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# 2024 TIP Project Solicitation

Transportation Coordinating Committee

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## Vision

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## Mission

*Foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning and investments.*

## Values

**Excellence** | **Integrity** | **Equity**

## Goals



**Healthy, safe, livable communities** in the Atlanta Metro area.



**Strategic investments** in people, infrastructure, mobility, and preserving natural resources.



Regional services delivered with **operational excellence** and **efficiency**.



**Diverse stakeholders engage** and take a regional approach to solve local issues.



**A competitive economy** that is inclusive, innovative, and resilient.

# TIP Solicitation Fund Sources

## 📌 Federal Formula Program Project Call (ARC Programming Authority)

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)** – Urban
  - ▶ *Most flexible program for eligible project types*
  - ▶ *Includes Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Implementation funds*
- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**
  - ▶ *Bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path projects*
- **Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)**
  - ▶ *Transit capital, bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path projects*
- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)**
  - ▶ *Projects must demonstrate emissions benefit*



## 📌 Funding for phases in FY 2025 to FY 2027

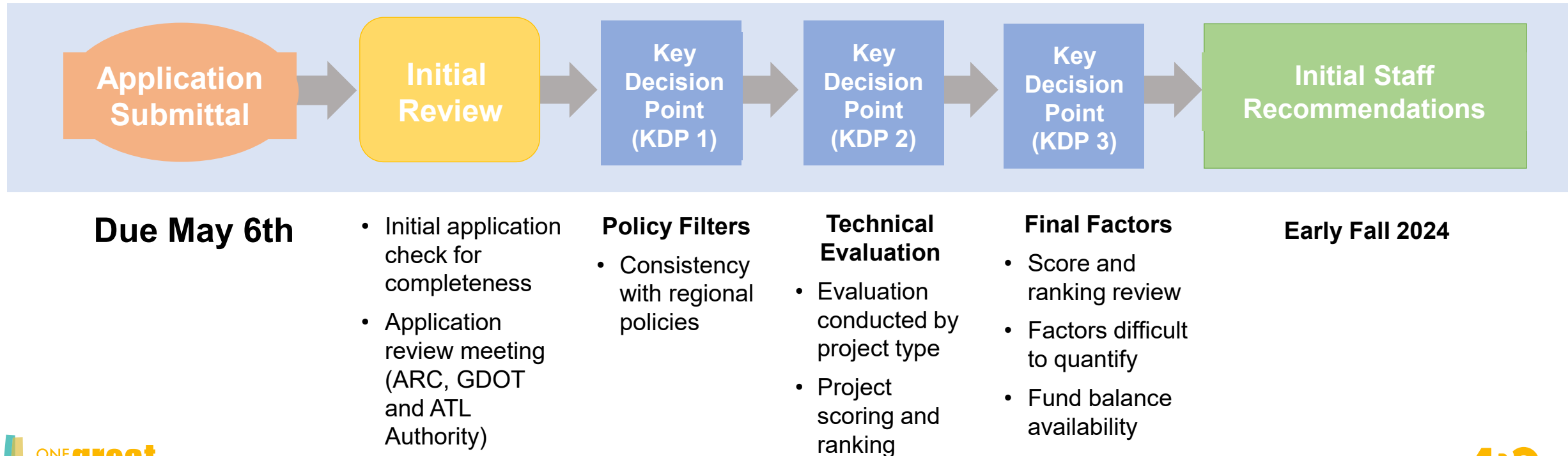
## 📌 Available balances for regional fund programs vary each fiscal year

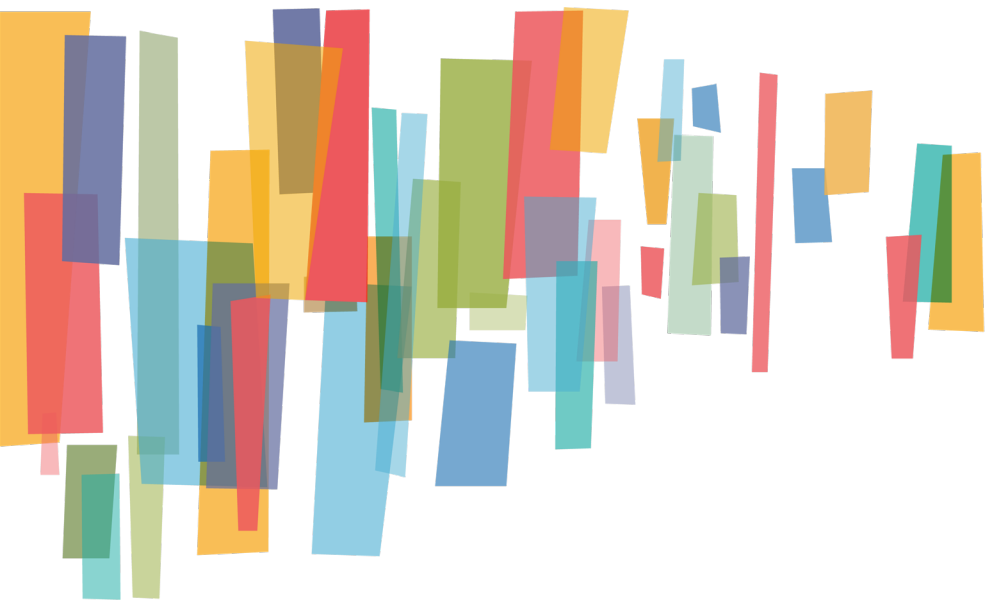
- Balance amounts will be available to share in June after 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter TIP Administrative Modification



