



MOBILITY

2055

METRO ATLANTA ON THE MOVE

TCC Meeting
September 11, 2026

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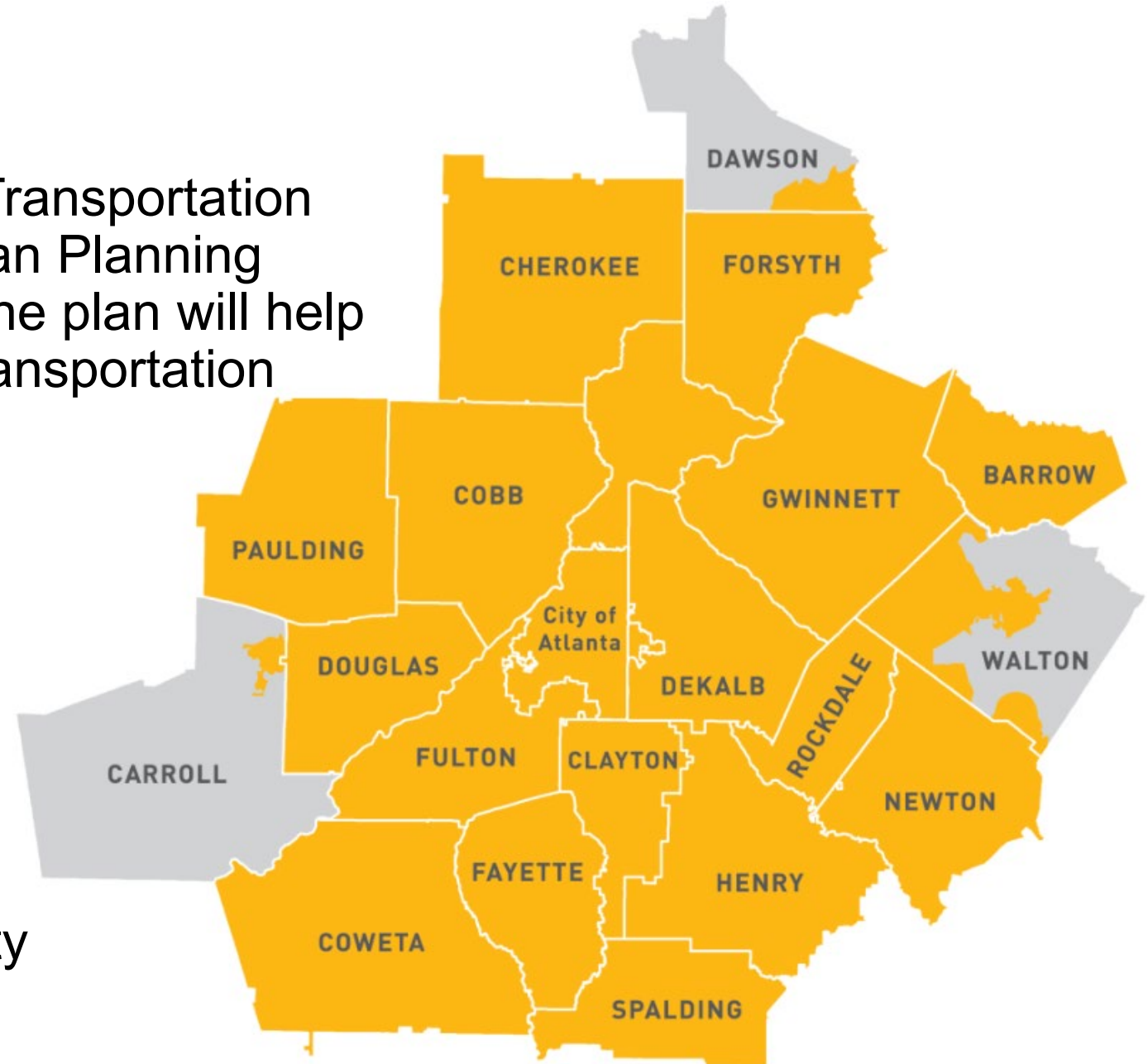
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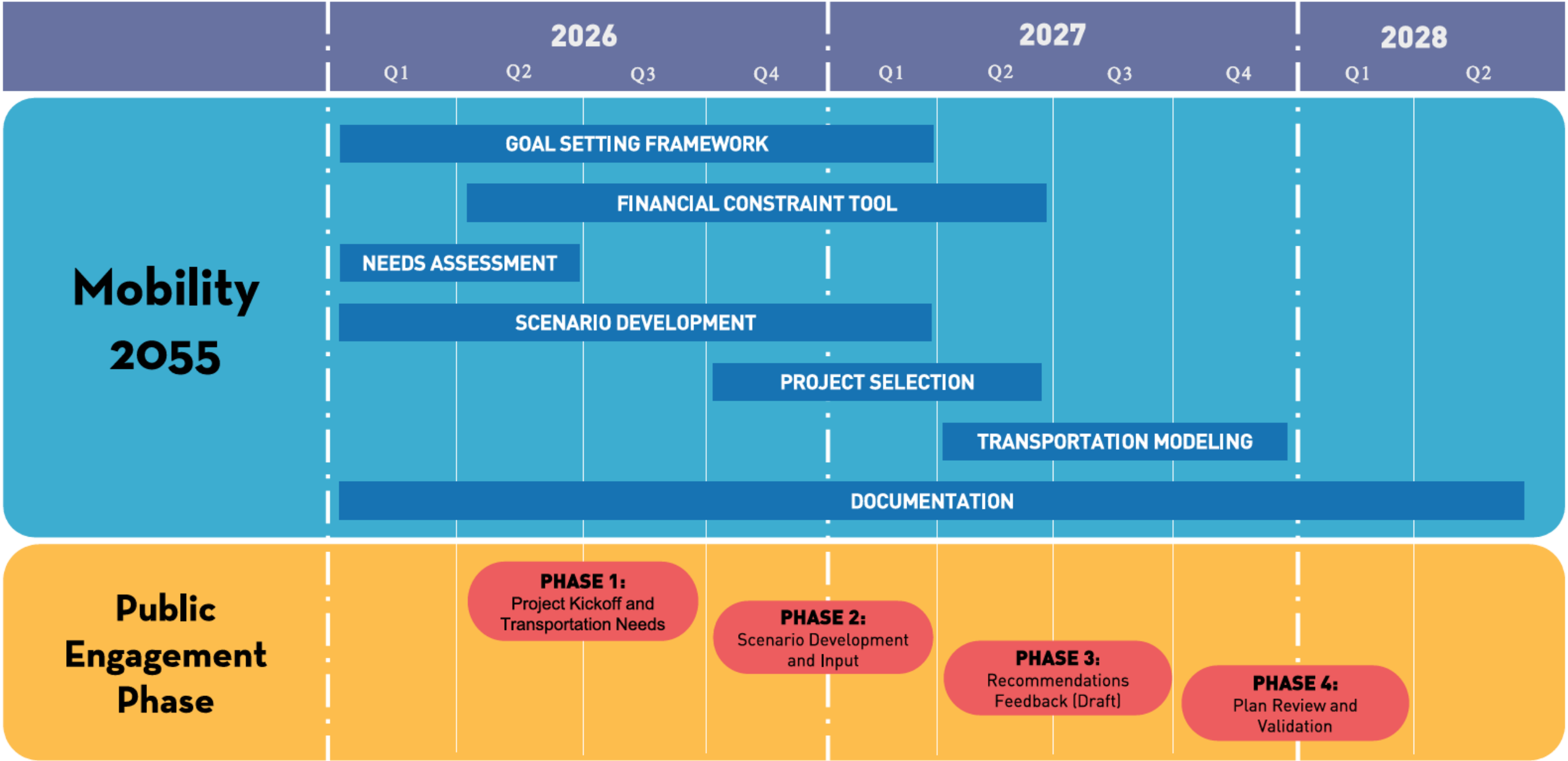
