

2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Kick-Off & Introduction to TCC January 9, 2026

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**.



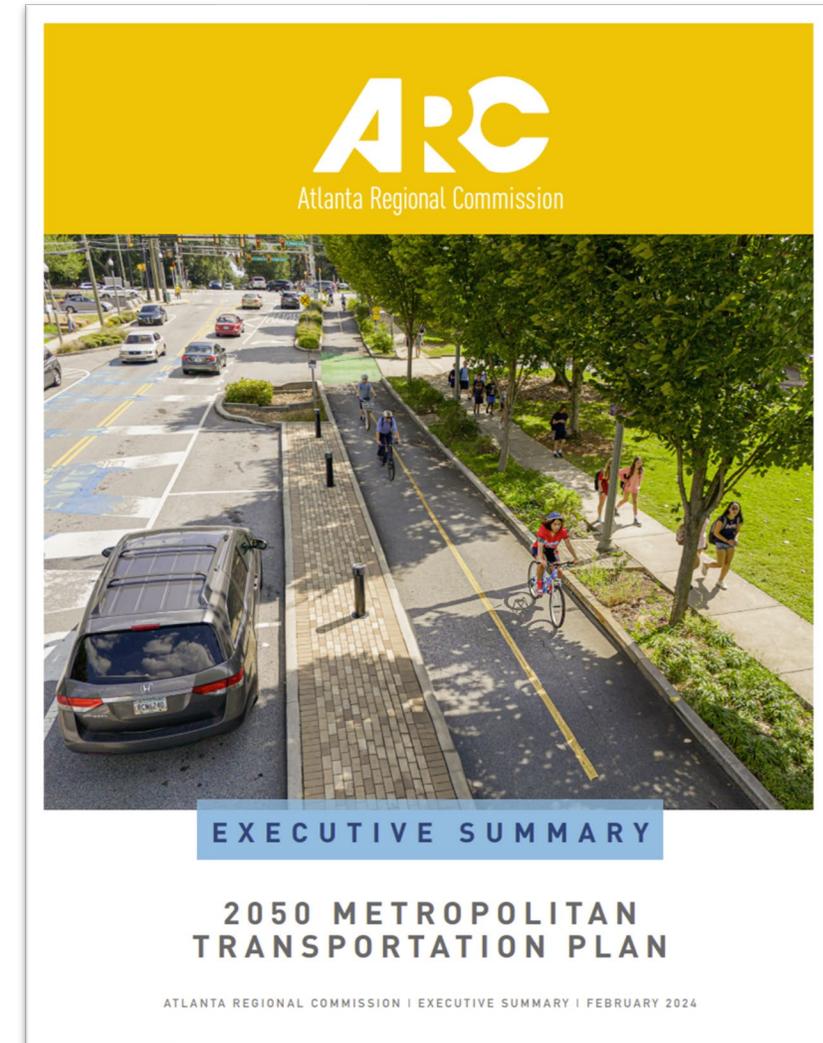
Diverse stakeholders engage and take a regional approach to solve local issues.



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

What is the MTP? What is federally required?

- ▮ The MTP is the MPO's federally required long-range plan to outline investments through a minimum 20-year planning horizon.
 - ARC develops an LRTP **every 4 years**. The next MTP will be adopted in February 2028 with a 2055 planning horizon
- ▮ The current MTP (February 2024) programs **\$168 billion** in federal, state, and local transportation funding through 2050.
- ▮ ARC has programming authority over approximately **\$163 Million Federal per year** awarded through TIP Solicitations
- ▮ The MTP is required to:
 - Include multimodal transportation strategies
 - Be **fiscally constrained**
 - Use a performance-based planning approach
 - Coordinate with stakeholders and the public
 - Conduct air quality conformity analysis



