

2026 TIP Project Call Application - Studies and Non-Capital Investments Application

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1-1) Select a unique identification number for this application:	MOR-01
1-2) How will you share project GIS data with ARC?	ARC mapping page
1-4) Proposal title:	Morrow Trail I-75 Overpass Project
1-5) Proposal area description:	This study will focus on the area surrounding the existing Morrow Trail at Interstate 75 in the City of Morrow, Georgia, and will evaluate a potential grade-separated pedestrian and bicycle crossing to connect the trail on the north side of I-75 to destinations on the south side of the interstate. The proposed study area includes the segment of the Morrow Trail approaching I-75, the interstate right-of-way, and potential landing areas south of I-75 that provide access to the Southlake Mall complex and Morrow's "The District" mixed-use area.
1-6) Select a priority level for this particular application relative to any other applications that are to be submitted by your organization:	First priority
1-7) Select project sponsor below. Eligible sponsors for studies and non-infrastructure programs include CIDs, TMAs, 501c(3) non-profit organizations as well as governmental entities. However, all sponsors must be able to comply with federal financial reporting, procurement and other requirements.	Other/Not Listed

1-8) Enter sponsor:	City of Morrow
1-9) Sponsor project manager name and title:	Jeff Baker, City Manager
1-10) Office phone number:	(770) 961-4002
1-11) Email Address:	jbaker@morrowga.gov
1-12) If required, has the applicant submitting this project either maintained its Qualified Local Government (QLG) status in accordance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs or is actively working towards reinstatement of QLG status?	Yes
2-1) Since 2017, has the sponsor submitted this proposal during a previous ARC TIP solicitation?	No
2-3) What is the main purpose of this proposal?	Project feasibility/scoping/concept development
2-4) Is this a new study or an update to an existing study?	New
2-8) Describe the need or issue that will be addressed by this proposal:	Interstate 75 represents a significant physical and safety barrier within the City of Morrow, limiting north-south connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists using the Morrow Trail and surrounding local streets. Currently, there is no safe, direct, or grade-separated crossing for non-motorized users at this location, forcing residents to rely on indirect routes or avoid crossing the interstate altogether. This lack of connectivity disproportionately affects residents who rely on walking, biking, or transit to access employment centers, retail, parks, and civic destinations on both sides of I-75. The Morrow Trail functions as a popular local active transportation corridor, yet it is effectively severed at the interstate, reducing its usefulness as a continuous, safe facility. On the south side of I-75, major destinations such as the Southlake Mall area and Morrow's emerging "The District"

mixed-use area are not safely accessible by trail users traveling from neighborhoods and Clayton State University north of the interstate. This gap limits access to jobs, services, and recreational opportunities and undermines prior investments in the trail network.

While a grade-separated pedestrian and bicycle crossing has been identified as a potential solution, the feasibility, cost, environmental constraints, right-of-way requirements, and community impacts of such a project have not yet been fully evaluated. Given the complexity of crossing an interstate facility, a detailed feasibility and scoping study is necessary to assess project deliverability and risks before advancing to design or construction.

This proposal seeks funding to conduct a project-specific study that will...

... evaluate potential alignments, assess environmental and right-of-way considerations, identify community impacts, and develop conceptual design options, including a preferred typical section. The study will provide the technical foundation needed to determine whether the project is viable and to position the City of Morrow for future implementation funding in a responsible and coordinated manner.

2-9) Do you have a scope of work document available for upload?

No

2-10) In 1,500 words or less, describe a preliminary scope of work for this proposal. Scope should be broken down into tasks with a description of the work to be completed in each task with a preliminary budget. If you wish to submit a longer scope of work, please use the

Task 1: Project Initiation and Management, \$35,000

This task will establish the framework for delivering the study and ensure coordination among the City of Morrow, ARC, GDOT, and other stakeholders. Work will include a project

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kickoff meeting, confirmation of study objectives, development of a detailed project schedule, and ongoing project management throughout the study period. The consultant will provide regular progress updates, coordination meetings, and quality control oversight to ensure the study remains aligned with ARC and GDOT expectations.

Task 2: Existing Conditions Assessment,
\$55,000

The consultant team will document existing physical, operational, and environmental conditions within the study area. This task will include mapping and analysis of the Morrow Trail north and south of I-75, interstate infrastructure, surrounding land uses, topography, drainage features, and known environmental resources. The task will also review relevant local, regional, and GDOT plans and summarize constraints and opportunities that may affect project feasibility.

Task 3: Stakeholder and Agency Coordination,
\$45,000

This task will involve coordination with GDOT and other relevant agencies to identify design standards, operational requirements, and policy considerations associated with a pedestrian and bicycle crossing of I-75. The consultant will document agency input, identify potential approval pathways, and summarize constraints related to interstate operations, safety, and long-term maintenance responsibilities.

