Relationships
- What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?
 - Fund Sources (Federal, State, Local)

Break (10 minutes)

- TIP Maintenance
 - Administrative Modifications
 - Amendments
 - Transit Program of Projects (POP)
 - Flex Fund Transfer from FHWA to FTA

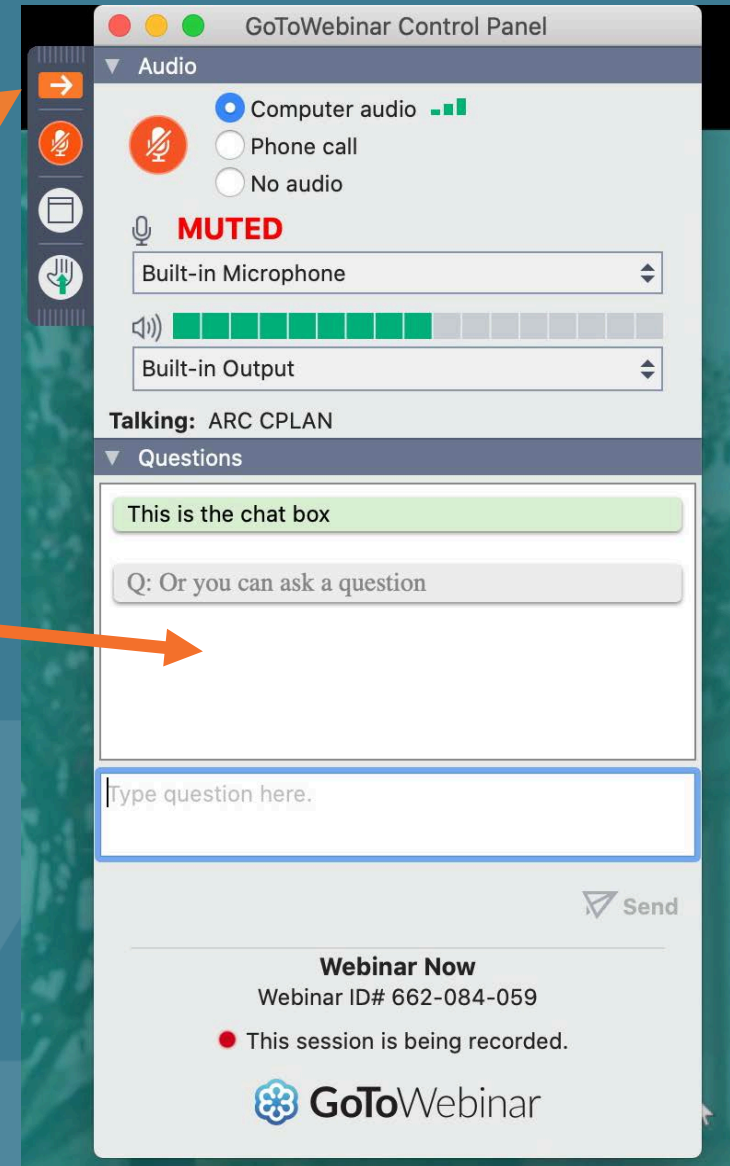
Break (5 minutes)