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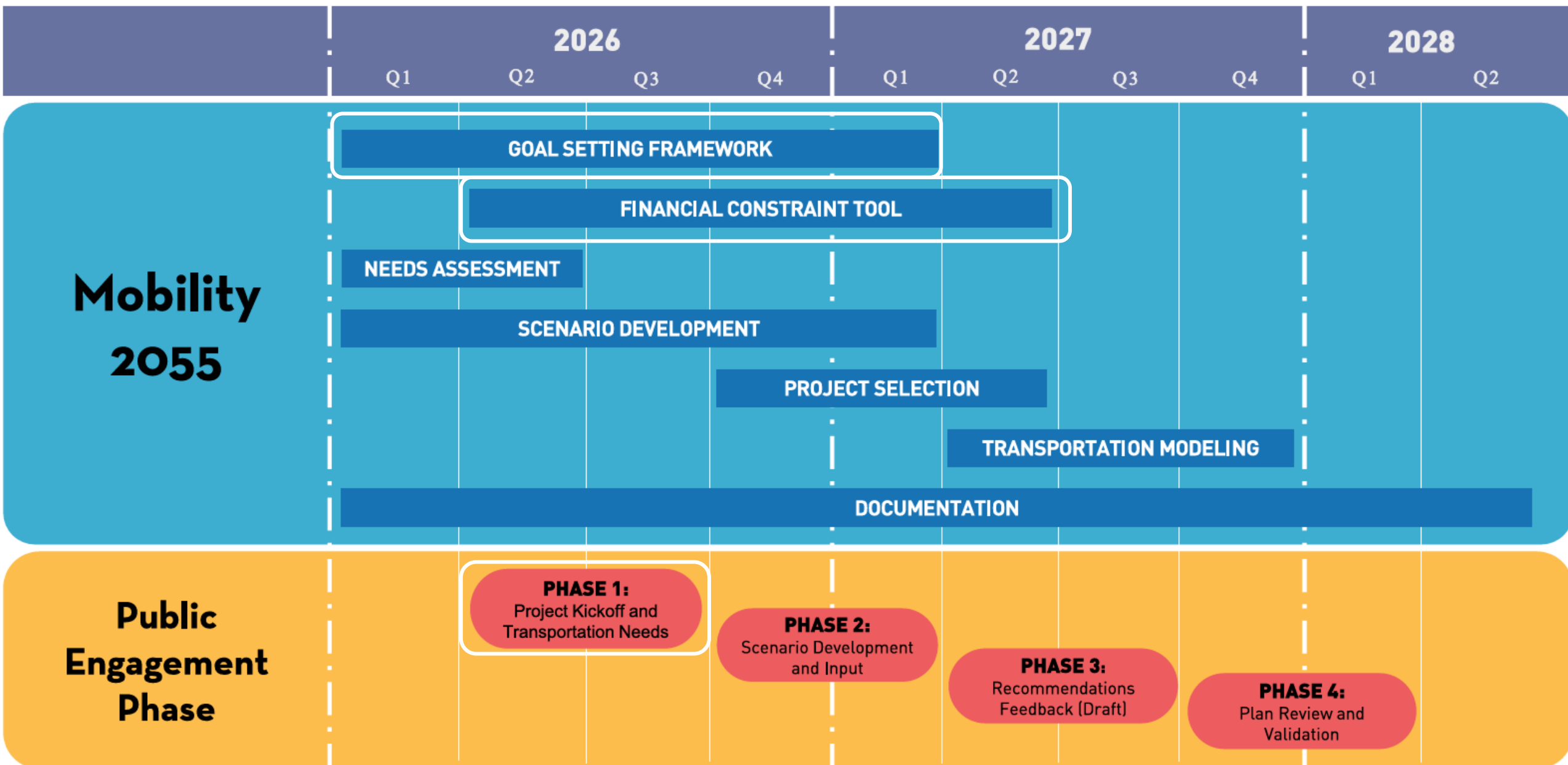
Mobility 2055

