



DATE: December 2, 2020

**ISSUE SUMMARY: 2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
AND APPLICATION FOR 5303 FUNDS**

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 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 2020 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 2021,” that describe ARC’s transportation-related work activities for 2021. (“Strategy 2021” is also targeted for ARC adoption on December 2, 2020.)
- 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 2021 UPWP was provided to planning partners and others for review from October 5th to October 30, 2020. The results of that review are shown on the attached pages.

Per the GDOT grant administrative procedures, this resolution also authorizes ARC to submit an application for Section 5303 metropolitan planning funds appropriated to the MPO.

ACTION REQUIRED: Adoption of the 2021 UPWP and authorization of the submittal 5303 application is recommended.



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING
THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR A GRANT UNDER
TITLE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5303**

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, the FAST Act 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 **2021 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 2021 UPWP includes the following:

- Excerpts from “Strategy 2021,” to be adopted by ARC on December 2, 2020, that describe ARC’s transportation-related work activities for calendar 2021;
- 2020 transportation-related accomplishments and 2021 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 2020-2025 TIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Section 5303 grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ARC authorizes staff to take all necessary administrative actions to administer and implement the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas R. Hooker, ARC Executive Director, is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Atlanta Regional Commission with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to aid in the financing of a technical study grant pursuant to Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act, and in accordance with all state and federal requirements associated with use of those funds, to implement specific items of the FY 2021 ARC Unified Planning Work Program.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on December 2, 2020.

Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Board Secretary