

June 8, 2022

Special Called Joint TAQC & ARC Board Meeting (hybrid)

ARC Board Approves \$45 Million in Transportation Spending

An amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2020-2025 was unanimously approved by the ARC board to supplement the 20-county region's long-range transportation plan. The approval allows for <u>spending \$45 million in federal funds apportioned under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)</u> for fiscal year 2022.

The Transportation Improvement Program, which allocates federal and state funding for transportation projects in metro Atlanta, is updated as projects change or new funding becomes available. The changes approved were under TIP Amendment #5.

TIP Amendment #5 was approved by ARC's Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) on June 3 and ARC's Transportation & Air Quality Committee (TAQC) on June 8, 2022. A public review process took place between May 5 and 18.

The projects being funded include: a new pilot program funding regional electric buses and EV charging stations; accessibility improvements throughout the CobbLinc system; upgrades to Clayton County's main transit center; bridge upgrades in Barrow, Dawson, and Walton counties; improvement of truck lanes in the SR 6 logistics corridor in Cobb and Douglas counties; and safety improvements at a busy intersection in the City of South Fulton.

More information:

Issue Summary

• ARC Presentation

ARC Proposes Increase in Dues for ARC Members

ARC Executive Director Anna Roach presented on first read a resolution to increase dues for all ARC members effective in January 2023, reflecting an increase in the consumer price index, or CPI. The increase will also help ARC and the region provide matching funds to take advantage of funding opportunities available through the federal Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act.

ARC's proposal calls for dues to be raised from \$1.10 to \$1.20 per capita. State law authorizes ARC to increase its operating budget when CPI increases by more than 10%, which is the case now. The last time ARC members faced an increase in dues due to CPI was in 2017.

Presentation:

ARC Revenue Adjustment: CPI-Driven Dues Increase