Mobility 2055 is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the ARC Metropolitan Planning Organization's 19-county region. The plan will help determine how federal and state transportation funding is invested to improve:

- 🚦 Roads and Highways
- 🚦 Public Transit
- 🚦 Walking and Biking Infrastructure
- 🚦 Freight Movement
- 🚦 Transportation Safety
- 🚦 Regional Mobility and Connectivity







Policy Framework

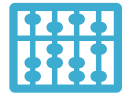
Framework Progress and Timeline

Jun '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Sep '26	Oct '26	Nov '26	Dec '26	Jan '27
Discover Jun 2026 – Aug 2026		Define 9/1/26 – 10/31/26		Codify 11/1/26 – 12/14/27		Communicate 12/15/26 – 1/31/27	
✓ ARC Board Workshop ✓ ARC Leadership Interviews ✓ Peer MPO Interviews ✓ Virtual Focus Groups		✓ Develop and align on Objectives Strategies and Tactics Workshop		Draft Framework		MTP Framework Brochure	

✓ Accomplished Tasks

Engagement Summary

Thank you to
those that were
able to attend!



ARC Board and TCC Input

2 board working
sessions
1 TCC meeting



Leadership Interviews

3 interviews with
ARC leadership to
surface policy and
organizational
priorities
(10 attendees)



Peer MPO Review

Insights from 9
peer MPO
interviews and
policy analysis



Stakeholder Focus Groups

3 facilitated
discussions that
will inform
strategies and
tactics
(150 attendees)



Objectives Workshops

Align on a set of
key objectives
through 2
workshops with
ARC Staff



Online Survey

~300 survey
participants asking
questions about
tradeoffs and the
future of
transportation



Strategies + Tactics Workshops

Identify the
approaches and
actions that put
each objective into
practice with 2
workshops



Discover: Key Insights

ARC TAQC / Board and TCC Priorities

- Direct resources to the **greatest needs**
- Prioritize **transit** and **multimodal investment** over highway expansion
- **Spread funding** across both large and small projects

ARC Leadership Priorities

- Focus on a **small number** of **clear priorities**
- Prioritize **economic mobility** and **access** to **opportunity**
- **Follow through** on our priorities – put our money where our mouth is

Peer MPO Insights

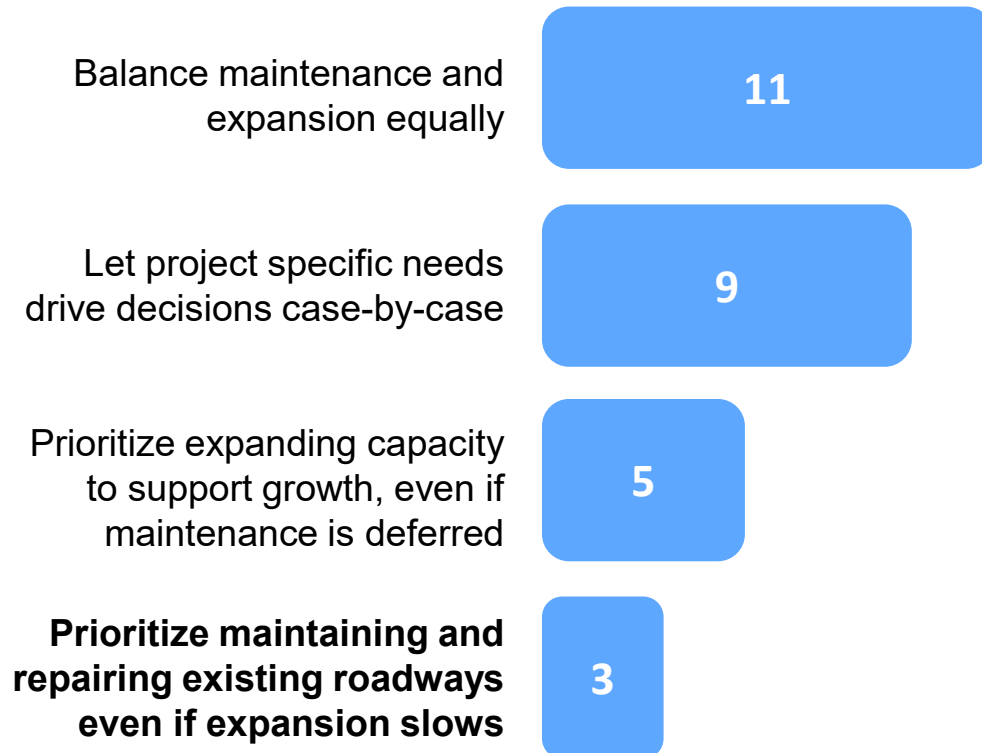
- Tie **policies** to **funding**
- Plan for **friction** in aligning on **trade-offs**
- Avoid **legacy project** traps