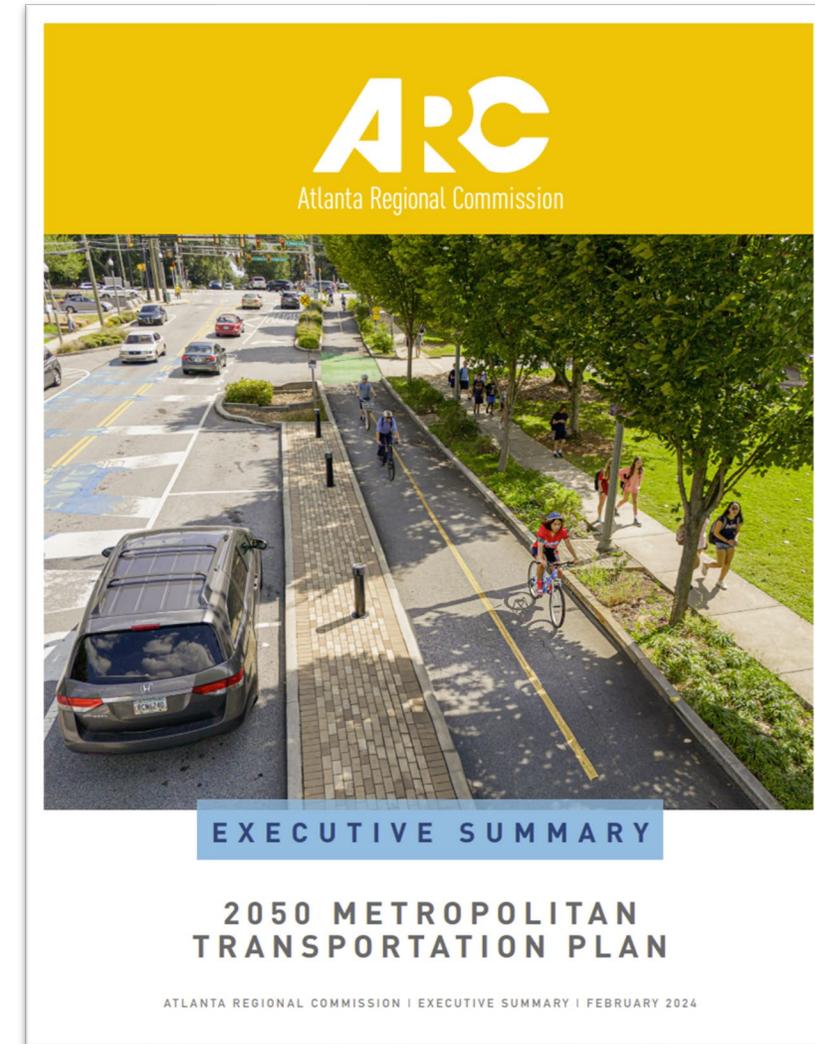
Why is the 2055 MTP important to TCC?

▮ The 2055 MTP will be comprised of:

- Long Range Project List (2032-2055) –
 - Specific regionally significant projects that impact air quality conformity
 - Lump Sums or set-asides that will be programmed through future TIP Solicitations. ***The MTP process, with TCC input, will help decide the categories and size of the Lump Sums***
- Short Range Project List (i.e. Transportation Improvement Program) 2028-2031

▮ We are using your completed CTPs and other local and regional plans to conduct the needs assessment.

For the first time... there will be a formal process to submit new “regionally significant” projects for evaluation to be included in the Long-Range project list. We are also going to evaluate projects that are already in the long-range portion of the MTP
(note: no changes to existing TIP projects)



2055 MTP Planning Process

- It is time to start our **2055 MTP** and we have procured a **Consultant** to help us.
- The MTP will be adopted by ARC Board in **Q1 2028**.
- Work will begin in **Q1 2026**, leaving **2 full years** for the development and planning process.
- Throughout **2026 & 2027**, we plan to engage TCC, TAQC and ARC Board, local gov't, state & federal partners, general public and CBOs to:
 - Develop policy framework
 - Provide feedback on scenario planning
 - Provide input on project prioritization criteria and selection process.

This is the first time ARC has hired a Consultant to help with the development of the MTP in over 10 years.

We plan to use the funds for the Consultant to do a **significant** update, and we are excited to engage with YOU, our TCC, throughout the planning process!

