



TIP/MTP Amendment 5 Executive Summary

ARC
ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

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 2024-2027 TIP comprises the first four years of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Atlanta region. As the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a 19-county region, ARC is responsible for developing and amending/updating the TIP and MTP to meet federal planning requirements and address local transportation needs.

ARC coordinates closely and continuously with its planning partners to make revisions to the TIP and MTP. Common revisions include increases to cost, shifts in schedule and changes to transportation project scope. Minor revisions may be handled administratively by ARC staff, while major revisions must be handled via an amendment. Amendments entail significant coordination with ARC's local, state and federal partners, require a formal public comment process, and are presented to the ARC Board for approval.

Amendment 5 Project Summary

Amendment 5 to the ARC FY 2024-2027 TIP and MTP proposes changes to 53 new and existing projects for the following purposes:

Highlights:

53

Projects impacted by amendment 5

\$728M

Federal funds added through 2050

\$215.5M

Federal funds added in the
Transportation Improvement
Program years (2024-2027)

• Air Quality Model Changes

This amendment includes changes to the air quality model, which occurs once a year. The I-285 and I-75 Express Lane projects are receiving project limits changes, four projects are receiving updated model network years, one project is being split into two with expanded project limits, and a new interchange is being added to the model.

• Northside Drive Right-of-Way Funding

GDOT has allocated additional funding from the National Highway Performance Program to the safety and operational improvements planned for Northside Drive. Seven existing projects from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan are shifting into the Transportation Improvement Program years of FY 2024 through FY 2027 with cost estimate updates. Overall, \$56M has been added to the TIP program years with this shift.

• Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Funding

Due to the rescission of the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant at the federal level, 14 projects relating to the Flint River Gateway Trails are being removed from the TIP. These could potential return in the future as additional funding is identified. The scope of these projects has been included in an expanded Trails Master Plan, which will work to advance this planning priority.

- **Major Mobility Investment Program Funding**

GDOT has provided expansive cost estimate updates to the MMIP projects that make up the Express Lane additions to interstates in the Atlanta Region. \$788M in federal funds from the National Highway Performance Program (NNHP) and an accompanying 20% state match have been added to the MTP program years of 2024-2050, with schedule shifts throughout.

- **New Projects**

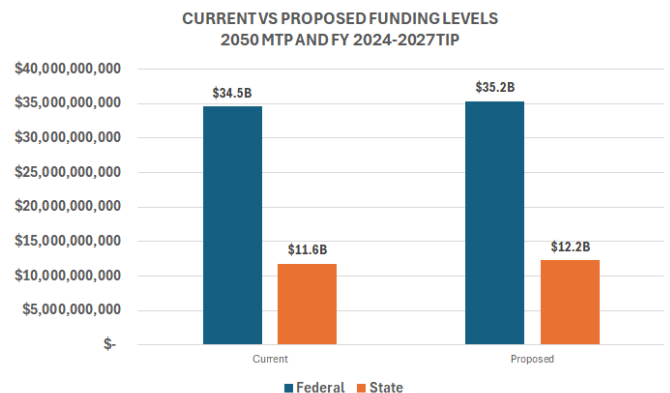
Amendment 5 will see the addition of a new interchange on State Route 316 at Williams Farm Road, a bridge upgrade on Henderson Mill Road at Bear Creek in Newton County, and a scoping study for the South Fulton Chattahoochee Riverlands Greenway, which would be along the Chattahoochee River from Thornton Road to MLK Jr. Drive.

Amendment 5 Financial Summary

Amendment 5 adds a significant amount of funding to the TIP program years, and much of that is due to the updated cost estimates for MMIP projects. \$728M in federal funds are being added to the MTP program years of 2024-2050, while \$215M is being added to the TIP program years of FY 2024-2027. MMIP projects received \$788M in federal funds, which offsets the net loss of federal funding seen in other areas of the Transportation Improvement Program caused largely by the rescission of the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant, which removed \$64.9M in federal funds.

Amendment 5 Major Milestones

- Public Review and Comment Period – **September 24 through October 23**
- Public Hearing – **October 8** (ARC Transportation & Air Quality Committee meeting)
- Committee and Board Actions:
 - Transportation Coordinating Committee action -- **November 7**
 - Transportation & Air Quality Committee action -- **November 12**
 - ARC Board action – **November 12**
 - GRTA Board action – **November 19**
- Conformity Determination Expected from US DOT -- **Early December**
- Amendment officially incorporated into TIP/MTP -- **Early December**



For More Information

Full amendment 5 documentation, including project lists and fact sheets, may be found at atlantaregional.org/amendment