Stakeholder Focus Groups

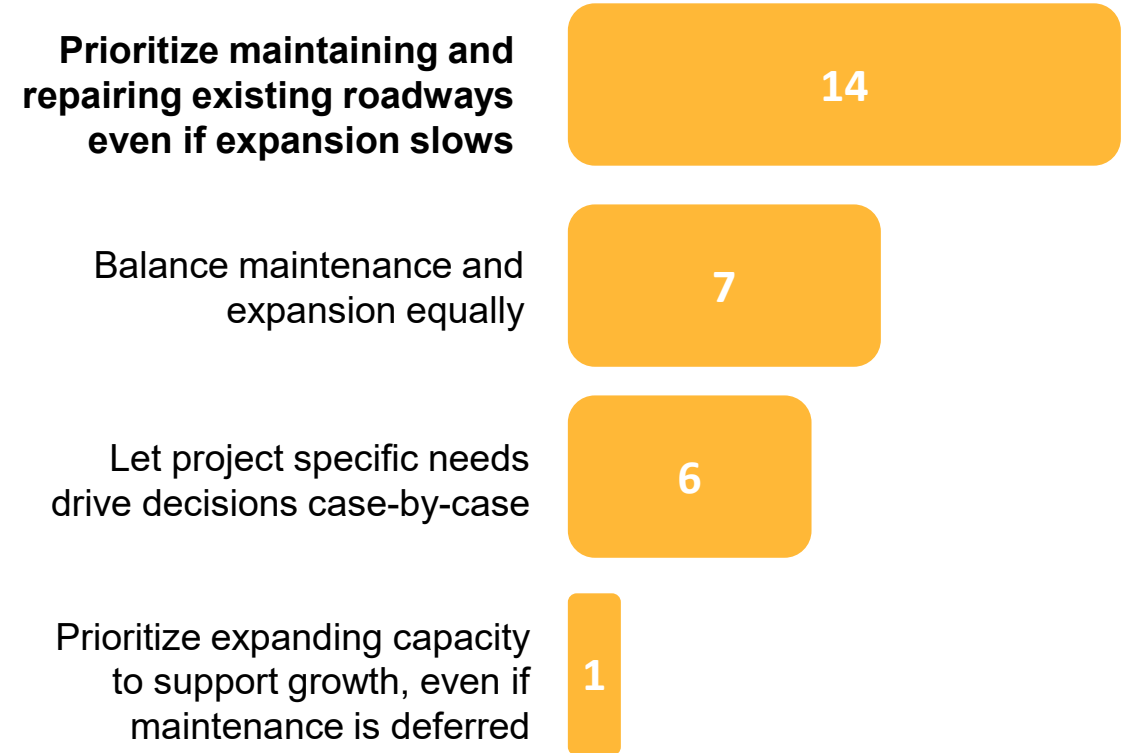
- **Congestion and safety** were common concerns
- **Transit, multimodality, and freight and goods movement** are opportunities for the region
- Prioritize **state of good repair**

How should the region consider maintenance during the MTP Update?

TAQC / ARC Board



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How should the MTP primarily address traffic congestion and travel efficiency given constrained resources and competing priorities?

TAQC / ARC Board

Invest in transit and multimodal options to reduce congestion

20

Focus investments on the most critical corridors

15

Prioritize lower-cost operational strategies before adding roadway capacity

8

Focus on maintaining the existing transportation system & infrastructure

6

Invest in capacity projects to address congestion

5

Spread resources evenly across the region

3

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Invest in transit and multimodal options to reduce congestion

19

Prioritize lower-cost operational strategies before adding roadway capacity

17

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Spread resources evenly across the region

1

When it comes to allocating transportation funding, what are your biggest priorities?

TAQC / ARC Board

Spreading funding across a range of larger and smaller-scale projects/programs

19

Prioritizing and funding large projects

6

A focus on smaller-scale projects and funding categories

1

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Spreading funding across a range of larger and smaller-scale projects/programs

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A focus on smaller-scale projects and funding categories

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Prioritizing and funding large projects

2

MTP outcomes require tradeoffs - not all projects can be funded. When tensions between priorities arise, what approaches are most appropriate?