# TIP Solicitation Evaluation Process

- Project call announcement – Fall 2023
- Local government sponsors called upon to review adopted studies and plans for potential application submittals
- Initial conversations with local government sponsors and ARC staff on application submittals





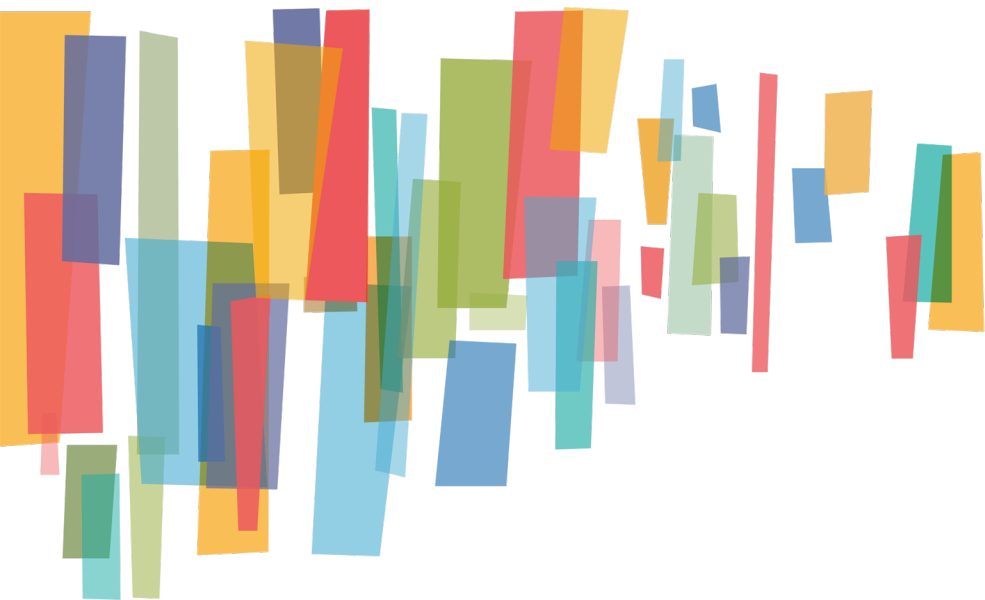
# What's Different This Year?

# Updates to Prioritization Framework

- KDP1 filter criteria were updated to better reflect ARC priorities for project readiness, safety, and collaboration with state and regional partners
- Safety B/C: large roadway projects will undergo a safety analysis that monetizes safety harms or benefits
- Emissions B/C: project with emissions impacts will undergo additional analysis to monetize harms or benefits
- [Link to updated Cookbook](#)

# Why No Studies Application?

- Regional Transportation Study Program began with 2017 TIP Solicitation
- Studies Applications Received
  - 2019 - 39
  - 2022 - 27
- More than 20+ studies funded since program began
- Majority complete but have 2021 studies still underway
- Administrative Challenges
  - Process for studies to get underway too lengthy due to delays with scope development and contracting with ARC
  - Issues with receiving, tracking, and processing invoices causing administrative backlog



