



DATE: May 8, 2024

**ISSUE SUMMARY: 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
AMENDMENT #1**

FROM: Carlotta Harrell, TAQC Chair

IMPORTANCE:

Federal regulations require ARC, as a Metropolitan Planning Organization, to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that discusses the planning priorities facing the metropolitan planning area and describes all metropolitan transportation and transportation-related air quality planning activities anticipated within the area regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting activities. The UPWP must be developed cooperatively with the State, public transit operators and other planning partners.

The 2024 UPWP was adopted by ARC on November 8, 2023 and was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on November 9, 2023.

Over time, changes may occur to previously identified planning activities and new initiatives may need to be included. This amendment adds:

- Three planning initiatives to be undertaken by Cobb County using ARPA funds.
- Six SS4A safety action plans around the region which were announced in December 2023.
- One new SMART grant in Henry County which was announced in March 2024.
- Two recent ARC discretionary funding awards that will involve planning tasks:
 - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (announced January 2024)
 - Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (announced March 2024)

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval of Amendment #1 to the 2024 UPWP.



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT #1

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning within the Atlanta Metropolitan Area Boundary which includes all or portions of 20 counties; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 require the MPO to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that discusses the planning priorities facing the metropolitan planning area and describes all metropolitan transportation and transportation-related air quality planning activities anticipated within the area regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting activities; and

WHEREAS, the **2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** was developed pursuant to federal requirements in a cooperative manner with the State, public transit operators and other planning partners; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 UPWP includes the following:

- Excerpts from the ARC's Annual Work Program and Budget (2024) adopted by ARC on November 8, 2023, that describe ARC's transportation-related work activities for calendar 2024;
- Transportation-related accomplishments from the previous year (2023) and transportation-related objectives for the current year (2024), reflecting input from each of the counties within the planning area as well as the City of Atlanta, public transit operators, and state planning partners; and
- Applicable studies programmed in the FY 2024-2027 TIP adopted in January 2024.

WHEREAS, over time the scope, schedule and budget of existing planning activities included in the UPWP may change, or new initiatives may be identified that need to be included; and

WHEREAS, the following new initiatives need to be amended into the 2024 UPWP:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission approves an amendment to the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program that adds these planning initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ARC authorizes staff to take all necessary administrative actions to update relevant documentation and information on the ARC website related to the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on December 14, 2022.

Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Board Secretary