TAQC / ARC Board

Direct resources to the greatest needs regardless of location

13

Maximize regional benefit, even if some jurisdictions benefit more than others

10

Prioritize selections that generate the greatest return on investment

6

Direct resources to places that have historically received fewer investments

4

Respect local preferences, even if regional outcomes are less uniform

1

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Engagement Summary

Summary Framework Priorities

MTP Priorities	ARC Leadership	TAQC / Board and TCC	Focus Groups	Overall Priority
1. Eliminate serious injuries and fatalities	3	N/A	3	High
2. Expand sustainable, well-planned, multimodal transportation infrastructure	3	2	3	High
3. Maintain and optimize the existing transportation system	2	3	3	High
4. Support economic competitiveness and innovation	3	3	2	High
5. Advance access to economic mobility for vulnerable populations	3	2	2	Moderate
6. Build a resilient transportation system that also supports public health	3	2	N/A	Moderate

Key

N/A

N/A: We do not have collected data or sufficient data

1

One: Current data suggests that this is not a key priority

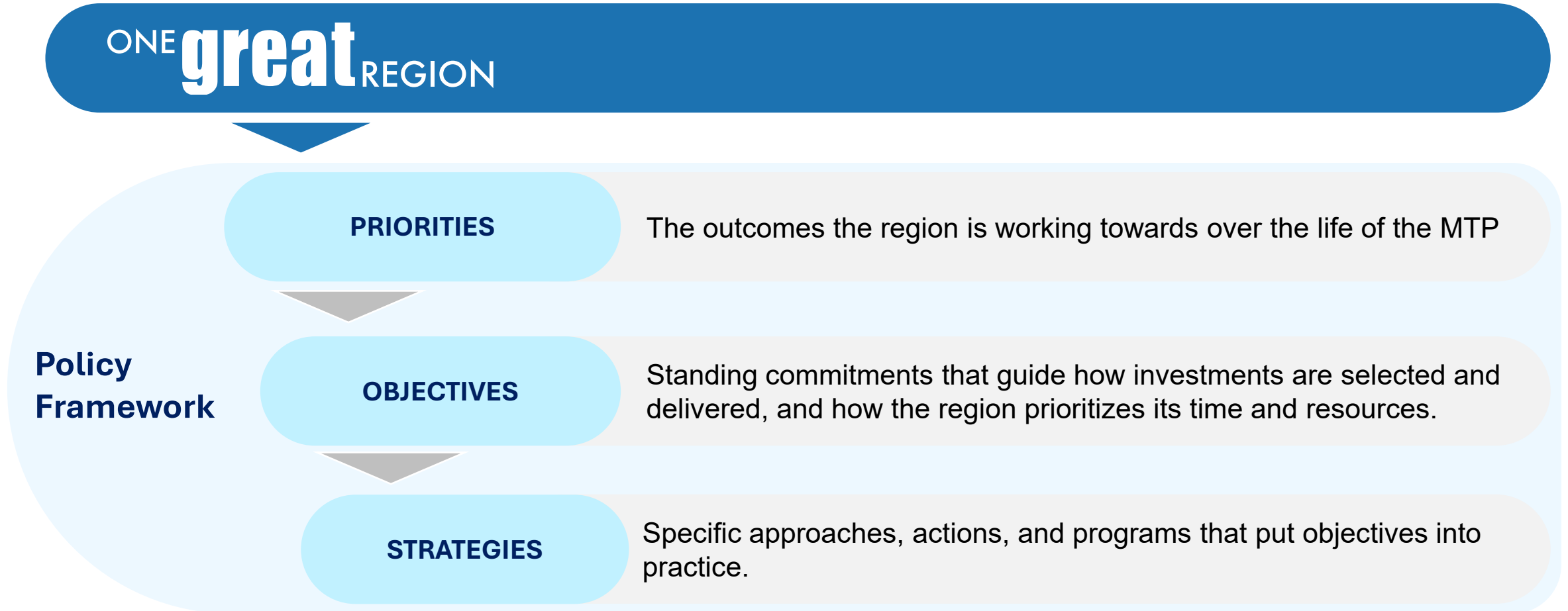
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Two: Current data suggests that this is a moderate priority

