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Day Two Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• TIP Solicitation Process

Break (10 minutes)

• Study Programs
  • Regional Transportation Study Program
  • LCI Studies
  • Freight Cluster Plans
  • CTP Program

Break (5 minutes)

• Study Contracts/Procurement
TIP Solicitation Process
Introduction
1956 Federal Aid Highway Act

NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS

As of June, 1958

[Map of the United States showing the national system of interstate highways.]
Highway Trust Fund
Federal Transportation Funding Process

- Congress passes a multi-year spending bill for Trust Fund proceeds; authorizes funding from bill to federal agencies each year through appropriations

- Federal agency (DOT) authorizes annual spending amounts for individual states, MPOs, etc.

- Apportioned funds dispensed by programs which support the goals of the multi-year spending bill
FHWA/FTA Program Dispersal

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
  - Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside
- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program
- National Highway Performance Program
- Transit Formula Programs (5307, 5339, etc.)
- Others

MPO

State DOT

Transit Agencies
What is a TIP Solicitation?

• TIP Solicitation - An open call for transportation project proposals to be funded from one of the FHWA programs that ARC has programming authority over.

• Open to eligible state agencies, counties, cities, community improvement districts (CIDs), etc.

• Applications evaluated by staff and approved by MPO policy body (TAQC).

• Competitive evaluation process; allows staff to identify and support projects which are consistent with and directly implement the policy goals of the Atlanta Region’s Plan
  • 23 U.S.C. § 134(j)
TIP Evaluation Framework

• TIP Evaluation Framework outlines how projects are appraised for their accordance with RTP Policy Framework and comparative performance across applications

• Offers a transparent view of how project proposals are graded by ARC staff

• Organized around a Key Decision Point (KDP) structure

• Available at www.atlantaregional.org/tipsolicitation
TIP Project Evaluation Process

• ARC opens a universal call for project proposals

• Most responses collected through an application

• Applications run through KDPs

  • KDP 1 - Filters applications not accordant with RTP Policy Framework
  • KDP 2 - Measures performance by criteria aligned with RTP Policy Framework
  • KDP 3 - Applies final factors (applicant priority, cost effectiveness, regional equity and project deliverability)
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<td>New projects must originate from, or be supported by, a government with a demonstrated capacity to implement federal aid projects with on-time delivery of ARC regional program funded phases over the last three fiscal years of at least 60%¹</td>
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<td>Project must include complete street elements that are context sensitive to the existing community and safety measures that reduce risks for all roadway users</td>
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KDP 2 - Project Evaluation

- KDP 2 applies 12 Policy Framework-referenced performance criterion across 8 distinct application categories

- Based on data sourced by staff and individual applicants

- All criteria specifics outlined in TIP Evaluation Framework

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Projects with at least 50% of project limits within approved LCI districts will be evaluated on LCI criteria in addition to KDP 2 criteria. LCI criteria:

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<td>Mixed-use and multi-family zoning permitted</td>
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<td>Walkable community design regs, sidewalk ordinance, hist. pres. district</td>
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<td>Complete Streets</td>
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<td>Transit Access or TOD</td>
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<td>Social Equity</td>
<td>Moderate to Highest concentration of racial/ethnic minorities and low-income populations based on ARC’s Equity mapping tool.</td>
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<td>Not in EJ area, but project serves low-income or subsidized housing as identified on HUD subsidy property database</td>
<td>10 points (in lieu of above criterion, not added to it)</td>
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KDP 3 - Final Factors

• **Project priority** as disclosed in project application

• **Cost effectiveness** derived from KDP 2 performance and project cost estimate

• **Project deliverability** surmised from application deliverability assessment

• **Regional equity** informed by geographic distribution
Funding Recommendations

• Staff utilize project evaluation findings to craft a draft set of recommendations
  • Applications may be recommended for full funding as requested, partially funded, converted into a scoping study or passed for funding

• Due diligence with sponsors, elected officials, TCC/TAQC and ARC executive team follow

• Recommendations finalized and published
  • Assigned to various TIP incorporation tracks (Amendment or Administrative Modification)
TIP Solicitation Application Process

• Application window opens approximately every 2 years

• Application windows typically supported by ARC staff through open house events

• Application is online; allows applicants to save progress and return
  • In select cases a sponsor may participate directly through PLANIT

• Application designed to assist applicants submit a competitive application
TIP Solicitation Page

• All resources pertaining to TIP solicitations are hosted at www.atlantaregional.org/tipsolicitation

• Includes:
  • Application portal login
  • Solicitation dates and milestones
  • Supporting resources to help craft a competitive application
  • Award announcements and previous
  • A summary of received applications
  • Previous solicitation awards
Important Closing Items

• Funds programmed by ARC through the TIP solicitation process are made to a specific project, project activity and fiscal year - NOT a project sponsor

• MPO funding is a partnership between the sponsor and MPO

• Keeping a project on schedule is critical as MPO funding availability in future TIP years fluctuates each quarter

• Drastic changes in project scope/schedule/budget can impact ARC support
Questions?
Break - 10-minutes
THE ATLANTA REGION'S PLAN
Leading Metro Atlanta Into The Future

Studies and Contracts
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Study Programs

- Regional Transportation Study Program
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- Freight Cluster Plans
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Program
Regional Transportation Study Plan (RTSP)

The Regional Transportation Planning Study (RTPS) program provides local governments and Community Improvement Districts funds for transportation plans, corridor studies and feasibility studies that support the goals and objectives of the Atlanta Region’s Plan. The purpose of these is to develop project concepts that improve safety, mobility and access to all roadway users, while also preparing them for advancement to Scoping and/or PE phases (in future TIP project solicitations).
Funding for transportation studies helps to determine viable TIP projects. Typical study types include:

- Planning study identifies transportation issues and provides improvement options.
- Feasibility are used to determine if a recommended approach to a transportation issues is feasible.
- Scoping study identifies and explores the initial parameters of a transportation project. Required before funding is awarded for expansion project.
## Regional Transportation Study Plan (RTSP)

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<td>ADID/Central Atlanta Progress</td>
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RTSP- ARC’s Role

• Main Point of Contact between the Study Process and ARC

• Requests and information should flow through them once you begin the study.