# Evaluation Process



# Key Decision Point 1 (KDP 1)

## Policy Filters

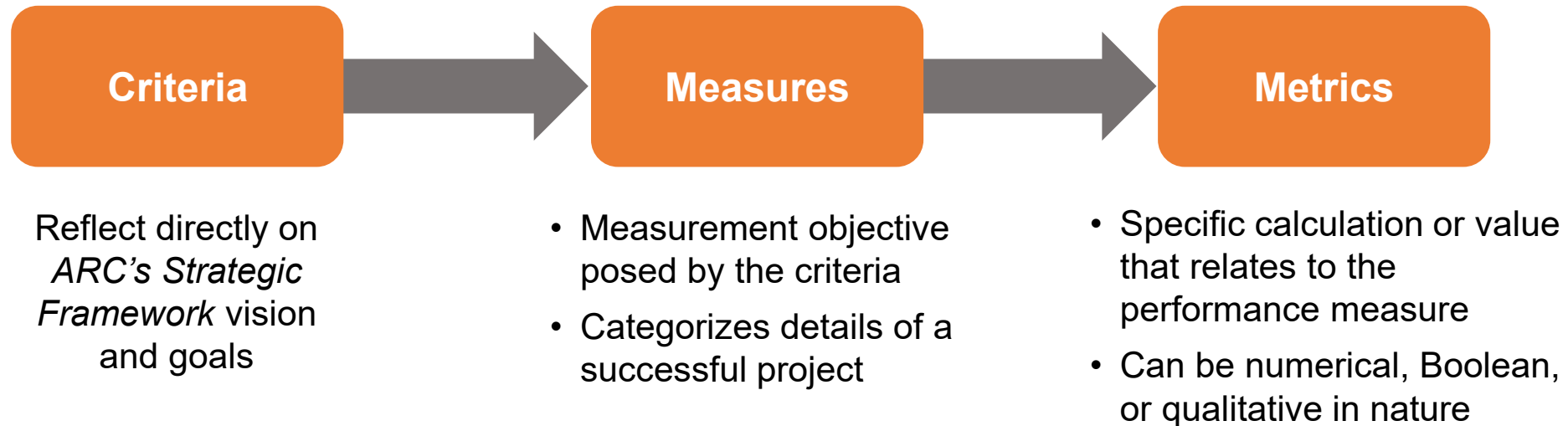
- First step in evaluation process
- Applications that do not meet the policy filter in KDP 1 cannot move on to the KDP 2 evaluation stage

Table O1 – KDP1 Policy Filters

Policy Filter Language	
General Filters for Infrastructure Expansion or Maintenance	Project must originate from a locally adopted plan or an official transit agency plan
	Sponsors must have Qualified Local Government (QLG) status current or pending
	Projects on the state system or right-of-way will not be considered without a letter of support from GDOT <sup>1</sup>
	Project must be federal aid eligible
Roadway Capacity Filters	Roads that are four or more lanes must include a median to adhere to the Regional Safety Strategy and GDOT safety standards
	Projects must comply with FHWA's and GDOT's Complete Streets policies and be consistent with ARC's Regional Workbook for Complete Streets, by accommodating all modes in a safe and context sensitive manner; this includes incorporation of Proven Safety Countermeasures that reduce risks for all roadway users.
	Roadway expansions in rural-only areas as designated by the UGPM <sup>2</sup> will not be considered. Instead applicants will be encouraged to consider operational and access management solutions.
Transit Capacity Filters	Rail and BRT capacity projects must be a part of the MTP and/or the most recent ATL Regional Transit Plan <sup>3</sup>
	Project must demonstrate a firm financial package
	Project must connect to an existing public transit service or regional center

# Key Decision Point 2 (KDP 2)

## Technical Evaluation



- Projects are evaluated by project type
- KDP 2 evaluation step produces scores and rankings to aid in decision-making process in KDP 3

# Key Decision Point 2 (KDP 2)

## Evaluation Criteria

▀ **Mobility & Access** – Evaluates whether the project relieves congestion, how many people it serves, can efficiently improve travel times and reliability, and connects people to destinations, including those with disabilities.


- Design Standards
- Transit Connectivity
- Improves Access to Destinations
- Reduces Congestion






# Key Decision Point 2 (KDP 2)

## Evaluation Criteria

 **Safety** – Evaluates if the addition of this project addresses systemic and project-area specific transportation safety issues.



 **Resiliency** – Evaluates how much the project will reduce emissions, greenhouse gases, and if it addresses stormwater management issues.



