

THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION TRANSIT CERTIFICATION

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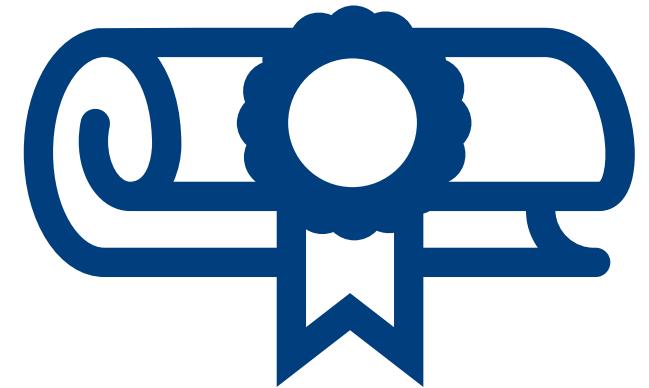
WHAT IS A TMA CERTIFICATION

- Every 4 years, FTA and FHWA jointly review the metropolitan transportation **planning process** for urban areas with over 200,000 population for compliance.
- The TMA Certification is a formal process with several steps.
- As part of the Certification process, a TMA can be certified or certified conditionally



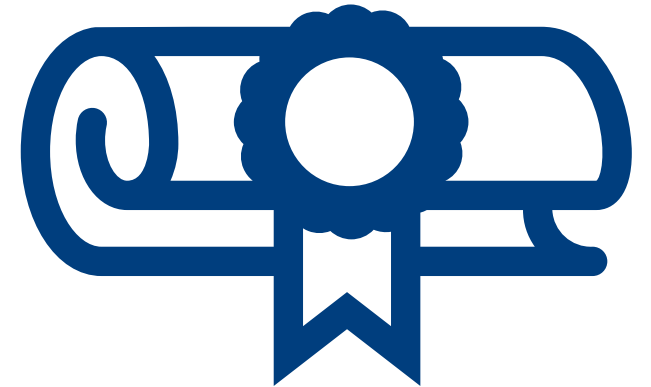
ARC TMA CERTIFICATION REVIEW & OUTCOME

- The ARC TMA last Certification was on October 1, 2019 and expired 4 years from this date.
- The Federal Certification Review of the ARC TMA kicked-off December 2022.
- The Federal Review Team conducted the site visit May 2023.



CERTIFICATION REVIEW OUTCOME

- On September 29th, 2023 FHWA and FTA jointly certified the Atlanta TMA transportation planning process.





RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Federal Review Team issued recommendations for improvements around the following products and processes:
 - Transportation Improvement Program
 - Congestion Management Process
 - Participation Plan
 - Title VI and ADA
 - MPO Agreements and Structures



COMMENDATIONS

- ARC's staff continues to demonstrate advance knowledge and understanding of the MPA boundary and working with federal agencies on the 2020 Census Urbanized Area to reflect existing conditions.
- The Federal Review Team commends ARC and its planning partners for their long-term focus on improving air quality in the Atlanta region, moving the region from nonattainment to maintenance status.

COMMENDATIONS

- The Federal Review Team commends ARC for its efforts in developing the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act Resource Database to assist communities in identifying opportunities for funding.
- The Federal Review Team commends ARC for its use of data visualization, dashboards, and plan graphics to ensure that elected officials and the public understand the complex planning issues and actions in the Atlanta region.



CONCLUSION

- On September 29, 2023, the FHWA and FTA certified the transportation planning process conducted by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Atlanta Transit Link Authority (ATL) and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA).

THANK YOU!



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