Atlanta Regional Commission

DATE: November 12, 2026

ISSUE SUMMARY: FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adoption and 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment #7

FROM: Carlotta Harrell, Transportation & Air Quality Committee Chair

DESCRIPTION:

The FY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendment 7 to the 2050 MTP were developed to incorporate the following:

1) addition of new projects that are considered either exempt or non-exempt from air quality conformity analysis,
2) the deletion of projects that are considered either exempt or non-exempt from air quality conformity analysis,
3) project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively,
4) the programming of federal funds on a project phase for the first time,
5) the moving of projects from the TIP to the MTP, or from the MTP to the TIP,
6) the updating of project details that impact air quality conformity, or
7) the updating of project details that do not impact air quality conformity.

Additional information regarding the amendment can be found at:
http://www.atlantaregional.org/tip

Regarding the required conformity determination for the TIP amendment:

1) The changes required a new technical evaluation for conformity,
2) Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) coordinated the technical evaluation process with the adjacent Cartersville-Bartow MPO and Gainesville-Hall MPO, and
3) Prior to the formal public comment period, ARC received concurrence on modeling assumptions through the Interagency Consultation process.

Pursuant to the ARC Community Engagement Plan, a thirty (30) day public comment period was conducted from September 28, 2026 to October 27, 2026. Comments received, and responses to those comments, were provided to TCC, TAQC and the ARC Board prior to action being taken.

ACTION REQUIRED: Adoption of the FY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendment #7 to the 2050 MTP

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING:

FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adoption and 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment #7

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is a Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission created pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-8-80, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-93 designates such a commission to be the planning agency for comprehensive transportation planning under the administrative requirements of the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, ARC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning in Atlanta Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area which includes all or parts of nineteen (19) counties; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021 and the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1990 require the MPO to develop and adopt a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that conforms with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality; and

WHEREAS, in particular, the MTP and TIP are fiscally constrained and demonstrate conformity with air quality emission budgets established by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD); and

WHEREAS, ARC conducted a technical evaluation to reflect changes to the scopes and schedules of certain non-exempt status projects as part of this amendment process; and

WHEREAS, ARC did notify the Cartersville-Bartow MPO and Gainesville-Hall MPO, that such a technical evaluation would be performed for the entire maintenance area and would include necessary changes in that region as well; and

WHEREAS, prior to releasing the amendment for a formal public comment period, ARC received concurrence through the Interagency Consultation process that the FY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendment #7 to the 2050 MTP consist of changes that required a new technical evaluation for conformity; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendment #7 to the 2050 MTP were developed consistently with the requirements of 23 CFR 450.316 and in adherence with the participation processes and guidelines outlined in the ARC Community Engagement Plan as follows:

- Notice of such an amendment was published in the legal organ for a thirty (30)- day public comment period from September 28, 2026 to October 27, 2026.
- Interested parties were provided the opportunity to comment on the amendment through the ARC website.
- Results of this public comment period were provided to the Transportation Coordinating Committee, the Transportation & Air Quality Committee and the ARC Board for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the FY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendment #7 to the 2050 MTP including the Final TIP Project List, Final MTP Project Change List, and the Public Comment Report, as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission authorizes staff, with approval of the Chair, to make non-substantive technical corrections to the final documents as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission directs staff to continue regular reporting on the management and implementation of the 2050 MTP.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on November 12, 2026.

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Charissa White, Manager of Board Affairs & Legal Clerk