

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update &
Amendments to 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
Public Comment Period
June 26 – July 25, 2017
Frequently Asked Questions**

How often is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) updated?

We usually update the TIP every year. Typically public comment is taken in March and April, but it can vary according to the Georgia Department of Transportation's schedule.

Where are we now in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update process ?

The Draft TIP has been approved to go to the public for comment. This is not necessarily the final form of this document. Accompanying the Draft TIP are Draft Amendments to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. The Amendments reflect changes necessary to the document to enable the proposed projects in the TIP to be programmed into the Georgia Department of Transportation budget and to keep the documents consistent. The following public meetings have been scheduled to give the public opportunities to review and comment on the Draft TIP:

Oconee County Veterans Park – Meeting Room
Monday, June 26, 2017 – 5pm to 7pm

Athens-Clarke County Planning Department – Auditorium
Wednesday, June 28, 2017 – 4pm to 6pm

Madison County, Danielsville Courthouse – Public Meeting Room
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 – 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Draft documents will be available to view at these meetings. The meetings will have a drop-in format and staff will be present to answer any questions and take public comments. The same materials will be available at all 3 meetings.

How do I get a copy of the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or the Amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan to review ?

The Draft TIP and Draft Amendments to the LRTP have been posted on the MACORTS website located at www.macorts.org. Paper copies of the document and the associated supporting materials as well as a CD version are available at the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, located at 120 W. Dougherty St. in Athens. You can reach us by phone at (706) 613-3515, by fax at (706) 613-3844, or by e-mail at macorts@athensclarkecounty.com. You can also pick up copies of the materials at the Oconee County and Madison County Planning Offices in Watkinsville and Danielsville, respectively.

How can I comment on the Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or Amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan ?

Comments will be accepted from June 26 – July 25, 2017. Comments may be submitted via mail, e-mail, phone, fax, or in person at the Planning Departments of Athens-Clarke County, Madison County, or Oconee County, or it can be handed in at one of the 3 public meetings scheduled.

You can contact MACORTS directly at the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department at 120 W. Dougherty Street in Athens, by phone at (706) 613-3515, by fax at (706) 613-3844, or by e-mail at macorts@athensclarkecounty.com.

What will happen to my comments ?

After the comment period has been completed, all comments will be taken to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Policy Committee (PC) for their review and consideration. Appropriate changes in response to the public comment will be incorporated into the documents at the direction of the TCC and/or PC.

A final version of the documents will be approved by the TCC and PC. The final version of the document will contain a summary of all public comment received. (Comments in their original form will be kept on file at the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department, but they will not be published in the Final document.)

Will the public be able to see the Final Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) ?

Yes, after the MACORTS Policy Committee approves the Final TIP and Amendments, copies will be available free of charge to the public at the Planning Departments in Athens-Clarke County, Madison County, and Oconee County. Final documents should be available in hardcopy or on CD by September 1, 2017. They will be posted on the MACORTS website (www.macorts.org) shortly after approval.

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