# Key Decision Point 3 (KDP 3) – Final Factors

- Review of technical results and project rankings by project type
- Utilization of available federal formula fund balances assist with fund award decision making
- Use of other factors in fund decision-making that cannot be quantified
  - Sponsor Priority
  - Regional Equitable Investment
  - Benefit-Cost or Cost-Effectiveness
  - Ongoing Review of Project Deliverability



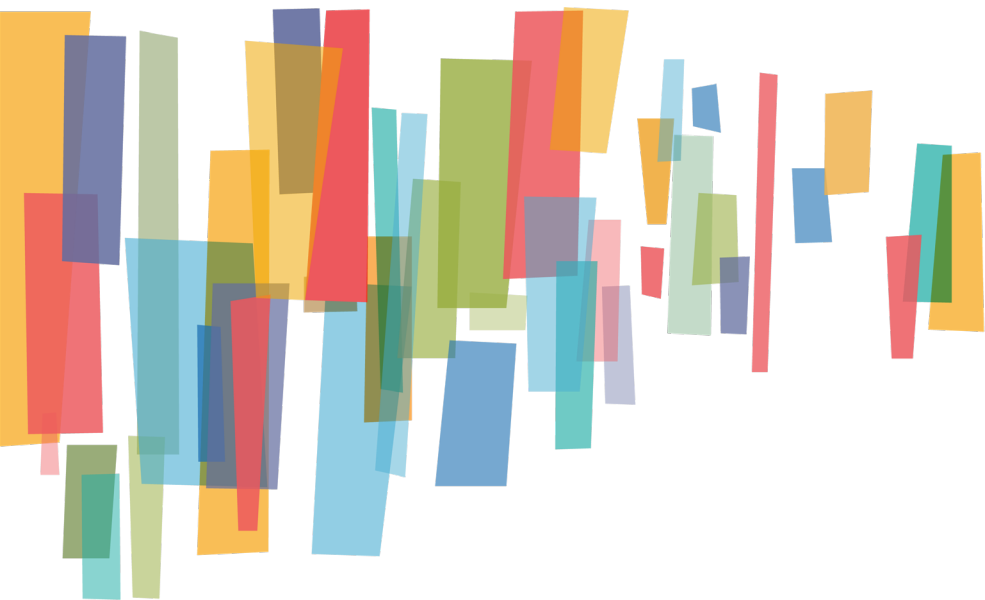


# Recommendations Example (2022)

Performance scores for funded projects as shown in 2022 Final Report

Project Title	Project Type	Project Sponsor	Local Priority	Mobility & Access	Equity	Safety	Resiliency	Final Score	Funding
City of East Point Resurfacing Program	Roadway Asset Management	City of East Point	Second	35	53	75	25	52	\$3,200,000
SR 9 and Punch Hammond Road - Intersection Improvement	TSM&O Built Environment	Forsyth County	First	35	35	50	1	36	\$1,200,000
SR 124 (Scenic Highway) Widening, Right-of-Way	Roadway Expansion	Gwinnett County	First	72	35	25	0	36	\$6,000,000
Norcross LCI Greenway Priority One Network Segments	Trail	City of Norcross	First	40	70	50	49	51	\$2,880,000
Gwinnett Satellite Blvd Corridor BRT	Transit Expansion	Gwinnett County	Second	85	70	50	75	72	\$6,400,000
Thompson Mill Road at I-985 Interchange	Roadway Expansion	Gwinnett County	Fourth	58	53	50	34	50	\$2,000,000





# Reminders and Schedule

# Reminders to Applicants

## Locally Administered Project (LAP) Certification

- Managed by GDOT
- Local government must have LAP certification to administer federal-aid funded project
- Must be up to date!

## Local Government Resolution

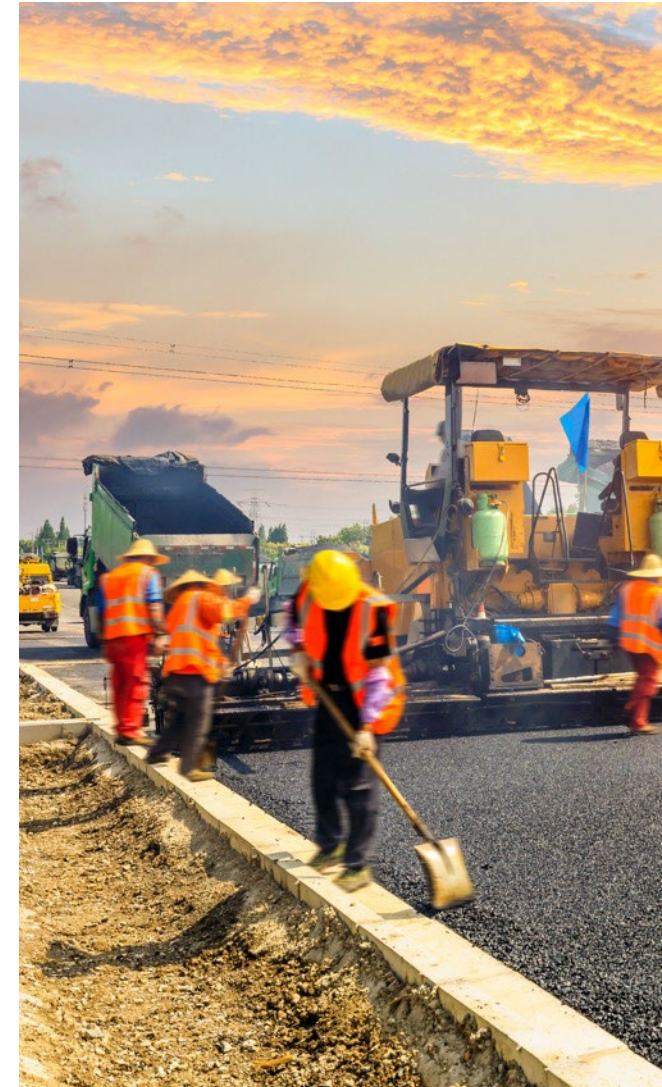
- Demonstrates local government acknowledgement of application submittal and commitment to 20% local match if federal funds are granted to a project

