



**DATE:** May 3, 2019

**ISSUE SUMMARY:      **FY 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #7****

**FROM:**            Charlotte Nash, Transportation & Air Quality Committee

**IMPORTANCE:**

TIP Amendment #7 was developed to:

1. Include the programming of new projects that impact air quality conformity
2. Update programming and financial details for projects in the Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP)
3. Address project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively
4. Incorporate changes to the travel demand model coding

For additional information on the amendment: [www.atlantaregional.org/amendment](http://www.atlantaregional.org/amendment)

Regarding the required conformity determination for the TIP amendment:

1. The changes required a new technical evaluation for conformity
2. ARC coordinated the technical evaluation process with the adjacent Cartersville-Bartow MPO and Gainesville Hall MPO.
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 15-day public comment period was conducted from April 4, 2019 to April 18, 2019. 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 #7**

**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 1997 annual particulate matter 2.5 standards (22 county maintenance area); and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Region has since been redesignated as a maintenance area for the 8-hour 2008 ozone standards, designated attainment for the 2012 annual PM2.5 standards, and designated as a nonattainment area for the 8 hour 2015 ozone standards (7 counties); 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 Amendment #7 consists of changes that required a new technical evaluation for conformity, and

*For approval by TCC on 5/3; TAQC on 5/9 and ARC Board on 5/22*

**WHEREAS**, Amendment #7 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 15-day public comment period from April 4, 2019 to April 18, 2019.
- 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 #7 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.