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**ISSUE SUMMARY: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
Update / FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP)**

FROM: Carlotta Harrell, Chair, Transportation & Air Quality Committee

IMPORTANCE:

The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) brings forward a long-range list of projects and programs that supports One Great Region. The FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) does the same, but for the near-term period of the first four years of the MTP. The goal of both plans are the same as ARC's overall mission: To foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning, and investments. The best way to achieve ARC's mission within the MTP/TIP context is to ensure diverse stakeholders engage and to always maintain a regional perspective while addressing local issues. Stakeholder participation serves as the foundation for MTP/TIP policies, programs and projects.

ARC has completed an update to the MTP and developed a new TIP that meets the federally-required metropolitan transportation planning process administered by USDOT. In this process, ARC has sought comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta region through the year 2050.

Both plans are required by federal regulations to be updated every four years, with the most recent update finalized in February 2020. The MTP and TIP were developed through the ARC committee structure with input from regional stakeholders, local governments, and the public. Action is requested for approval of the 2050 MTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP. Pursuant to the ARC Community Engagement Plan, a public comment period was completed on December 8, 2023 and exceeded the minimum required 30-day period.

ARC requests approval of the MTP and TIP in February 2024 in order to meet federal regulatory deadline requirements and to ensure the continuity of federal funding programs in 2024 and beyond. Additional information on the plan document and project listings are available on-line at <https://atlantaregional.org/mtp-update/>. Following receipt of a conformity determination from USDOT, final documentation will be permanently transferred to <https://atlantaregional.org/2050mtp>.

ACTIONS REQUIRED: TCC, TAQC and ARC Board Adoption

**RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE 2050
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) UPDATE / FY 2024-2027
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, since 1952, the Atlanta Regional Commission has developed and adopted regional plans for the Atlanta region; and

WHEREAS, the overall mission of ARC is to foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning, and investments; and

WHEREAS, the updated MTP and new TIP meet the federal requirements for metropolitan transportation planning, as required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), signed into law on November 15, 2021, and as administered by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT); 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 has completed technical and community engagement activities for the MTP and TIP, which have strived for comprehensive approaches to accommodate economic and population growth sustainably in the Atlanta region through the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, the MTP and TIP have incorporated strategies and projects outlined in existing plans and programs such as the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI), Walk Bike Thrive! Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Regional Freight Mobility Plan, local Comprehensive Transportation Plans, and others; and

WHEREAS, ARC implemented a communication process that provided regular updates on plan development to local government officials and other planning partners and provided opportunities for local government, citizens and non-governmental organization to engage productively in key steps in the plan development process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update and the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program; and

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