## GDOT Letter of Acknowledgement

- Application submittals located on state route system must coordinate with GDOT
- Email request for letter sent to [ARCTIPSolicitation@dot.ga.gov](mailto:ARCTIPSolicitation@dot.ga.gov)

## Partner Letter of Support

- Community Improvement District
- MARTA (if the project has a nexus to a rail station or bus route)
- Others (National Parks Service, etc)



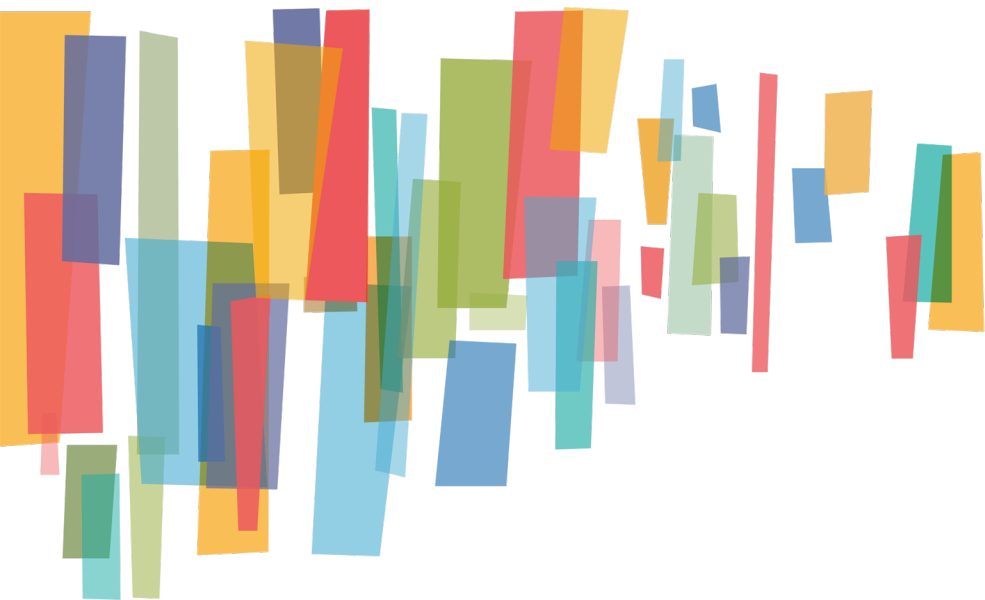
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- Pre-application Meeting – February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Applications Open – March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Open House/“Office Hours” with ARC staff – March 28 (in person only)
- Application Close – May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Application Project Delivery Review with GDOT Office of Program Delivery, GDOT Office of Planning, and ATL Authority Staff – June 2024
- KDP 1 Evaluation – late Spring/early Summer 2024
- KDP 2 Evaluation – Summer 2024
- KDP 3 Evaluation – late Summer 2024
- Initial Recommendations – early Fall 2024

# Next Steps

- Open House/"Office Hours" with ARC staff
  - March 28, 2024 from 10am to 2pm – Harry West Room, ARC Conference Center**
  - In person only! Drop in any time with your questions.**
- Can't make Open House? Give us a call or email with questions.
- Coordinate letters of support including GDOT letter or other agencies
- Check LAP Certification
- Not LAP-Certified? Partner with LAP-Certified local government and coordinate now!
- Application Close – May 6th by 5pm**



# Questions?

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