- PlanIt Demo
- Q & A

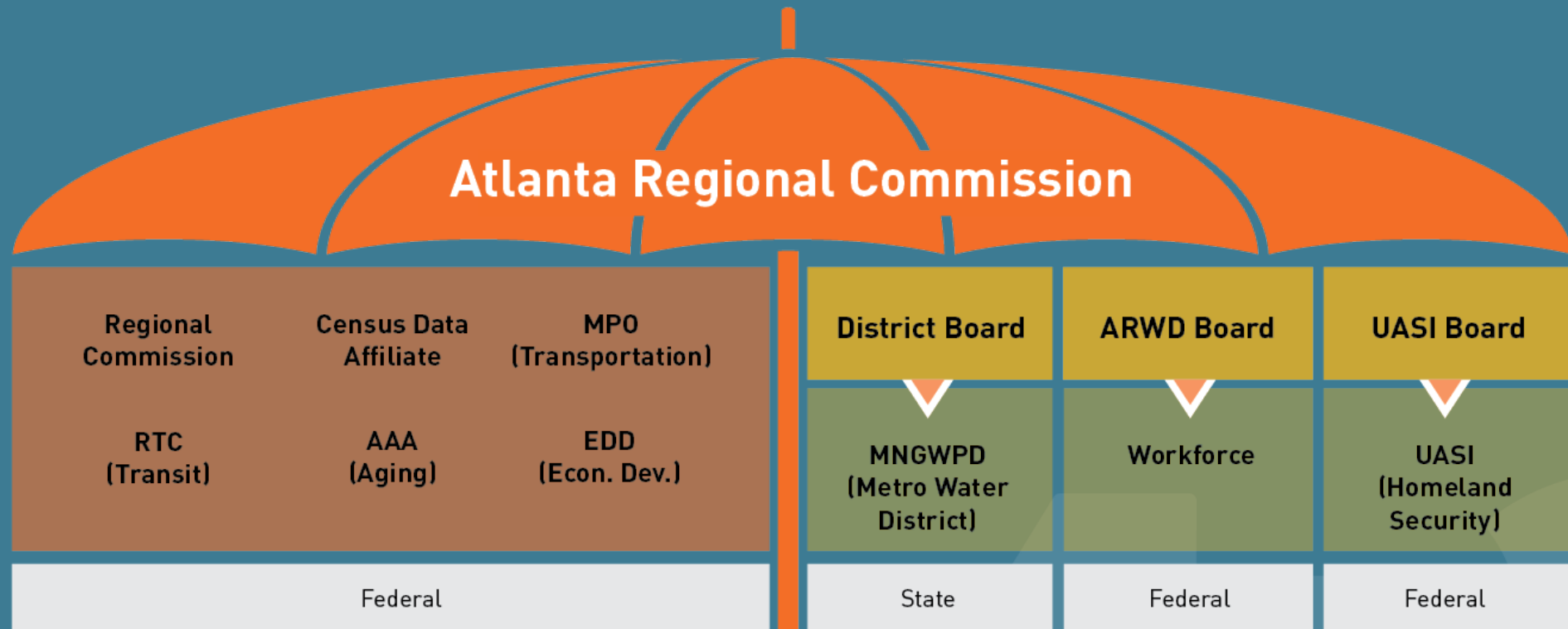


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ARC Designations



MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization
RTC - Regional Transit Committee
AAA - Area Agency on Aging
EDD - Economic Development District

MNGWPD - Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District
ARWD - Atlanta Regional Workforce Development
UASI - Urban Area Security Initiative

What is an MPO?

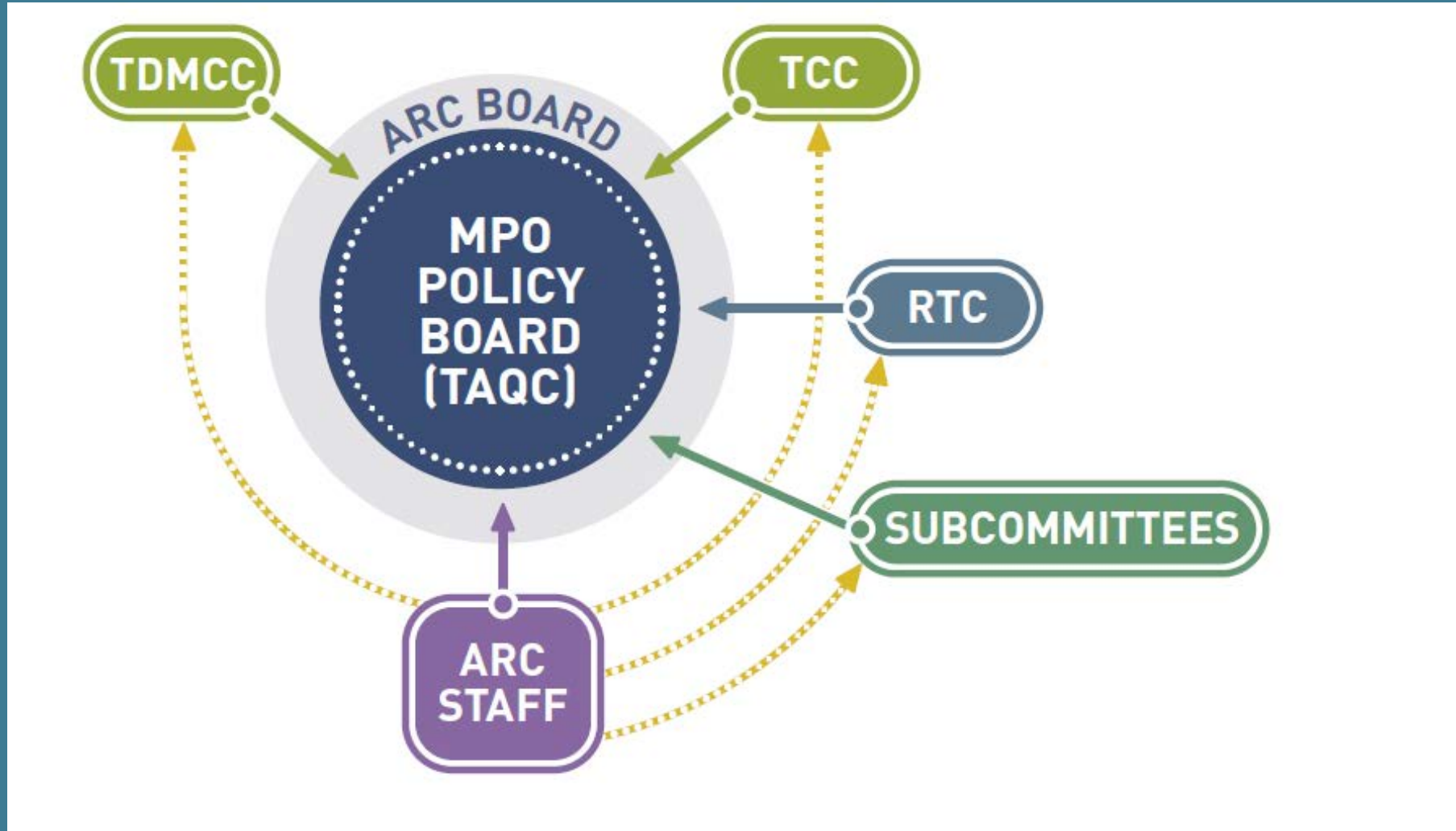
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - an organization designated by federal law to provide local officials and residents input into the planning and implementation of projects funded with federal transportation dollars for metropolitan areas with populations of greater than 50,000
- Atlanta MPO Area
 - 13 full counties and 7 partial counties (Newton, Walton, Barrow, Pike, Dawson, Spalding, Carroll)
- Coordination with adjacent MPOs through Interagency Process – Cartersville-Bartow MPO and Gainesville-Hall MPO
- A Guide to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) Basics
 - <https://cdn.atlantaregional.org/wp-content/uploads/arc-cep-mpo-guide-red-final.pdf>

