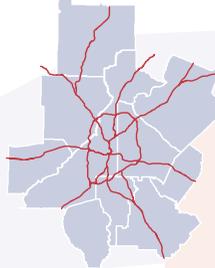


How a Transportation Idea Becomes a Transportation Project



Start Here

Anyone can propose a transportation project based on an identified need.



Transportation planners and engineers will determine how these projects benefit the regional transportation network.



Projects need to be sponsored by agencies authorized under federal law. These include all county and municipal governments, GDOT, GRTA, MARTA, ARC and private, non-profit or civic organizations that can coordinate with a government agency.



These local sponsors will prioritize strategies or projects according to the goals set forth for their respective jurisdiction.



These strategies are incorporated into the regional priority list by ARC to begin the regional planning process and create the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).



Public involvement dictates regional goals and strategies to determine how the regional transportation network will look in the future. Projects are further prioritized based on what the public says.



Once the RTP is drafted, the plan undergoes testing for financial constraints and conformity to federal air quality standards.



The draft RTP is released for a 45-day official public comment period. ARC responds to comments, and these are made available to the public at-large.



The RTP goes before ARC committees and Board for consideration and eventual adoption.



The first three years of the highest priority projects are further ranked and evaluated for inclusion into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).



Draft TIP is released for official public comment.



The TIP goes before ARC committees and Board for consideration and eventual adoption.



The TIP goes to state (GRTA) and federal authorities for approval.



Funds flow to project sponsors to begin preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition.



Construction begins.

