

What are the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Participation Plan, and Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) ?

All of these documents are required by the federal government and are a cooperative effort between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study (MACORTS). All are necessary in order for the MACORTS area to have access to federal and state urban transportation funding.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Contains all of the projects that will be receiving federal funding during the next 4 fiscal years.
- The TIP is updated annually with the latest funding amounts and timelines for transportation projects in our area. Therefore, the first year of the TIP has the most reliable information.
- Locally funded projects are also listed in the TIP for informational purposes only.
- Upon completion of the TIP each year, this document is printed and made available free of charge to the public at the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department. It is also posted on the MACORTS website at www.macorts.org.

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- Plan for transportation projects in our region for the next 20 years
- Only transportation projects included in the LRTP can be eligible for federal funding. Funded projects move from the LRTP into the TIP as they are funded.
- This Plan is updated every five years.
- Upon completion, this Plan is printed and made available free of charge to the public at the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department. It is also posted on the MACORTS website at www.macorts.org.

Participation Plan

- Outlines how and when MACORTS will conduct the public involvement process
- This plan is updated as necessary. There is no set timeframe for updates.
- Any time the Participation Plan is changed, there must be a 45-day public comment period conducted for the public to review those changes.
- Upon completion, this Plan is printed and made available free of charge to the public at the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department. It is also posted on the MACORTS website at www.macorts.org.

Limited English Proficiency Plan

- Outlines how many individuals have limited English proficiency in the MACORTS and Athens Transit System service area and how both are insuring that those individuals are not being excluded from participation or service
- This plan is updated as necessary. There is no set timeframe for updates.
- Any time the Limited English Proficiency Plan is changed, there must be a 45-day public comment period conducted for the public to review those changes.
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