What is an MPO?

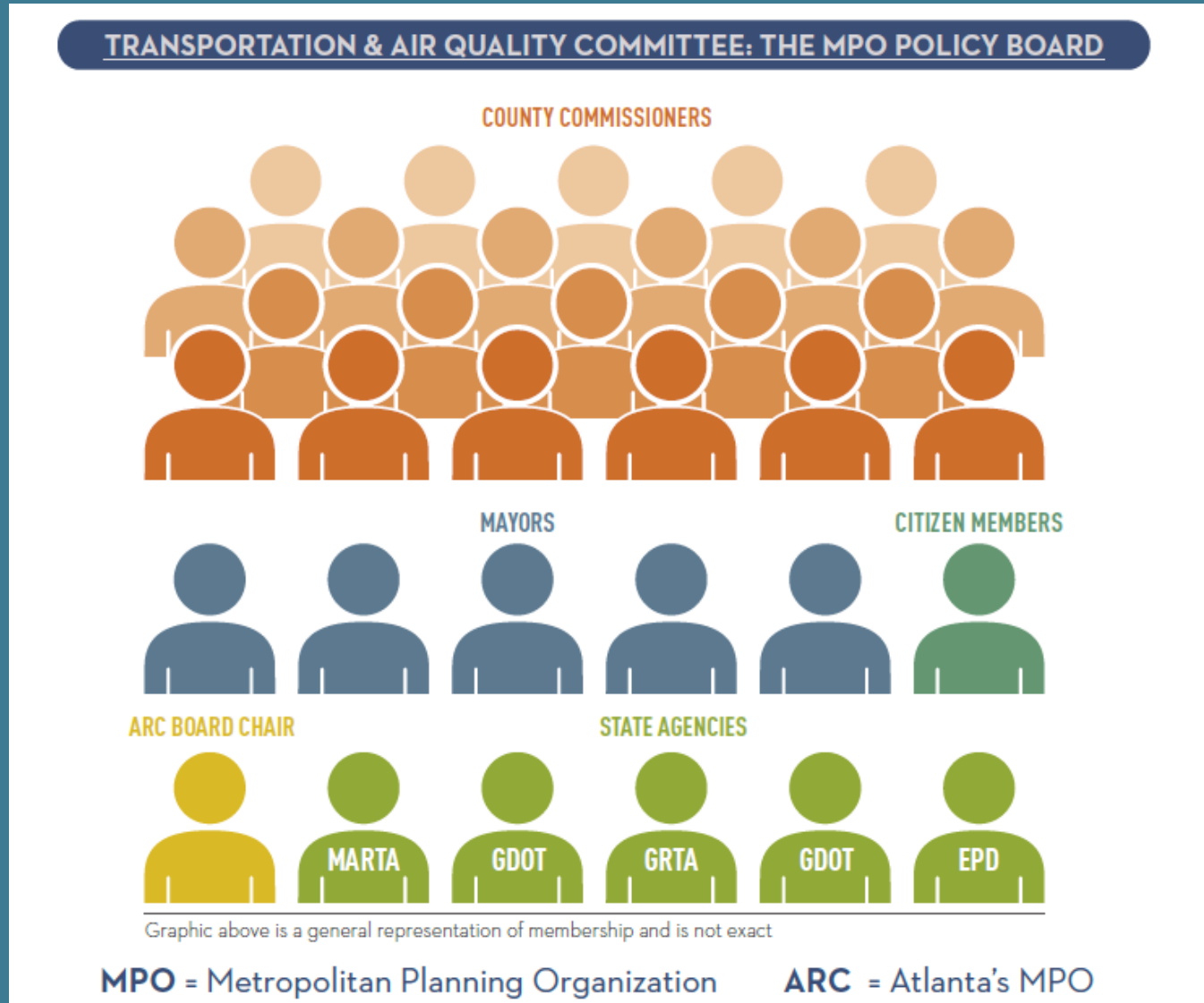
- ARC responsible for delivering:
 - Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
 - 20+ year Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Updated every four years
 - Regionally significant projects
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Short Range Plan – Section of RTP
 - Covers six years (current TIP is FY 2020-2025)
 - Fiscally constrained
 - All projects with federal funded phases required to be in TIP (includes discretionary award grants such as RAISE or INFRA)



