

**DATE**: November 9, 2018

## ISSUE SUMMARY: 2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

**FROM**: Charlotte Nash, 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 <u>regardless</u> of funding sources or agencies conducting activities. The UPWP must be developed cooperatively with the State, public transit operators and other planning partners.

## The 2019 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 2019," that describe ARC's transportation-related work activities for 2019. ("Strategy 2019" is also targeted for ARC adoption on December 5, 2018.)
- 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 2019 UPWP was provided to planning partners and others for review October 5 to November 2, 2018. The results of that review are shown on the attached pages.

**ACTION REQUIRED**: Adoption of the 2019 UPWP is recommended.



## A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2019 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2019 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 2019 UPWP includes the following:

- Excerpts from "Strategy 2019," to be adopted by ARC on December 5, 2018, that describe ARC's transportation-related work activities for calendar 2019;
- 2018 transportation-related accomplishments and 2019 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 2018-2023 TIP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the 2019 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 2019 Unified Planning Work Program.