



TIP Project Solicitation - Infrastructure & Capital Investments Application

2026 TIP Solicitation

Application Open: **December 1, 2025 - January 23, 2026 (by 5pm)**

Welcome to the Atlanta Regional Commission's application portal for the 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Solicitation. All local, regional and state entities eligible to receive FHWA Federal Aid transportation assistance may apply. ARC will award funds from the [Surface Transportation Block Grant Program \(STBG\)](#), which includes the setaside for [Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\)](#), and ARC's Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Implementation program. Also included will be funding awards for the [Carbon Reduction Program \(CRP\)](#).

Funding for this cycle is available for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

Any funds applied for under this application must be for an existing project with an ARC ID. ARC is not accepting new capacity-adding projects in this solicitation. Additionally, your request cannot have any implications for the air quality model - i.e. you cannot move construction forward and then cause a shift in the network year.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ!

Do not attempt to complete this application if your organization either lacks LAP certification or access to a partner LAP-certified agency which will agree to serve as a project sponsor for your organization's application. LAP certification is required in order to administer Federal Aid projects. Accordingly, ARC will not award funds to non-LAP certified applicants. Applications with pending LAP certifications will be accepted. Please visit GDOT's [LAP certification website](#) for more details.

The following represent the different types of requests that are eligible under this application:

New Federal Funding Requests

The following proposal scenarios typify new federal funding requests:

- The proposal seeks to add a completely new project to the TIP, utilizing federal funds on one or more of the project's phases. A new TIP project is defined as one that is not listed in the current TIP/MTP documentation.
- The proposal seeks to advance one or more long range project phases of an existing MTP project into the TIP
- The proposal seeks federal funds for the first time to allocate to one or more phases of a project already programmed in the current TIP (e.g., a 100% local or state funded phase in the current TIP).
- The proposal seeks to add federal funds for the first time to implement a project that was previously awarded with a federally funded scoping (SCP) phase.
- The proposal seeks federal funds to add the remaining phase(s) of a project that was initially only programmed with federal PE funds, during a prior solicitation.

All applications classified as "New Federal Funding Requests" will be required to complete a project deliverability assessment section unless the sponsor can provide a completed GDOT concept report.

Supplemental Federal Funding Requests - Phases Not Funded by ARC:

- The funding request seeks to add federal funds to a TIP project to supplement a previously authorized project activity. An example would include adding a construction (CST) phase in FY 2027 to help complete activities which could not be completed by a previously authorized CST phase in a previous fiscal year.

Important information regarding project funding eligibility:

Funding decisions for this project solicitation will be informed by the [TIP Project Evaluation Framework](#). The first step in the evaluation process focuses on filtering out project proposals that are not supported by regional policy or federal funding eligibility requirements. Project submittals that do not meet the policy filter criteria will not advance to the later stages of technical evaluation and will not be considered for funding. Policy filters are broken out into three categories: general, roadway capacity specific and transit capacity specific. Transit capacity filters only apply to right-of-way (ROW), utility (UTL) and construction (CST) funding requests and do not apply to planning, design or environmental activity. Before submitting a proposal through this application, please carefully consider the following policy filters which ARC staff will utilize in the TIP project solicitation:

General Filters

- Project must originate from a locally adopted plan or an official transit agency plan
- Sponsors must have Qualified Local Government (QLG) status current or pending
- Projects on the state system or right-of-way will not be considered without a letter of support from GDOT
- Project must be federal aid eligible

Roadway Capacity Expansion Filters

- Roads that are four or more lanes must include a median to adhere to the Regional Safety Strategy and GDOT safety standards
- Projects must comply with FHWA's and GDOT's Complete Streets policies and be consistent with ARC's Regional Workbook for Complete Streets, by accommodating all modes in a safe and context sensitive manner; this includes incorporation of Proven Safety Countermeasures that reduce risks for all roadway users.
- Roadway expansions in rural-only areas as designated by the UGPM2 will not be considered. Instead applicants will be encouraged to consider operational and access management solutions.

Transit Capacity Expansion Filters

- Rail and BRT capacity projects must be a part of the MTP and/or the most recent ATL Regional Transit Plan
- Project must demonstrate a firm financial package
- Project must connect to an existing public transit service or regional center

What else do I need to know?

Please note that there is no separate application for LCI projects. LCI sponsors should complete this application for transportation project funding. LCI performance, in addition to policy filters and technical performance, will be assessed for each project that is at least 50% located within an LCI boundary.

Contact Amy Goodwin at agoodwin@atlantaregional.org, if you have questions regarding LCI projects or evaluation process.

As you work through this application, roll the mouse or tap on the 'question mark' (ⓘ) tooltip icons for helpful hints that pertain to the question you are answering.

Additional resources and documentation for this solicitation may be found at: www.atlantaregional.org/tipsolicitation

For application support or general questions, please email: TIPSolicitation@atlantaregional.org.

1) Enter the ARC ID for your existing project: *

2) Select a priority level for this particular application relative to any other applications that are to be submitted by your organization: *

- First priority
 Second priority
 Third priority
 Fourth priority
 Fifth priority
 Sixth priority or lower

3) What is the federal funding request? Please only enter the requested amount and not include existing programming information. Please remember that a 20% match is required. If not requesting funds for certain phases, enter "0". * ?

	Proposed Fiscal Year	Federal Share (80% max)	Non-Federal Share (20% min)	Total Cost
PE	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
ROW	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
UTL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CST	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

4) Did you submit an application for this project under GDOT's TA or CMAQ project call? *

- Yes
 No

5) Did this project originate in the 2024 or 2022 TIP Solicitations? *

- Yes
 No

6) Enter sponsor's email address for email confirmation: *

Additional Attachments & Supporting Documentation

All resolution materials must be submitted by April 30, 2026.

If resolution materials are not accessible by the application deadline, kindly inform us either by uploading a PDF indicating when your board anticipates taking action.

7) Attach funding match commitment AND project sponsor support resolution documentation from the local governing body or bodies. This documentation provides assurances to the ARC Board that the proposed sponsor of the project is willing to fulfill all applicable financial and administrative requirements associated with delivering a federal aid transportation project. All project sponsor support documentation must be on official letterhead and signed by the chief elected official of the local government that is serving as the project sponsor. Be sure to match the file name to the unique project identification number selected earlier for this proposal (e.g. CO-01-Match Commitment.pdf). Documentation may be covered by one or multiple files. If sending multiple documents, package them into a single .ZIP archive file: ?

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Note: All applications submitted by CIDs (or similar organizations) must include the following:

- *A letter (or letters) signed by the executive officer (if a CID) and/or chief elected official (if a local government) which confirms commitment to provide all local match funding amounts required to match the federal amount being requested elsewhere in this application.*
- *A letter signed by the chief elected official of the local government which confirms that said local government will act as the official project sponsor for the proposal if awarded funds through this solicitation. This local government must be eligible to deliver federal aid transportation projects.*

All documentation must be delivered on official letterhead.

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