ARC Transportation Committee Structure



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Partner and Local Government Relationships

- Federal – US DOT (FHWA/FTA)
- Federal – US EPA
- State - GDOT
- State - Georgia EPD
- State - GRTA
- State - ATL Authority
- Local Governments
 - County
 - City
- Transit Operators (MARTA, CobbLinc, Gwinnett County Transit, Xpress)
- CIDs
- Advocacy Groups

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What is the TIP?

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Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)


Vision and Goals of The Atlanta Region's Plan



COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

GOALS | Building the region as a globally recognized hub of innovation and prosperity

Developing a highly educated and skilled workforce, able to meet the needs of 21st Century employers



WORLD CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

GOALS | Ensuring a comprehensive transportation network, incorporating regional transit and 21st Century technology

Secured, long-term water supply



HEALTHY LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

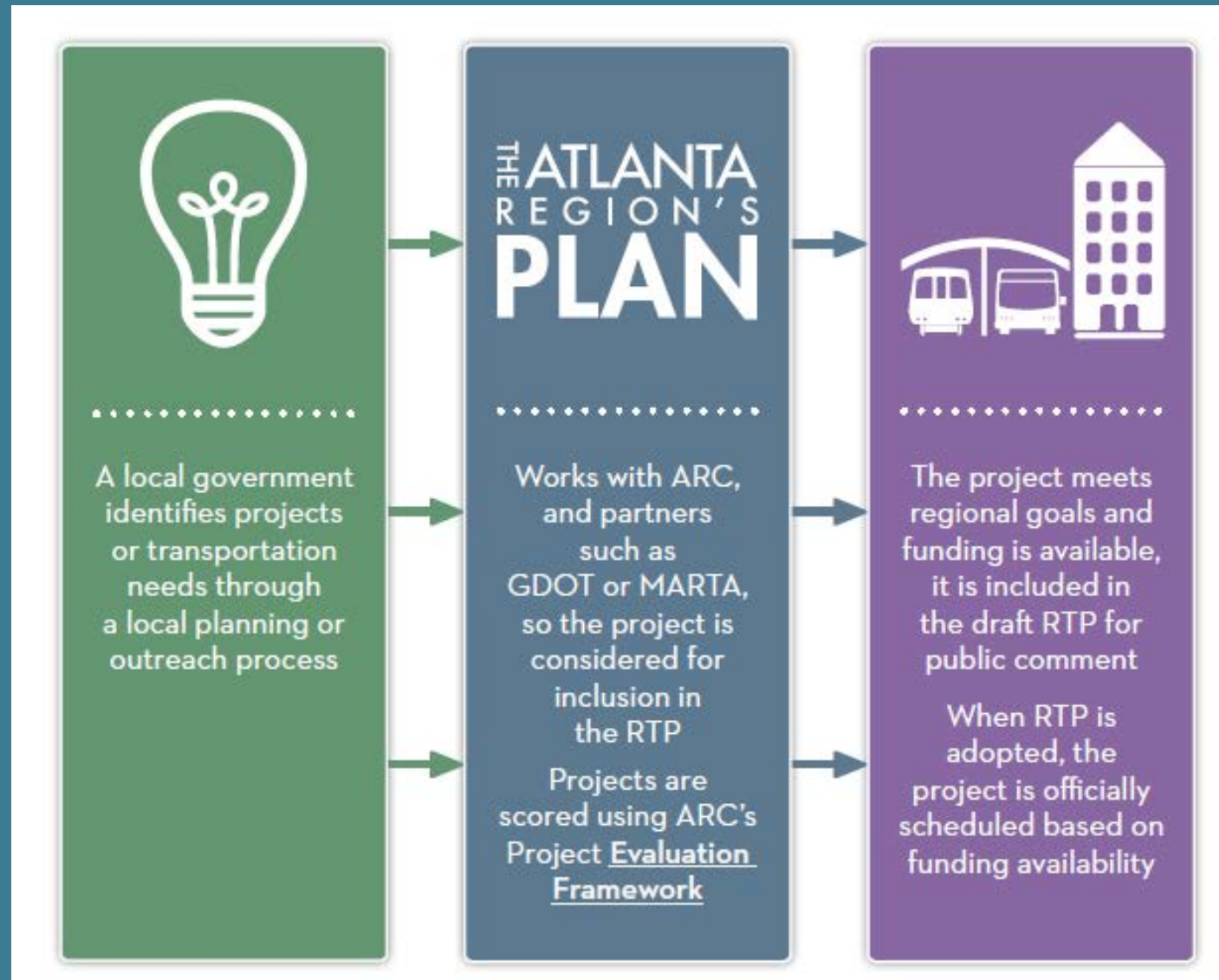
GOALS | Developing additional walkable, vibrant centers that support people of all ages and abilities

