



# 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

TAQC / ARC Board

October 8, 2025

## Vision

ONE **great** REGION

## 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.

# What is the UPWP?

- One of the four core federally required planning documents for an MPO (MTP, TIP, and Participation Plan are the others)
- Developed annually in conjunction with agencywide budget and work program
- Identifies metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with federal, state and local funds in the MPO area
- Developed in cooperation with the State, local governments, and public transportation operators

**2026** **UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**  
Adopted November 2025

**Atlanta Metropolitan  
Transportation Planning Area**



**ARC**  
Atlanta Regional Commission

# 2025 Planning Accomplishments (examples)

## Completed Studies, Plans, and Other Activities

- Regional Transportation Electrification Plan (approved in January)
- Regional Freight and Goods Movement Plan Update (approved in March)
- Transportation Project Database Overhaul (launched in the summer)
- ITS4US Complete Trip Deployment Phase 2 (completed in September)
- Public Participation Plan Update (approval pending - November)
- Regional Human Services Transportation (HST) Plan Update (approval pending – 2026 Q1)
- Two amendments and four rounds of administrative modifications to the 2050 MTP & FY 2024-2027 TIP
- Numerous CTPs, LCI plans, freight cluster plans, and other local transportation plans

# 2026 Planning Highlights

## **Studies, Plans, and Other Activities Underway (or will begin in 2026)**

- ITS4US Complete Trip Deployment Phase 3 (underway)
- Regional Housing and Transportation Strategy (underway - Community Development)
- School Safe Area Routes Planning and Demonstration Projects (underway – Mobility Services)
- Transportation Workforce Training Pilot Program (underway – Workforce Solutions)
- 2055 MTP & Associated TIP Development (in procurement)
- Transportation Carbon Reduction Plan (in procurement)
- Emergency Health Care Transportation Access Study (in procurement)
- Atlanta MPO Resiliency Improvement Plan (in procurement)
- Regional Trails and Bicycle Facility Network Planning Program (procurement pending - includes Flint River corridor)
- Various ongoing Mobility Services Department programs
- Additional MTP/TIP amendments and administrative modifications
- Additional CTPs, LCI plans, freight cluster plans, and other local transportation plans

 **The 2026 UPWP reflects nearly \$43 million of planned federal, state, and local expenditures planned for the upcoming year**

# 2026 UPWP Schedule

- August 1 – Early TCC Coordination
- August / September – Draft Document Development
- October 1 to October 31 – Agency and Public Review of Draft (informal)
- October 3 – TCC Briefing
- October 8 – TAQC / Board Briefing
- November 7 – TCC Action
- November 12 – TAQC / Board Action
- November / December – USDOT Approval



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