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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BASICS

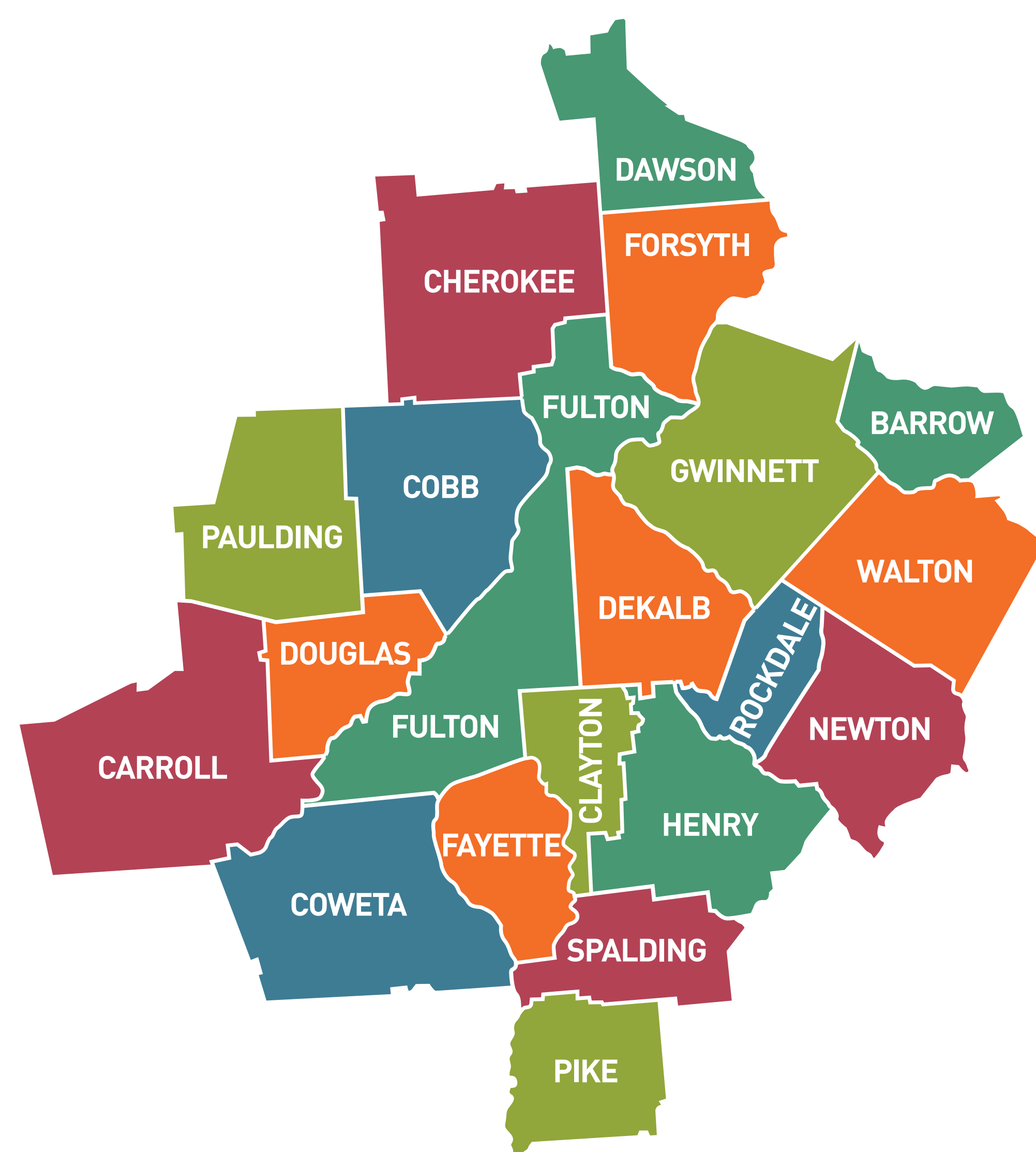
MPO

A **metropolitan planning organization** (MPO) is a federally designated transportation policy-making organization required in all urban areas. Atlanta's MPO is the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), which coordinates all transportation planning for federally funded projects in the 20-county Atlanta region.