• Receives Invoices and Monthly Progress Reports

• Attend Project Management Team Meetings and other public meetings

• Ensures study is meeting milestones and meets ARC needs
RTSP-Local Sponsor’s Role

• Main Point of Contact at the Local Level

• Manages the consultant and serves as the main point of contact for studies project

• Ensures timely Invoicing and Monthly Progress Reports

• Ensures Study meets the community needs; Review final deliverables

• Pays consultants in timely manner

• Ensure coordination with ARC Project Manager
Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)

• LCI originally adopted in 1999 by ARC Board as part of the RTP (Mobility 2030)

• Current funding committed in the RTP (through 2050):
  - $2 Million per year for studies
  - $20 Million per year for transportation infrastructure

• To date, LCI has funded ~$250 Million on 120 transportation projects and $18 Million on 278 studies in 122 distinct centers and corridors.
Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Studies

- Program goals: increasing density, mix of uses, mobility options, improved access jobs, services and retail, and affordable housing.

- Eligible areas: **Town Centers** (e.g. County seats, historic town centers) and **districts with high-capacity transit service** (MARTA station areas, bus transfer centers, locations with BRT or multiple bus lines)

- Current focus areas: Affordable housing, Creative Placemaking, Green Infrastructure and Smart Technology.
Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Studies

• Annual grant cycle – general timeline:
  • Application opens in January
  • Applications due in March
  • Awards in April
  • Approx. 18 months for study (including procurement)

• Grants range from $80K-$400K ($150K typical)

• Evaluation Criteria:
  • Study Need and Innovation
  • LCI Program Goals & Priority Issues
  • Commitment and Ability to Implement
  • Geographic Diversity
Freight Clusters were identified as part of the 2016 Regional Freight Plan Update.

Industrial development commonly is located near other industrial development.

Found a lack of local planning in these freight clusters areas.

Applicant study areas must be in a freight cluster or in a location with ongoing industrial growth, i.e. Spalding County.

https://atlantaregional.org/transportation-mobility/freight/transportation-mobility-freight-freight-cluster-plans/
Freight Cluster Plans

Regional Transportation Plan

Scope Content
- Roadways/Connectivity
- Safety/Crash Data Review
- Access to Jobs – Bike/Ped/Transit
- Traffic Study – Stand alone task
- Changing freight/logistics industry
- Technology Needs – ITS, CAV, etc.
- Growth potential
- Land use conflicts
- Truck Parking
- Bridges
- Rail Activity
- Alternative fuels
- Signage
- Lighting
CTP Program

- Local long-range planning program established in 2005
- Fundamental building blocks of the Regional Transportation Plan
- Knits together community level plans developed under the Regional Transportation Study Program, LCI Program, Freight Cluster Studies Program and others
- Robust community engagement and local government adoption are required
- Includes a fiscally reasonable short-range component that can serve as a blueprint for SPLOST/TSPLOST votes and funding solicitations
CTP Status

- No current activity
- Update currently underway
- In contracting / procurement
- Update pending in 2021 (tentative)

Completion date of most recent CTP
Study Program Contacts

• LCI Studies - Jared Lombard, Jlombard@atlantaregional.org
• LCI Transportation Projects - Amy Goodwin, Agoodwin@atlantaregional.org
• LCI website - www.atlantaregional.org/hci
• Regional Transportation Study Program – Marquitrice Mangham, mmangham@atlantaregional.org
• Freight Cluster Plans – Daniel Studdard, dstuddard@atlantaregional.org
• Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Program – David Haynes, dhaynes@atlantaregional.org
Study Contracts and Procurement
Contracting & Budgeting

• Contracts are between ARC and your Organization (no PFA with GDOT).

• Procurement must be competitive
  • Either RFP or RFQ
  • Include your ARC Project Manager on the procurement process including interviews (except for CTP studies)

• If the final study budget is less than your LCI grant that is OK. If it is more, your organization will have to make up the difference.
Role of Consultant

• Prepares Plan or Study
  • Manages the study to ensure work meets scope requirements and deadlines
  • Manages the process and schedules meetings and presentations in coordination with sponsor and ARC
  • Manages consultant team.
Invoicing & Progress Reports

<Place on sponsor or consultant letterhead>

Progress Report # XX

Date:

Study Name:
Study Sponsor:
Contact Name & Email:
Reporting Period (begin date-end date):

Activities completed this period:

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* Detail activities completed here:
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Task 2: <Insert name of task from ARC contract>
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Task 3: <Insert name of task from ARC contract>
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Task 4: <Insert name of task from ARC contract>
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Task XX (list additional tasks as needed)

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Issues, comments and schedule status:
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--Signature and Title of Appropriate Official--
Questions?