

Transportation Improvement Program FY 2020-2025, Amendment #2 Public Review 01/14/21 – 02/11/21

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the mechanism by which federal, state and local funds are approved for all significant surface transportation projects and programs in the region. The FY 2020-2025 TIP comprises the first six years of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Atlanta region. As the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a 20-county region, ARC is responsible for developing and amending/updating the TIP and RTP to meet federal planning requirements and address local needs.

Purpose of Amendment

- Include the programming of new funding recommendations from the 2019 TIP solicitation
- Address project cost estimate and programmatic changes that are of a time sensitive nature or cannot be handled administratively.

An email was sent to ARC's interested parties distribution list indicating the TIP Amendment was open for public review. Details regarding the amendment project list, process, and timeline were posted on ARC's website. Additionally, the request for review was advertised via the Fulton Daily Report and Mundo Hispanico. Information was also shared through various ARC newsletters and presentations.

Public Comment Summary

ARC received two written public comments submitted via email and one public comment submitted verbally at the February 10th public hearing prior to the Transportation and Air Quality Committee. The summary of the comments received are provided in this document. This document, along with specific comments will be shared with ARC Transportation Coordinating and Transportation & Air Quality Committee members, as well as all appropriate regional transportation project sponsors. Additionally, this document will be shared with respondents who submitted public comment, via a link to the Amendment webpage, where this report will be posted, available at <http://www.atlantaregional.org/amendment>.

Public Comment Submittals

The following are the public comments submitted to ARC for the FY 2020-2025 TIP Amendment #2 along with a response from ARC.

Public Comment #1:

Hello,

As a walker, cyclist and MARTA rider I strongly support extending the two multi-use paths: the City of Chamblee's Rail Trail and Path 400 in the city of Roswell from Lordinians Drive to Johnson Ferry Road. I also urge you to provide operating assistance from MARTA's Arterial Rapid Transit service on Metropolitan Parkway, from West End Station to the city of Hapeville.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lee Pasackow

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ARC Response

Thank you for your comment regarding the City of Chamblee Rail Trail, PATH 400 Trail Extension, and the Metropolitan Parkway Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) projects. Your comment has been reviewed and shared with the appropriate staff member at the City of Chamblee, City of Sandy Springs, and MARTA. We encourage participation in all local and community meetings related to these projects as they progress in their implementation phases.

Public Comment #2:

To Whom it May Concern,

When making changes to the Transportation Improvement Program, please consider including the portion of Memorial Drive that lies in DeKalb County. More specifically the stretch of Memorial Drive that exists between the 285 border, and Ponce De Leon.

DeKalb County is currently trying to revitalize this portion of Memorial Drive, and they have put together several community action groups to help accomplish this goal. As a member of one of these Community Action Groups - a group that has been tasked with creating a trail network, I know how important complete and safe streets are for pedestrians as they must traverse the busy corridors in their communities.

As the community groups strive to make this segment of the high-speed corridor safe and equitable, I ask that you keep the people and pedestrians of Memorial Drive's easternmost stretch in mind by including us in your Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

Eric Barden

ARC Response

Thank you for your comment regarding the Memorial Drive corridor. At this time, a project is not currently identified in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Memorial Drive corridor and DeKalb

County has not requested improvements to be included in the TIP. Projects listed in the TIP are included at the request either by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) or the project sponsor. However, since Memorial Drive is a state road, GDOT will need to be involved with any planning and design work. Therefore, if a future project is identified for the Memorial Drive corridor and federal funds are designated for the project, ARC will be notified by the appropriate project sponsor (GDOT or DeKalb County) for inclusion in the TIP.

In 2014, DeKalb County did develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) which identified improvements along Memorial Drive as a recommendation for future improvements. DeKalb County will be undergoing an update of their Comprehensive Transportation Plan with community meetings forthcoming in the near future. Recommendations from such plans are used to submit project fund requests and inclusion in the TIP by the county. ARC encourages ongoing participation in community meetings as it relates to this corridor.

Public Comment #3 (given at public hearing on February 10, 2021):

In regards to the plans for pedestrian infrastructure along Fulton Industrial, as a former resident of the area, increased pedestrian infrastructure such as crosswalks, pedestrian traffic lights, as well as bus shelters and benches would increase the walkability especially at the intersection of Camp Creek Parkway and Fulton Industrial. Residents expressed a need for safety and walkability which is lacking in South Fulton especially along these major roads. A simple increase of sidewalks could propel the area to being more safe for walking and bike riding. There has been an increase of warehouses being built in the area and it makes it difficult to commute without sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. The intersection of Camp Creek and Fulton Industrial holds a lot of potential, but without accessibility and walkability, the area will become increasingly less safe for pedestrians.

Thank you,
Alyssa Cleveland

ARC Response

Thank you for your comment regarding the Fulton Industrial Pedestrian Enhancements and Intersection Improvements. Your comment has been recognized by ARC staff and shared with staff from the City of South Fulton and the Fulton Industrial Boulevard Community Improvement District. We encourage participation in all local and community meetings related to this project as it progresses in its implementation phase.