Task 4: Concept Development and Alignment
Alternatives, \$85,000

Based on existing...

... conditions and agency input, the consultant

will develop multiple conceptual alignment alternatives for a grade-separated pedestrian and bicycle crossing west of Jonesboro Road (GA-54). This task will include conceptual horizontal and vertical layouts, evaluation of potential landing locations, trail connections on both sides of I-75, and development of preliminary typical sections sufficient for planning-level review and comparison.

Task 5: Environmental, Community, and Right-of-Way Screening, \$55,000

The consultant will conduct a planning-level screening of environmental, community, and right-of-way considerations for each conceptual alternative. This task will identify potential environmental constraints, community impacts, and property or right-of-way needs that could affect project deliverability. The analysis will focus on identifying potential risks or fatal flaws early in the project development process.

Task 6: Feasibility and Risk Assessment, \$50,000

This task will evaluate the relative feasibility of each conceptual alternative, including constructability considerations, coordination risks, and anticipated complexity. The consultant will assess deliverability risks related to cost, schedule, approvals, and GDOT coordination and will provide a comparative evaluation to support the selection of a preferred concept.

Task 7: Preferred Concept and Draft GDOT Concept Report, \$60,000

Based on technical analysis and stakeholder coordination, the consultant will identify a preferred concept and refine the conceptual

layout and typical section. This task will include preparing a draft GDOT...

... Concept Report, as appropriate to the project's complexity, ensuring that study outputs align with GDOT requirements and can support future design, funding, and implementation phases.

Task 8: Implementation Considerations and Final Documentation, \$15,000

The final task will compile study findings into a comprehensive final report summarizing feasibility, constraints, and recommended next steps. This task will also outline implementation considerations, potential funding pathways, and anticipated future project phases, providing documentation suitable for use in future grant applications and coordination efforts.

2-12) Complete the following schedule and budget table:

Programming Details

Fiscal Year	FY26
Federal Funds (80% max)	320,000
Non-Federal Match	80,000
Total Cost	400,000

2-13) 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

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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:

2-14) The applicant agrees to follow ARC's adopted procurement policies for study applications by checking this box.	I agree
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1-1) Select a unique identification number for this application:	MOR-02
1-2) How will you share project GIS data with ARC?	ARC mapping page
1-4) Proposal title:	Morrow Trail Extension Project
1-5) Proposal area description:	The proposed study area is located within the City of Morrow, Georgia, and follows a corridor connecting the existing Morrow Trail near Interstate 75 to Barton Memorial Park. The project area encompasses an approximately one-mile segment intended to extend the trail south and east to provide a continuous, at-grade multi-use path between these two destinations. Beginning near the current Morrow Trail terminus in the vicinity of I-75, the corridor extends east along Southlake Plaza Drive, an area characterized by commercial uses and existing roadway infrastructure. The study area includes the crossing of GA-54 (Jonesboro Road), a major arterial roadway that presents a significant barrier to pedestrian and bicycle travel. South of GA-54, the corridor continues along Adamson Parkway before entering a wooded area that provides a direct connection to Barton Memorial Park at Meadowbrook Lane. The proposal area includes adjacent roadway

rights-of-way, potential trail easements, and park access points necessary to accommodate a shared-use path. The corridor serves nearby residential neighborhoods, commercial centers, and community destinations and represents a key linkage between the city's existing trail network and Barton Memorial Park, Morrow's newest recreational project.

1-6) Select a priority level for this particular application relative to any other applications that are to be submitted by your organization:

Second priority

1-7) Select project sponsor below. Eligible sponsors for studies and non-infrastructure programs include CIDs, TMAs, 501c(3) non-profit organizations as well as governmental entities. However, all sponsors must be able to comply with federal financial reporting, procurement and other requirements.

Other/Not Listed

1-8) Enter sponsor:

City of Morrow

1-9) Sponsor project manager name and title:

Jeff Baker, City Manager

1-10) Office phone number:

(770) 961-4002

1-11) Email Address:

jbaker@morrowga.gov

1-12) If required, has the applicant submitting this project either maintained its Qualified Local Government (QLG) status in accordance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs or is actively working towards reinstatement of QLG status?

Yes

2-1) Since 2017, has the sponsor submitted this proposal during a previous ARC TIP solicitation?

No

2-3) What is the main purpose of this proposal?

Project feasibility/scoping/concept development

2-4) Is this a new study or an update to an existing study?