3

Three: Current data suggests that this is a high priority

Framework Components Defined by MTP



MTP Priorities

Eliminate serious injuries and fatalities

Support economic competitiveness and innovation

Expand sustainable, well-planned, multimodal transportation infrastructure

Advance access to economic mobility for vulnerable populations

Maintain and optimize the existing transportation system

Build a resilient transportation system that also supports public health



Priority

Objectives

1. Eliminate serious injuries and fatalities

1.1 Fund safety priorities on the region's high-injury roadway network and transit.

1.2 Require complete streets elements in regionally funded roadway projects.



Priority

2. Expand sustainable, well-planned, multimodal transportation infrastructure

Objectives

- 2.1 Enhance transit service and expand system coverage.
- 2.2 Concentrate growth and housing around high-capacity transit stations and corridors.
- 2.3 Improve network connectivity for walking and biking.



Priority

Objectives

3. Maintain and optimize the existing transportation system

- 3.1 Upgrade and maintain freight network reliability.
- 3.2 Achieve state of good repair and operational efficiency before funding new roadway capacity expansion.



Priority

Objectives

4. Support economic competitiveness and innovation

- 4.1 Adapt to disruptive transportation technologies and evolving mobility needs.
- 4.2 Accelerate transportation project implementation.



Priority

Objectives

5. Advance access to economic mobility for vulnerable populations

5.1 Build shared regional priorities through meaningful engagement with vulnerable populations, local partners, and elected officials.

5.2 Increase access to opportunity (employment, education, activity centers).



Priority

Objectives

5. Build a resilient transportation system that also supports public health

6.1 Reduce transportation pollution and improve air quality.

6.2 Apply climate resiliency measures for all regionally funded projects.



Strategies Brainstorm

What strategies could make the objectives actionable?



Strategies and Tactics

TCC member request!

We will be engaging our regional partners once we have more of our strategies and tactics formulated.

Virtual meeting invites coming in the Fall.



Peer MPO Interviews



Peer MPO Interviews

	Greater Chattanooga / North Georgia MPO	Boston MPO	Los Angeles (SCAG)	Chicago (CMAP)	Broward MPO	Denver (DRCOG)	Columbus (MORPC)	Kansas City (MARC)	Seattle (PSRC)	Dallas (NCTCOG)
Population	0.6 million	3 million	19 million	8.6 million	1.8 million	3.4 million	2.4 million	2.1 million	4.5 million	9 million
Counties	4	6	6	7	1	9	10	9	4	16
Toll Presence in Financial Plan	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Project Level Prioritization	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Formal Policy Framework	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Air Quality Status	Attainment	Attainment	Nonattainment (Ozone and PM 2.5)	Nonattainment (Ozone)	Attainment	Nonattainment (8-HR Ozone 08/15)	Maintenance (8-HR Ozone)	Attainment	Maintenance (PM 2.5)	Nonattainment (Ozone)

Peer MPO Interview Key Takeaways – Policy Framework

- 📌 "Policy framework" **structure varies across agencies**, but most have moved away from organizing by mode.
 - PSRC and MORPC organize around high-level foundations or pillars (e.g., PSRC's "Maintenance and Preservation," "Regional Climate Goals"; MORPC's "Economic Prosperity," "Multimodal Connectivity").
- 📌 MTP Policy Frameworks only have real influence when they are **connected to funding decisions**.
 - NCTCOG's Policy Bundle Program awards Transportation Development Credits to agencies that voluntarily adopt MTP policies.
 - Broward MPO has a policy that **MPO funds do not fund state DOT projects**.
- 📌 **Projects carried over from prior MTP cycles** without reapplication can remain in the pipeline even after they're no longer aligned with current priorities.
 - DRCOG requires sponsors to reapply for projects that lack construction or National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) funding, and each reapplication counts against the sponsor's allocated project slots for the cycle.
 - PSRC has a mandatory four-year re-application for legacy projects
- 📌 **Simplifying evaluation and application processes** improves outcomes.