RTP/ TIP

The **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)** is the long-range plan for prioritizing spending on transportation projects in our 20-county region. The current RTP looks out to the year 2040. The **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** is the list of all projects from the RTP to be implemented over the next 6 years.



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ADDITIONAL FUNDING PAVES THE WAY FOR NEW INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Federal – The FAST Act of 2015 increases federal funding for highway and transit through 2020

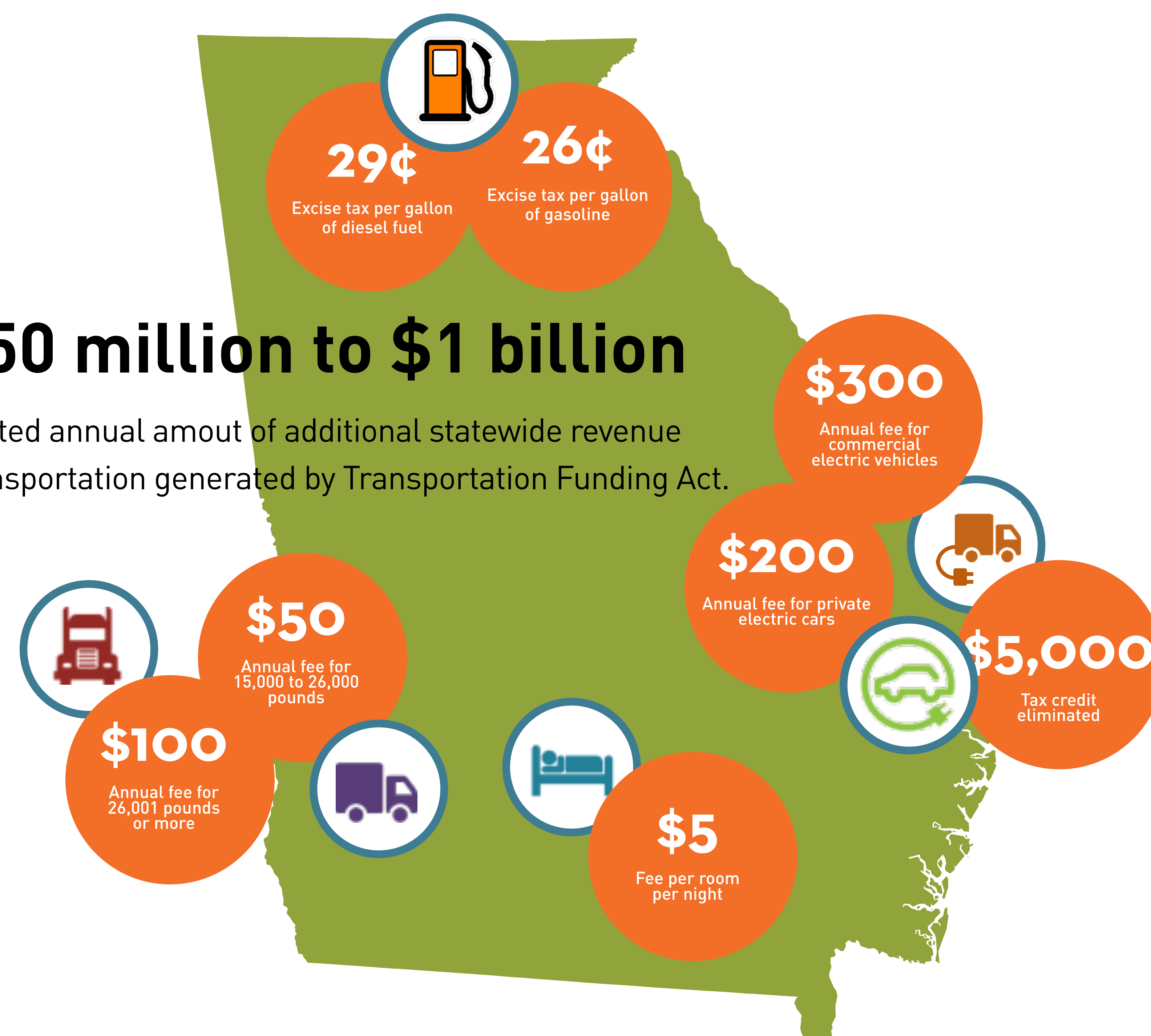
State – With the passage of HB170, State funding for roads, bridges, and maintenance has increased by \$750M to \$1B each year, effectively doubling the State's transportation budget