Promoting health, arts and other aspects of a high quality of life

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

- Long Range Transportation Plan (20+ years)
- Regionally significant projects
- Costs estimates show uncommitted federal funds but RTP fiscally constrained based on revenue forecasts
- Long Range Fiscal Years
 - LR 2026-2030
 - LR 2031-2040
 - LR 2041-2050

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

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www.atlantaregionsplan.org



The “long-range list” for the Atlanta region

A 20+year long-range plan updated every 4 years, at a minimum.

ARC prioritizes projects based on established regional goals and evaluation criteria

I love our house and have so many projects I want to do!!!



Yes, that's great, but we only have a limited amount of money for the next six years...



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The short-range “to-do list” of construction projects

A 6-year plan that is “fiscally constrained” (funding is available!)

What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?

- Short range element (6 years) of Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Current TIP - FY 2020-2025
- Fiscally constrained
- Phases with federal funds required to be in TIP (includes federal discretionary fund award grants)
- Phase dates follow State fiscal year (July 1 to June 30)
- 100% local funded capacity projects required to be in TIP and ARC travel demand model coding (not exempt from air quality analysis)

Fund Sources



Where Does the Money Come From?

FEDERAL

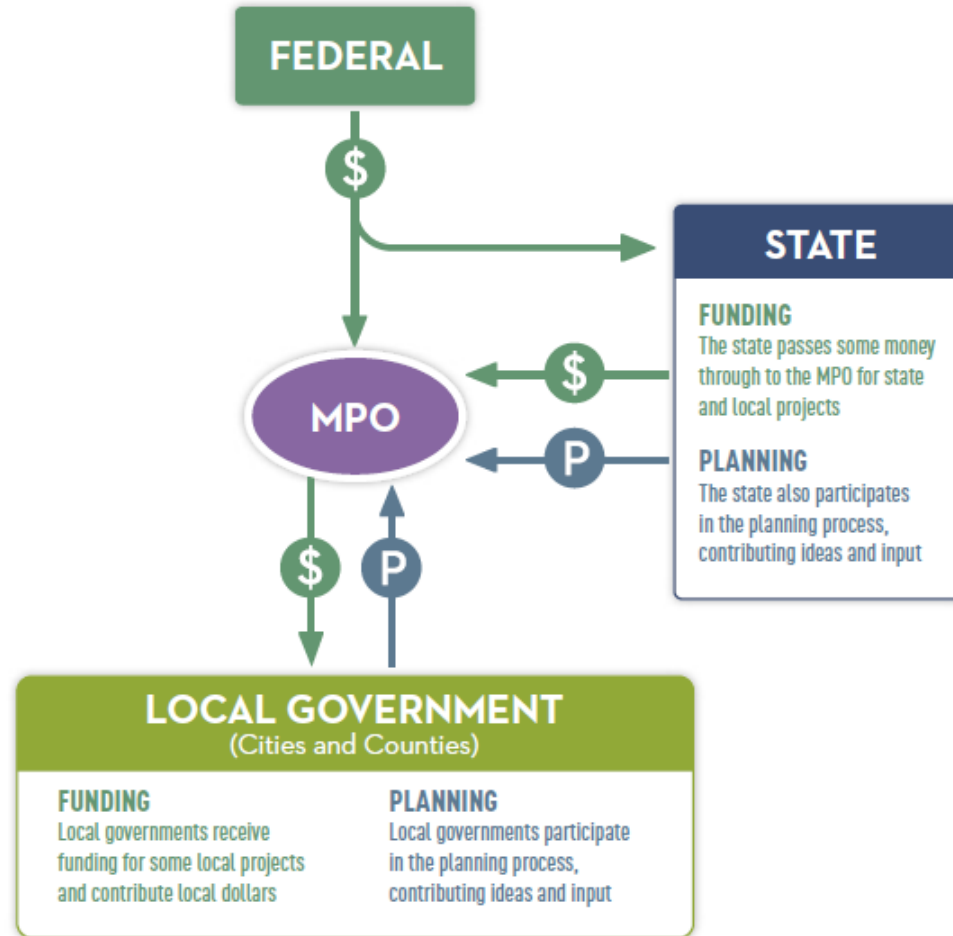
The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 provides federal funding for highway and transit through 2020

