

## AGENDA

### **Transportation Coordinating Committee**

***9:30 a.m., Friday, March 8, 2024***

**1. Welcome, Public Comment**

***Chair, ARC***

**2. First Read: TIP Amendment 1**

***Patrick Bradshaw, ARC***

This is a first read of the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #1. The amendment will include clean up items that were not able to be included as part of the 2050 MTP/FY 2024-2027 TIP update adopted in February 2024. Changes will be entirely financial in nature and not require a conformity technical analysis. A 15-day public comment period is expected from March 29 to April 12 with approvals during the May committee and Board meetings.

**3. First Read: Safety Targets**

***Tejas Kotak, ARC***

State DOTs and MPOs must set annual transportation safety targets related to the number of fatalities and serious injuries on public roadways. ARC, in adherence with the Regional Safety Strategy, shall adopt declining targets and work to fund and program projects that help to meet this goal.

**4. TIP Solicitation Opening**

***Jean Hee Barrett, ARC***

Applications are currently being accepted by ARC Transportation staff from local government sponsors seeking federal-aid funding for transportation projects in their communities. Each application undergoes a project evaluation process which then ranks projects based on their performance using various evaluation criteria. This ranking along with additional project delivery factors assists with determining initial staff recommendations for funding. The TIP solicitation process is conducted on a bi-annual basis and pending fund availability for fiscal years 2025 to 2027 under the four federal-aid formula programs suballocated to the Atlanta region.

**5. Green House Gas Emissions Performance Target Setting**

***Tejas Kotak, ARC***

A new performance measure for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and MPOs. The GHG measure requires State DOTs and MPOs that have National Highway System (NHS) mileage within their boundaries to establish declining targets for reducing CO2 emissions. State DOTs must establish 2- and 4-year statewide emissions reduction targets by February 1, 2024, and MPOs must establish 4-year emissions reduction targets within 180 days. ARC must also work with the two adjacent MPOs (Gainesville-Hall and Cartersville-Bartow) to set joint targets in addition to ARC-specific targets. There are no legal penalties for failing to meet these targets.

**6. PM 2.5 Emissions Standard Revision**

***Tejas Kotak, ARC***

EPA is revising the primary annual PM2.5 standard by lowering the level from 12.0 µg/m3 to 9.0 µg/m3. This has impacts on planning for transportation, power generation, and the industrial sectors. ARC must more stringently consider the potential impacts of projects on reducing PM2.5 levels within the Atlanta region for the package of projects we fund and accept into the TIP.

## **7. MPO Boundary Upcoming Actions**

**Will Feeney, ARC**

After each Census, metropolitan planning organizations must redraw their planning boundaries. Federal rules require these boundaries to include the current urbanized area as well as areas expected to develop over the next 20 years. With the line indicating the current urbanized area recently approved by GDOT, ARC is beginning work to update this planning boundary for our region. Negotiations will focus in particular on five counties only partially covered under current lines: Barrow, Walton, Newton, Spalding, and Dawson. Winder and Barrow County are eligible under Census guidelines to form their own MPO and may choose to do so. Counties that are currently wholly within the planning boundary but not members of ARC (Coweta and Paulding) will remain. Under revised Census criteria, no portions of Carroll or Pike counties remain in the urbanized area.

## **8. Other Items and Announcements**

**Group**

## **9. Adjourn**

**Chair**

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<sup>1</sup> Public comment should be emailed to [jorr@atlantaegional.org](mailto:jorr@atlantaegional.org). The deadline to receive public comment - and have this distributed to TCC members before the meeting - is 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1, 2024.