Local – Many Counties and Cities in Metro Atlanta voted to raise additional funds for transit and road improvements, including biking and walking paths.

As the projects for this increased funding are identified, ARC will continue to update the regional transportation plan

\$750 million to \$1 billion

Estimated annual amount of additional statewide revenue for transportation generated by Transportation Funding Act.



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NEW FUNDING MEANS MORE PROJECTS!

Recent increases in Federal, State, and Local transportation funding means that we will be adding new projects to the regional transportation plan again later this summer.

MORE ROADWAY CAPACITY COMING SOON!

FULTON COUNTY 0013948 Buffington Road widening from Rock Quarry Road to US 29	\$22.1 million
BARROW & HALL COUNTY 0013988 SR 211 widening from SR 124 to SR 347	\$43.6 million <small>99% within Atlanta Region</small>
GWINNETT & HALL COUNTY 0014130 I-985 widening from I-85 to SR 53	\$86.8 million <small>47% within Atlanta Region</small>
GWINNETT COUNTY 0015439 SR20 widening from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to SR 13	\$12.8 million
DEKALB COUNTY 0015244 1-20 East movable Barrier Managed Lane (Westbound AM only) from Panola Road to Columbus Drive	\$21.4 million <small>Annual operations cost of \$2.5 million not included</small>

TRANSIT & LOCAL PROJECTS ON THE WAY!

These new projects will include:

- MARTA/Atlanta Beltline expansions
- Road and bridge maintenance
- Local transportation projects throughout the region



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THINGS TO KNOW REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)** is a long-range blueprint that prioritizes spending on transportation projects in the 20-county Atlanta region through the year 2040. It is part of ARC's overarching vision called The Atlanta Region's Plan. The cost to implement the RTP is estimated at \$93.6 billion. The plan is fiscally constrained, meaning revenue anticipated from existing federal, state, and local sources will be sufficient to cover the cost.

The plan includes...

- 1,035 miles of new lanes to key arterial roadways to improve congestion. In all, 185 major roads will be widened, from Ga. 20 in Cherokee County to Ga. 155 in Henry County.
- 13 new freeway interchanges and major improvements to 22 other existing interchanges to improve travel time and safety for commuters and freight.
- A 208 mile network of express lanes to provide a reliable travel option for drivers, carpoolers and bus riders. 108 miles are in place or currently under construction, with another 100 miles are to be added by 2040.
- 199 miles of rail and bus rapid transit to link people to job centers. The Atlanta Region's Plan commits \$11.4 billion for potential transit expansion projects, including MARTA projects in Clayton County, Ga. 400, I-20 East and the Clifton Corridor, one of the region's largest employment centers.
- A comprehensive bike and pedestrian network that links approximately 400 miles of existing paths to transform health and quality of life amenities into practical commuting corridors.
- The RTP will continue to fund ARC's Livable Centers Initiative (LCI), which has helped 120 local communities define their development, growth, and transportation visions and fund key transportation projects.

Impacts of the RTP:

- Cost of congestion per person is expected to increase from \$1,403 to \$1,916 by 2040. This is a hidden tax that we all pay while sitting in traffic and is money taken directly out of our economy that could be used more productively. It would be significantly higher without these projects.
- Emissions produced by our transportation system fall below established limits for ground level ozone and fine particulate matter. The region's air quality has steadily improved over the last 20 years and that trend will continue.