



DATE: November 9, 2018

ISSUE SUMMARY: **FY 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6**

FROM: Charlotte Nash, Transportation & Air Quality Committee

IMPORTANCE:

TIP Amendment #6 was developed to:

1. Update programming and financial details for the Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) and other projects with a substantial state interest
2. Program planning activities in support of the ongoing update to the Atlanta Region's Plan RTP
3. Address project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively

For additional information on the amendment: www.atlantaregional.org/amendment

Regarding the required conformity determination for the TIP amendment:

1. ARC determined that the changes reflected in Amendment #6 do not require a new technical evaluation for conformity. ARC provided this information to the adjacent Cartersville-Bartow MPO and Gainesville-Hall MPO.
2. Prior to the formal public comment period, ARC received concurrence as required through the Interagency Consultation process that the conformity determination for Amendment #6 does not necessitate a new regional emissions analysis.

Pursuant to the ARC Community Engagement Plan, a 10-day public comment period was conducted, October 15, 2018 to October 24, 2018. Comments received, and responses to those comments, were provided to TCC, TAQC and the ARC Board prior to action being taken.

ACTION REQUIRED: ARC approval



A RESOLUTION ADOPTING:

FY 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #6

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

WHEREAS, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST Act) and the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1990 require the MPO to develop and adopt a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that conforms with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality; and

WHEREAS, a conformity determination was made on The Atlanta Region's Plan RTP/TIP on March 16, 2016, by the US Department of Transportation in consultation with the US Environmental Protection Agency, which determined based on The Atlanta Region's Plan Conformity Determination Report, that The Atlanta Region's Plan RTP and TIP conform to the requirements of the Clean Air Act under 40 CFR Part 93 for the 8 hour ozone 2008 standards (15 county nonattainment area) and particulate matter 2.5 standard (22 county nonattainment area); and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Region has since been redesignated as a maintenance area for both the 1997 and 2008 ozone standards and the particulate matter standard. A seven-county portion of the Atlanta Region was designated nonattainment for the 2015 ozone standard on June 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, ARC did not perform a technical evaluation as no changes to the scope or schedule of any non-exempt status project was proposed in Amendment #6; and

WHEREAS, ARC did notify the Cartersville-Bartow MPO and the Gainesville-Hall MPO that such a technical evaluation would not be performed for the entire Atlanta Nonattainment Area; and

WHEREAS, prior to releasing the amendment for a formal public comment period, ARC received concurrence through the Interagency Consultation process that Amendment #6 consists of changes that did not necessitate a new technical evaluation for conformity, and

For approval by TCC on 11/9; TAQC on 11/15 and ARC Board on 12/5

WHEREAS, Amendment #6 to the Atlanta Region's Plan RTP/FY 2018-2023 TIP was 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 a legal organ for a 10-day public comment period from October 15, 2018 to October 24, 2018;
- Interested parties were provided the opportunity to comment on the amendment through the ARC website; and
- 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 Amendment #6 to The Atlanta Region's Plan RTP/FY 2018-2023 TIP, as defined above; 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs the staff to continue the regular reporting on The Atlanta Region's Plan management and implementation.