

FACT SHEET

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What's going on?

Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for 2050. MPO is an agency that develops long-range multimodal transportation plans. The MTP, updated every 5 years, envisions and evaluates what the ARTS planning area will look like in the next 10, 20, or 30 years. Securing federal funds, the MTP recommends transportation projects to improve, maintain, and operate roadways and bridges, public transit, aviation, multi-use trails, and sidewalks.

What is the Study Process?

As shown in the illustration below, the MTP Update will engage the public continually and;

1. **Inventory** existing transportation conditions in the ARTS planning area
2. **Assess** existing and future transportation needs
3. **Recommend** projects to address identified needs
4. **Prioritize** projects using study goals, needs and public input
5. **Draft** short-, medium-, and long-term **project programs** based on available and potential funding

Our goal for the ARTS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update is to include recommendations that will provide economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits to the ARTS planning area (Aiken, Columbia, Edgefield, and Richmond Counties), and reflect input from all transportation users through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive public engagement process.

Public Involvement



We are listening!

The ARTS 2050 MTP Update needs to hear from the people who use the ARTS planning area's transportation network - its drivers, walkers, bus riders, bikers, truckers, joggers....

YOU!

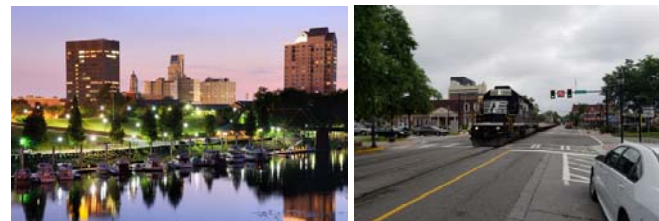
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To provide your input, email Contact@FutureMobility2050.com or call (706) 821-1796. Learn more about the study by visiting our webpage: Go to **FutureMobility2050.com**

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Photo Sources: ARTS MPO



Which projects will be in the final MTP?

1)

A “**Universe of Projects**” includes hundreds of potential transportation projects. These came from state, regional, and locally published plans, public and stakeholder input, current needs based on safety reports and crash data, and future needs based on projected population growth and traffic congestion locations.

2)

A **prioritization process** will evaluate and rank projects. Public and stakeholder input will help determine the importance of each MTP goal to the ARTS planning area (see “ARTS MTP Goals” below). These relative importance rankings will shape the final project list.

3)

The final project list will contain short-term, mid-term, and long-term projects for implementation out to the year 2050. The list will be **financially constrained** based on available federal, state, and local funding opportunities. Public input will help determine the percentage of total funding that goes towards each project type.

Universe of Projects
(Not constrained by available funding)



Project Prioritization:

- Public and Stakeholder Input
- Funding Availability
- Project Evaluation



**Financially
Constrained
Project List**



ARTS MTP Interactive Map

To view all projects and leave your comments, visit the Interactive Map at FutureMobility2050.com

ARTS MTP Goals



Mobility, Accessibility, and Connectivity



Reduce traffic congestion and delay



Safety and Security



Maintenance and System Preservation



Economic Vitality



Environmental Stewardship



Land Use and Transportation Integration



Financial Feasibility



Effective Engagement and Coordination