STATE

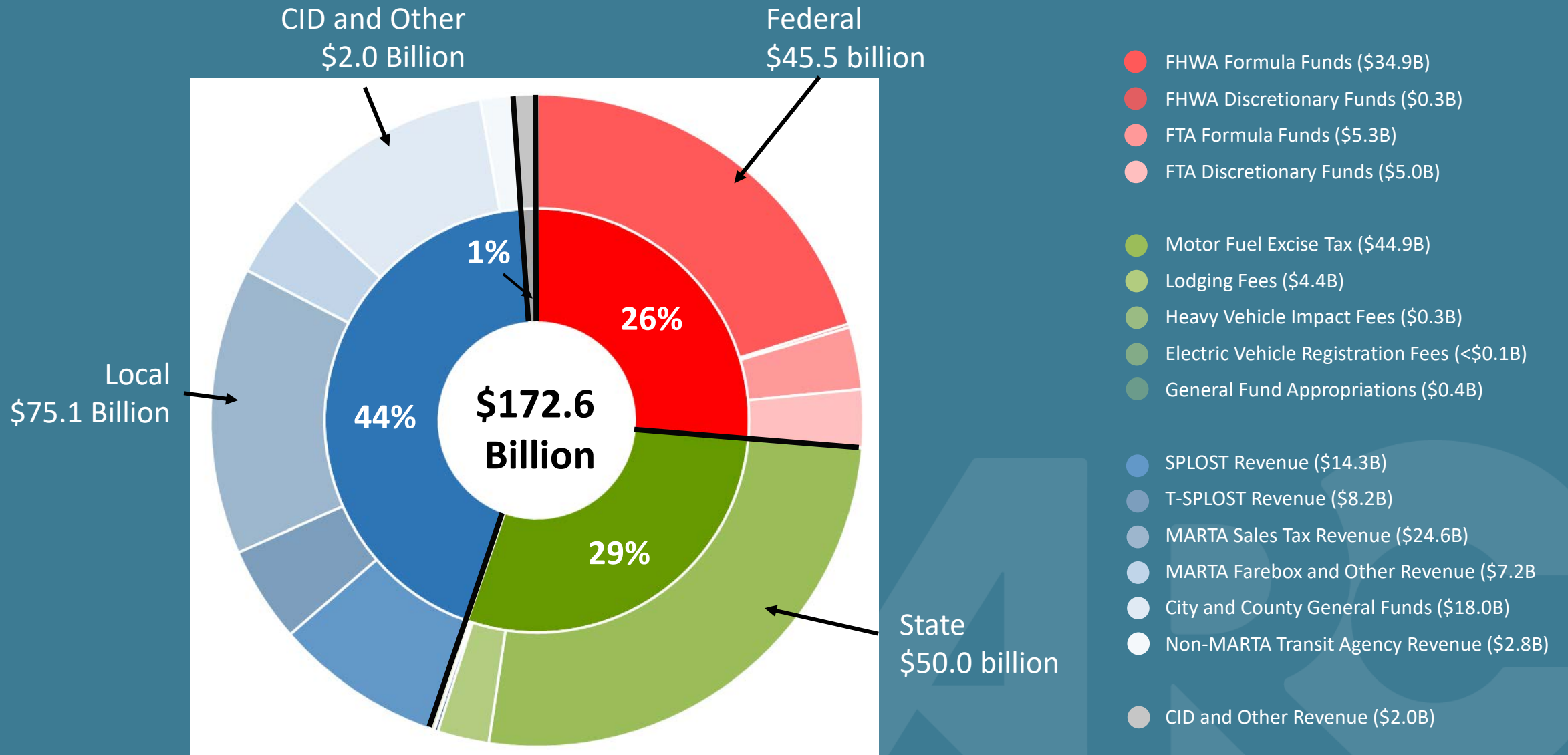
With the passage of the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015, state funding has increased by almost \$1B each year, effectively doubling the State's transportation budget

LOCAL

Many counties and cities in metro Atlanta host votes to raise additional funds for transit, road, biking, and walking projects



RTP Revenue Sources



Federal Fund Sources

- ARC Programming Authority
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program – Urban (Pop >200K) **(Z230)**
 - *Approximately \$80 million-\$83 million per fiscal year*
 - Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Program – Urban (Pop >200K) **(Z301)**
 - *Approximately \$7 million per fiscal year*
 - Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program* **(Z400)**
 - *Approximately \$29 million per fiscal year*

*Programming authority under GDOT but ARC conducts project call on their behalf

Federal Fund Sources

- GDOT Programming Authority
 - National Highway Performance (NHPP) Program **(Z001)**
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program – Flex **(Z240)**
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Off System Bridge **(Z233)**
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) **(ZS30)**
 - National Highway Freight Program **(Z460)**
 - Others

State Fund Sources

- Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (HB 170)
- Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB)

Local Fund Sources

- Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)
- Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST)



