



DATE: November 4, 2016

ISSUE SUMMARY: 2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

FROM: Tom Worthan, TAQC Chairman

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 2017 UPWP is structured as follows:

- Detailed description of the Atlanta metropolitan transportation planning process.
- Appendices 1 and 2 - Excerpts from the ARC annual work program, “Strategy 2017,” that describe ARC’s transportation-related work activities for 2017. (“Strategy 2017” is also targeted for ARC adoption on December 7, 2016.)
- Appendix 3 - Planning funds distribution
- Appendix 4 - Adopting resolution and federal approvals
- Appendix 5 – Programmed planning activities and studies for ARC and partner agencies and counties

The draft 2017 UPWP was provided to planning partners and others for review October 24 to November 4, 2016. The results of that review are shown on the attached pages.

ACTION REQUIRED: Adoption of the 2017 UPWP is recommended.

Draft for approval by TCC on 11/4; TAQC on 11/10, and ARC on 12/7/16.

Updates to Draft UPWP

Comments received during comment period, October 4 to November 10, 2016

(Distributed to TCC Members, TAQC Members and Other Interested Parties)

UPWP Page	Comment
Various	Corrected minor typos throughout the document
Various	Corrected text referencing air quality attainment
Appendix 5, pages 2-3	Added Clayton County Planning Activities

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**2016 Federal Highway Administration FY 2017 UPWP Comments
Atlanta Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area**

No	FHWA Comments – 10/19/16	ARC response – 10/19/16:
	No comments received.	Thank you.



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

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, MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 require the MPO 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; and

WHEREAS, the **2017 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 2017 UPWP includes the following:

- Excerpts from “Strategy 2017,” adopted by ARC on December 7, 2016, that describe ARC’s transportation-related work activities for calendar 2017;
- 2016 transportation-related accomplishments and 2017 transportation-related goals and 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 2016-2021 TIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the 2017 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 2017 Unified Planning Work Program.