Peer MPO Interview Key Takeaways – Policy Framework

- Incentives can succeed where mandates cannot, particularly beyond an MPO's direct authority.
 - NCTCOG's Transportation Development Credit (TDC) program allows cities that voluntarily adopt aligned land use, transit, or safety policies to earn FHWA toll credits (referred to as TDCs) that serve as a substitute for the mandatory 20% local match on federally funded projects.
- Sustained relationship building is key to regional consensus.
- **Simple, trusted tools** work better than technically sophisticated ones.
 - PSRC's Consistency Framework is a straightforward yes/no checklist across nine policy areas creating a Pass or Does Not Pass approach.
- MPOs increasingly integrate factors outside of transportation, particularly **housing**.
 - PSRC's Vision 2050 hard-codes housing and land-use targets into the regional vision. Its Consistency Framework verifies project alignment with regional growth centers before approving funding.

Peer MPO Interview Key Takeaways – Fiscal Constraint

Fiscal constraint tools are mostly spreadsheet or database based.

- No MPO has a fully automated fiscal constraint tool that evaluates, ranks, and selects projects

Scenario testing is a desired capability, but peer MPOs vary in how well their tools support it.

- MPOs consistently tie fiscal constraint to broader policy frameworks, although the level of integration varies.

Peer MPOs are balancing transparency with political and technical complexity.

Strong parameters for project definition and solicitation lead to a more credible project list.

- The peer MPOs that have strong parameters surrounding project definition and solicitation from member jurisdictions shared the positive benefits for their fiscally constrained project list.

Toll and bond revenues are usually documented through partner agency assumptions rather than MPO-controlled formulas.

- Toll and bond revenues are often controlled or heavily influenced by state DOTs or tolling entities.



Engagement

Phase 1 Engagement

- Project Kickoff and Transportation Needs
- May – September 2026
- Purpose:* Introduces the MTP process and gathers input on current transportation challenges, needs, and opportunities across the region.

Public Engagement Phase

PHASE 1:
Project Kickoff and
Transportation Needs

PHASE 2:
Scenario Development
and Input

PHASE 3:
Recommendations
Feedback (Draft)

PHASE 4:
Plan Review and
Validation



Phase 1 Engagement

TCC member request!

- Survey will remain open through October 31, 2026.
- As of 9/9: 301 participants

ARC IS PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE!

Mobility 2055: Metro Atlanta on the Move

ARC is developing Mobility 2055, metro Atlanta's long-range blueprint to guide transportation investments through 2055.

We want to hear from you!

[Take the Mobility 2055 Survey!](#)



Mobility 2055 will shape how federal and state funding is invested across metro Atlanta to improve roads, transit, and active transportation to address growth, improve mobility, and strengthen the economy. This major update of the Atlanta **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** will include the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, the region's short-term list of priority transportation projects that are expected to use federal funding over the next four years.



Phase 1 Engagement

Community Events

- 📅 Sunday, 9/20 | Suwanee Fest
- 📅 Saturday, 9/26 | Peachtree City Dragon Boat Race & International Festival
- 📅 Sunday, 9/27 | Atlanta Streets Alive
- 📅 Saturday, 10/10 | Paulding Arts Fall Fest
- 📅 Saturday, 10/17 | Covington Fall Festival on the Square (TENTATIVE)

We are coordinating with the Regional Trails Plan and the in-progress CTPs for public engagement.



Share Your Input!

atlantaregional.org/mobility2055



Email us!

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October TCC:

- Project Evaluation
- Needs Assessment
- Scenario Planning

Data Request



Transit Master Plans

Plan Name	Year	Do we have the GIS files?
Fulton County Transit Plan	2018	Yes
ATL Regional Transit Plan	2021	Yes
DeKalb County Transit Plan	2019	Yes
Forsyth County Public Transportation Master Plan	2021	Yes
Henry County Transit Master Plan	2021	No
Newton County Transit Master Plan	2021	No
Spalding County Transit Master Plan	2022	No
Cherokee County CTP - Transit Service Assessment	2022	Yes
Douglas County Transit Master Plan	2023	No
Rockdale County Transit Development Plan	2023	No
Gwinnett County Comprehensive Transit Development Plan	2023	Yes
Cobb County Transit Master Plan	2023	Yes



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Thank you!