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10 MINUTE BREAK





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TIP Maintenance

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TIP Maintenance

- Project details change frequently; sponsors are responsible for ensuring the TIP reflects those changes
- Typical project change requests include:
 - Project schedule shifts
 - Budget changes
 - Scope revisions
 - Project title/description changes
- Projects are changed in the TIP through either an administrative modification or amendment

Administrative Modifications vs Amendments



Administrative Modification vs Amendment

- Administrative modifications involve minor changes to the TIP which are handled via direct coordination between staff at ARC, GDOT and TIP project sponsors
- Administrative modifications are scheduled on a regular quarterly basis; typically take a month to process
- Amendments are reserved for major changes to the TIP; requires significant public and state involvement
- Generally, ARC schedules two amendments per year

Administrative Modifications

Common examples of changes processed via Administrative Modification:

- Updating a project number
- Adjusting title or detailed description of an existing exempt project*
- Most changes to limits or length of an existing exempt project
- Minor changes to limits or length of an existing non-exempt project

*Exempt project = Not included in the region's air quality conformity analysis

Administrative Modifications (cont.)

Common examples of changes processed via Administrative Modification:

- Changing sponsor (should be submitted by current sponsor of record with new sponsor copied in request)
- Reprogramming one or more phases into a different fiscal year within the TIP (no conformity impacts)
- Discretionary awards (TIGER/INFRA/BUILD etc.)
- Any changes to non-federal funding share
- Minor changes to existing federal funding attached to a specific project activity

Amendments

Common examples of changes processed via Amendment:

- Addition of a new federal funded exempt project
- Addition of a new non-exempt project regardless of fund source
- Deletion of an existing non-exempt project
- Major change in project limits to an existing non-exempt project
- Shift of a non-exempt project from one model network year to another
- Major change in federal funding commitment on an existing project
- Any request classifiable as an administrative modification, but likely to be controversial

Two Amendment Categories

- A Conformity Amendment includes an analysis of the impacts of proposed changes to the air quality of the Atlanta Region
 - Required when major changes to are to be made to non-exempt projects
 - Adds around six to eight weeks to an Amendment schedule to allow for travel demand model coding edits, model runs and emissions analysis
 - Covers all scope/schedule/budget changes
 - Typically executed in the late summer or early autumn of a calendar year
- A Non-Conformity Amendment does not include an air quality analysis
 - No model changes
 - Covers all scope/schedule/budget changes to exempt projects
 - Covers financial and non-major scope/schedule changes to non-exempt projects

Major Changes to Conformity Projects: Examples

- CST phase delayed beyond travel demand model network year
- Change in extents exceeding 10 percent of existing concept or planned corridor
- Changes to the planned capacity of the project

CW-041

Atlanta Region's Plan RTP (2016) PROJECT FACT SHEET

Short Title MCINTOSH PARKWAY: PHASES I AND II - NEW ALIGNMENT FROM CURRENT TERMINUS WEST OF NEWNAN CROSSING BYPASS TO INTERSECTION OF WASHINGTON STREET AND FARMER STREET

GDOT Project No. N/A

Federal ID No. N/A

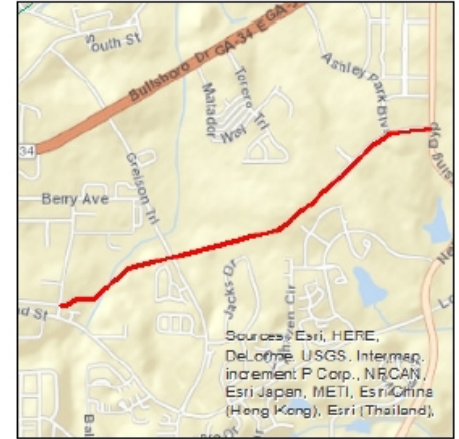
Status Programmed

Service Type Roadway / General Purpose Capacity

Sponsor City of Newnan

Jurisdiction Coweta County

Analysis Level In the Region's Air Quality Conformity Analysis



Existing Thru Lane 0 **LCI**

Planned Thru Lane 6 ~~7~~ **Flex**

Network Year ~~2020~~ 2030

Corridor Length 1.0 ~~0.9~~ miles

Detailed Description and Justification

The East Washington Street Extension, which will be known as McIntosh Parkway, will provide east-west connectivity and enhance mobility between the emerging regional center at Newnan Crossing Bypass and the Newnan Central Business District. The roadway will also provide congestion relief to State Route 34 (Bullsboro Drive).

