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ARC
Atlanta Regional Commission

2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1

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.

What is the UPWP?

- One of the four core federally required planning documents for an MPO (MTP, TIP, and Public Participation Plan are the others)
- Developed annually in conjunction with agencywide budget and work program (2026 UPWP was adopted in November 2025)
- 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

Proposed UPWP Changes

- Add “Origin-Destination Atlanta Regional Transit On-Board Survey”
  - ARC sponsored initiative
  - $1.6 million total budget *($1,200,000 FTA 5307 / $400,000 ATL Authority using State of Georgia Transit Trust Fund)*
  - Work will begin in Q3 2026 and conclude in Q4 2027
  - ARC budget for 2026 will be $300,000 *($240,000 FTA 5307 / $60,000 State of Georgia Transit Trust Fund)*
  - Will involve collection of data from transit passengers to be used for scheduling and operations planning, performance analysis, long-range planning, and regional travel demand model calibration

Proposed UPWP Changes

- Add six initiatives to be led by the ATL Authority funded by FTA 5307 grants and the State of Georgia Transit Trust Fund.
  - Vanpool Program Assessment - $500,000 *($400,000 federal / $100,000 state)*
  - Project Delivery Report Development - $300,000 *($240,000 federal / $60,000 state)*
  - Regional Technology Assessment - $750,000 *($600,000 federal / $150,000 state)*
  - Regional Transit Asset Management Plan - $250,000 *($200,000 federal / $50,000 state)*
  - Regional Transit Service Planning - $1,000,000 *($800,000 federal / $200,000 state)*
  - Annual Transit Report (2027-2029) - $500,000 *($400,000 federal / $100,000 state)*

ATL

Proposed UPWP Changes

- Add seven recently announced federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant awards to local governments
  - City of Dunwoody - $250,000 *($200,000 federal / $50,000 local)*
  - City of Fairburn - $500,000 *($400,000 federal / $100,000 local)*
  - City of Lovejoy - $485,295 *($386,717 federal / $98,578 local)*
  - City of Mableton - $300,000 *($240,000 federal / $60,000 local)*
  - City of Morrow - $320,000 *($256,000 federal / $64,000 local)*
  - City of South Fulton - $600,000 *($480,000 federal / $120,000 local)*
  - Spalding County - $375,000 *($300,000 federal / $75,000 local)*
  - Note that three implementation awards to Cherokee County, Cobb County, and Fayette County will be added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), but do not need to be included in the UPWP

Amendment Process

- Process defined by the Public Participation Plan approved in November 2025
- Overview presentation / first read to TCC (February 6) and TAQC (February 11)
- Informal public and agency comment/review period from February 16-26
- ARC TAQC and Board approvals scheduled for March
- Requires USDOT approval to complete the process and allow funds to be drawn down by sponsor agencies

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Questions?

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