2055 MTP Schedule (Draft)

	2026				2027				2028
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Task 1 – Project Management	○								
Task 2 – Engagement and Outreach	○			○		○		○	○
Task 3 – Policy Framework					○				
Task 4 – Fiscal Constraint Tool					○				
Task 5 – Needs Assessment				○					
Task 6 – Scenario Development				○					
Task 7 – Project Selection							○		
Task 8 – Modeling								○	
Task 9 – Documentation							○	○	○

2055 MTP Planning Process





2025

Peer Interviews

TPD Staff
Discussions
(Policy
Framework,
Revision of
UGPM, Scenario
Planning)

Key Highlights from other MPO MTP Processes:

- 🇺🇸 Boston (Boston Region MPO)
 - Board sets investment targets for set-asides/lump sums by project type
 - 25% design requirement
 - \$50 M threshold for inclusion as line-item project in MTP (there are **only eight (8) projects in their LRTP** – rest is in lump sums)
 - MPO-funded and operated regional bike share program
- 🇺🇸 Chattanooga (CHCRPA)
 - Formal submittal process and ALL projects evaluated and scored, including TDOT and GDOT projects.
 - Uses same submittal process and evaluation for Amendments
- 🇺🇸 Chicago (CMAP)
 - Board established threshold for Regional Significant Projects (RSPs) - \$250m or \$100m if on NHS/expressway/transit
 - Formal submittal process and scoring for RSPs
- 🇺🇸 Denver (DRCOG)
 - Formal submittal process for projects to get in the MTP – uses qualitative MetroVision-based criteria + GHG emission mandates
 - Limits # of applications to 25 for Denver; population-based formula for counties (minimum of 5)

2026

Policy
Framework

Fiscal
Constraint Tool

Needs
Assessment

Scenario
Development

- ▮ **Policy Framework** development and adoption
 - Peer MPO literature reviews
 - ARC leadership interviews
 - Stakeholder focus groups
 - Multiple policy discussions with **TCC** and **Transportation Roundtables** (2 rounds)
- ▮ Develop **fiscal constraint tool** that includes revenue forecast templates for federal, state, local and private sources
- ▮ Data-informed **needs assessment** meeting federal requirements
- ▮ Scenario planning to explore long-term impacts of key policy alternatives
 - Pricing and Revenue Models
 - Land Use and Housing
 - Transit

2027

Project
Selection

Modeling

Documentation

Project Selection process including a:

- Project evaluation methodology and criteria, based on policy framework, needs assessment and scenario planning
- Call for projects
- Full evaluation process qualitatively and quantitatively evaluate regionally significant projects for inclusion in the MTP
- Determine set-asides/lump sums

Modeling

- ARC ABM Build / No-Build Comparison
- Integrate federal performance measures

Documentation – Draft Release

- Vol 1 – MTP
- Vol 2 – MTP/TIP
- Vol 3 – Conformity Determination Report
- Vol 4 – Public Engagement Report
- Executive Summary

2028

ARC Board /
TAQC Action

- ▮ TCC review and vote
- ▮ TAQC/ARC Board review and vote
- ▮ USDOT / EPA Conformity Determination

2025 -
2028

Stakeholder
Engagement

Board
Engagement

Public
Engagement

Flexible approach to community and stakeholder engagement

Engage with TPD roundtables:

- Regional Active Transportation (RAT) Roundtable
- Freight Task Force
- Safety Task Force
- TSMO Roundtable

Engage with Transportation Forum, TCC, TAQC, ARC Board

Coordinate with other ARC Regional Plans (RDP and CAP)

Following ARC Public Participation Plan (PPP)

What's next?

- We will be **kicking off with the Consultant** in the next few weeks and will be **back with TCC** in the coming months to start the planning process with you all!
- Early engagement with TCC includes:
 - Policy Framework (multiple times in 2026)
 - Public Engagement Plan (early 2026)
 - Needs Assessment (mid 2026)

Thank you in advance for your time and effort on the development of the MTP!

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