Phase Status & Funding Information	Status	FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL PHASE COST	BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL PHASE COST BY FUNDING SOURCE			
				FEDERAL	STATE	BONDS	LOCAL/PRIVATE
PE Local Jurisdiction/Municipality Funds	AUTH	2015	\$713,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$713,000
ROW Local Jurisdiction/Municipality Funds	AUTH	2016	\$1,080,638	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$1,080,638
CST Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank		2017	\$1,754,000	\$0,000	\$1,754,000	\$0,000	\$0,000
CST Local Jurisdiction/Municipality Funds		2017 2022	\$5,468,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$5,468,000
			\$9,015,638	\$0,000	\$1,754,000	\$0,000	\$7,261,638

Federal Funding Change Threshold

- The “\$2 million or 20 percent” rule is applied to determine whether an increase to federal funding can be handled administratively or requires an amendment
- The rule is applied to federal funds programmed to specific project activities
 - If the current TIP federal amount is \$10M or less, the federal share may be increased by an additional \$2M administratively
 - If the current TIP federal amount is greater than \$10M, the cost may be increased by a maximum of 20 percent administratively

Federal Funding Threshold Examples

Phase	Fiscal Year	Current Federal Share	Proposed Federal Share	Current Local Share	Proposed Local Share	Current Total Funding	Proposed Total Funding
ROW	2017	\$2,000,000	\$3,750,000	\$500,000	\$937,500	\$2,500,000	\$4,687,500

- Notes

- The total federal amount currently programmed to ROW activities is under \$10M
- The proposed increase in federal funding is below \$2,000,000 (\$1,750,000)
- Therefore the proposed change can be handled administratively

Federal Funding Threshold Examples (cont.)

Phase	Fiscal Year	Current Federal Share	Proposed Federal Share	Current Local Share	Proposed Local Share	Current Total Funding	Proposed Total Funding
ROW	2017	\$27,000,000	\$32,000,000	\$6,750,000	\$8,000,000	\$33,750,000	\$40,000,000

- Notes

- The total federal amount currently programmed to ROW activities is over \$10M
- The proposed increase in federal funding is below 20 percent (18.5%)
- Therefore the proposed change can be handled administratively

TIP Change Schedule

- Administrative modifications are held at quarterly intervals
- Schedule for the calendar year at www.atlantaregional.org/tip
- Change requests made through PLANIT; typically processed within a month of the request due date
- Amendments are usually incorporated into the TIP concurrently with an administrative modification

Administrative Modification Schedule*

1ST Quarter 2021 TIP Administrative Modifications

- Due date - February 19th
- Processed - March 19th

2nd Quarter 2021 TIP Administrative Modifications

- Due date - April 2nd
- Processed - April 29th

3rd Quarter 2021 TIP Administrative Modifications

- Scheduled Due date - July 29th
- Scheduled processing date - August 25th

4th Quarter 2021 TIP Administrative Modifications

- Scheduled due date - November 17th
- Scheduled processing date - December 16th



* All dates subject to change – visit www.atlantaregional.org/tip for the latest schedule

Transit Program of Projects (POP)

- Appendix to the main TIP project list
- Previously updated and maintained by ARC
- Project list funded under the FTA Section 5307, Section 5337, and Section 5339 programs
- As of October 2019, maintenance and management of POP handled by the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) Authority
- For update schedule and changes to Transit POP, contact ATL Authority
- Updated Transit POP document posted to ARC TIP webpage (<http://www.atlantaregional.org/tip>)

Flex Projects from FHWA to FTA

- Must demonstrate a nexus to transit to be eligible
- Operator/Sponsor must be an FTA direct recipient (if not a direct recipient, must work with operator/sponsor/agency that has this FTA designation)

Direct Recipients – Atlanta Region			
ATL Authority	CobbLinc	Cherokee	City of Atlanta
ARC	Gwinnett	Henry	
MARTA	Douglas	Rockdale	

- Applies to STBG-Urban, TAP, and CMAQ fund sources (*LCI projects are funded under STBG-Urban*)
- “Flexed” project approvals and administration handled by FTA

Flex Process Summary

- Solicitation award funding programmed into the TIP
 - ARC requests an FTA grant number from project sponsor
 - ARC transmits a formal request to GDOT to initiate funds transfer
 - Items included in letter:
 - ARC ID
 - GDOT PI Number
 - FTA Grant Number
 - Project Title
 - Federal Amount to be Transferred
 - GDOT makes request to FHWA to transfer funds to FTA
 - FHWA division office and HQ review and execute transfer to FTA
 - FTA HQ programs funding into their database (TRAMS)
 - FTA regional office notifies project sponsor of funding availability
 - Project sponsor submits a final application in TRAMS for use on project
- **Flex project shown in TIP for additional two years until FTA grant approved



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PLANIT Demonstration

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Planit is a web based application that allows you to view information of Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan in Atlanta Metro area. If you are a project participant, you will be able to make comments or requests on projects.

[Atlanta Regional Commission](#) staff update and administrate the information on this website.



Long Range Plan: Atlanta Region's Plan RTP (2020)

Short Range Plans: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - 2nd Quarter 2020 Long Range Plan (RTP) - 2nd Quarter 2020

Project ID: Jurisdiction: All LCI Projects Only:

Keyword: Sponsor: All

Service Type: All Flex Projects Only:

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