New

2-8) Describe the need or issue that will be addressed by this proposal:

The City of Morrow has made significant investments in expanding its active transportation network through the development of the Morrow Trail, yet key gaps remain that limit connectivity between major community destinations. One of the most critical missing links is the lack of a continuous, safe pedestrian and bicycle connection between the existing Morrow Trail and Barton Memorial Park, a new recreational asset currently under development with funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Barton Memorial Park will serve as an important new destination for residents and families, but without a direct trail connection, access to the park will remain largely dependent on vehicular travel. This limitation disproportionately affects residents who rely on walking, biking, or transit and reduces the overall public benefit of the park investment. The proposed trail extension would provide a direct, at-grade connection that allows residents to safely reach the park from surrounding neighborhoods and the existing trail system.

The proposed corridor also serves several significant regional and institutional destinations. The extension would improve non-motorized access to Clayton State University, supporting students, faculty, and staff who walk or bike to campus. In addition, the corridor strengthens linkages to the National Archives facility and nearby civic and employment centers, helping connect residents to jobs, education, and public services.

Currently, pedestrians and cyclists traveling between these destinations must navigate discontinuous sidewalks, busy roadways, and challenging...

... crossings, including GA-54. These conditions discourage walking and biking and create safety concerns. The lack of a continuous multi-use path limits the effectiveness of the existing trail network and constrains mobility options within the city.

This proposal also addresses the need for a focused scoping and concept study to identify the most feasible and effective alignment for the trail extension. While a general corridor has been identified, the study will evaluate potential route options, right-of-way constraints, environmental considerations, and community impacts to determine a preferred alignment.

2-9) Do you have a scope of work document available for upload?

No

2-10) In 1,500 words or less, describe a preliminary scope of work for this proposal. Scope should be broken down into tasks with a description of the work to be completed in each task with a preliminary budget. If you wish to submit a longer scope of work, please use the file upload option to submit a MS Word or PDF document.

Task 1: Project Initiation and Management, \$20,000

This task will establish the framework for delivering the study and ensure coordination among the City of Morrow, ARC, GDOT, and other relevant stakeholders. Activities will include a project kickoff meeting, confirmation of study objectives, development of a detailed project schedule, and ongoing project management throughout the study period. Regular coordination and progress updates will be provided to ensure alignment with ARC expectations and project goals.

Task 2: Existing Conditions and Corridor Assessment, \$35,000

The consultant team will document existing physical and operational conditions along the proposed trail extension corridor. This task will include review and mapping of roadway characteristics along Southlake Plaza Drive, GA-54 (Jonesboro Road), Adamson Parkway, and the wooded corridor leading to Barton Memorial Park. The assessment will consider existing sidewalks, bicycle facilities, traffic conditions, land use context, topography, and known environmental features, as well as a review of relevant local and regional plans.

Task 3: Stakeholder and Agency Coordination, \$30,000

This task will involve coordinating with GDOT and other relevant agencies to identify applicable design standards, access management considerations, and requirements for the GA-54 crossing and roadway-adjacent trail segments. Coordination will also include engagement with City departments to confirm maintenance considerations, operational needs, and local priorities. Agency input will be documented and incorporated into the concept development...

... process.

Task 4: Concept Development and Alignment Alternatives, \$55,000

Based on existing conditions and agency input, the consultant will develop multiple conceptual alignment alternatives for the Morrow Trail Extension within the previously identified corridor. This task will include evaluation of potential trail placement within roadway right-of-way, side paths, shared-use path configurations, and off-road segments through the wooded corridor. Conceptual typical sections and layouts

will be developed to illustrate feasible design approaches along each segment.

Task 5: Environmental, Community, and Right-of-Way Screening, \$35,000

The consultant will conduct a planning-level screening of environmental, community, and right-of-way considerations for each conceptual alignment alternative. This task will identify potential environmental constraints, property impacts, and community considerations that may affect feasibility or cost. The analysis will focus on identifying risks and constraints early, without advancing to formal environmental documentation.

Task 6: Feasibility and Comparative Evaluation, \$30,000

This task will evaluate the relative feasibility of the conceptual alternatives, considering factors such as constructability, safety, right-of-way needs, coordination requirements, and overall deliverability. The consultant will provide a comparative assessment to support the identification of a preferred alignment and highlight key considerations for future project phases.

Task 7: Preferred Concept and Implementation Considerations, \$15,000

Based on the technical analysis and stakeholder input, the...

... consultant will identify a preferred alignment and refine the conceptual layout and typical sections. This task will also summarize implementation considerations, including anticipated next steps, coordination needs, and potential funding pathways to advance the

project toward design and construction.

**Task 8: Final Documentation and Reporting,
\$5,000**

The final task will compile study findings into a concise final report documenting existing conditions, conceptual alternatives, preferred alignment, and key recommendations. The report will be suitable for use in future grant applications, funding discussions, and coordination with regional and state partners.

2-12) Complete the following schedule and budget table:

Programming Details

Fiscal Year	FY26
Federal Funds (80% max)	180,000
Non-Federal Match	45,000
Total Cost	225,000

2-13) 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

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I agree

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