



2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Transportation and Air Quality Committee

November 12, 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**

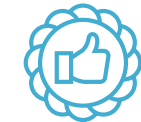
Goals



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

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UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
Adopted November 2025

**Atlanta Metropolitan
Transportation Planning Area**



ARC
Atlanta Regional Commission

Changes Resulting from Comment Period

- Informal comment period ran from October 1-31
- No comments were received from the general public
- ARC – adjusted budgets for several TPD cost centers to align with shifts made in agency budget and work program (no overall change in federal PL/5303 funding)
- EPD – pointed out a typo and requested a revision to the description of an EPA funded work activity in Appendix 4
- GDOT – identified a disconnect in data between Appendices 1 and 3 for one work activity (no overall change in federal PL/5303 funding); noted that new FY 2027-2030 TIP was missing from list of 2026 highlights

Changes Resulting from Comment Period

USDOT

- Additional discussion of relationship of Atlanta MPO process and Winder Urbanized Area
- Additional justification of eligibility of work activities led by other departments and alignment with current federal priorities and directives
- Like GDOT, noted the omission of the FY 2027-2030 TIP from the list of 2026 highlights
- Suggested other work activities to include in the list of 2026 highlights
- Removal of work activities led by other departments which are funded from formula programs and included in the TIP
- Removal of references to federal emphasis areas
- Other wordsmithing and clarifications throughout the document



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