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ARTS 2050

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for 2050. The MTP recommends projects to improve, maintain, and operate roadways and bridges, public transit, multi-use trails, and sidewalks.

Whether you rely on public transportation, drive a car, are a cyclist or take advantage of different mode of transportation, this plan is for you. Please share your feedback to help us make decisions that will better the entire community.

Take the survey here: <https://futuremobility2050.metroquest.com/>

Thank you for attending our Public Meetings

The Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) invited you to share your thoughts on roadways, public transit, multiuse trails, bikeways, and sidewalks. If you did not make it to our public meeting you can still help identify long-term, priority transportation projects! Take the [survey](#) and share your thoughts.

Thank you for attending our Stakeholder Round table. We appreciate your valuable input!

About The Plan page:

Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), serves as a regional blueprint and policy guide for current and future transportation infrastructure. It recommends multi-modal transportation projects and capital improvements for the next 30 years. The MTP is updated every five years and seeks to propose implementable projects that meet the current and future needs of the region.

Timeline:

Spring 2019 - Future Mobility 2050 Study begins
September 2019 – First Round of Public meetings
February 2020 – First Draft 2050 MTP
March – 2020 Second Round of Public Meetings
September 2020 – Final adoption of 2050 MTP

ARTS Metropolitan Planning Organization

Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) is a bi-state Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) covering the Augusta-Richmond County, GA; and, Aiken County, SC urbanized areas. MPOs are federally funded organizations charged with coordinating and planning transportation projects in urbanized areas with more than 50,000 residents. The ARTS MPO is responsible for developing local transportation policies and deciding how to spend Federal funds to implement the transportation planning process.

ARTS planning area covers an approximate land area of 793 square miles with population of 511,686 (US Census 2010) and includes:

- Georgia
 - Richmond County,
 - City of Hephzibah
 - City of Blythe
 - Fort Gordon Military Reservation
 - Parts of Columbia County, including the City of Grovetown
- South Carolina
 - Parts of Aiken County (Aiken, North Augusta, New Ellenton, Burnetown)
 - Parts of Edgefield County

MTP Process

The MTP Update will engage the public continually and;

1. **Inventory** existing transportation conditions in the ARTS region
2. **Assess** the existing and future transportation needs of the ARTS residents.
3. **Recommend** projects to address identified needs.
4. **Prioritize** projects based on study goals, transportation needs, and public input.

5. Draft short-, medium-, and long-term project programs based on available and potential funding.

Previous Plan

The ARTS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan will update the current plan, entitled ARTS Transportation Vision 2040, which was adopted on September 2, 2015 by the ARTS Policy Committee.

The 2040 Plan is found here:

https://www.augustaga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7600/Final-LRTP-2040_5_2_2016?bidId=

FAQs

What is a Metropolitan Organization (MPO)?

MPOs are federally funded organizations who are responsible for with coordinating and planning transportation projects in urbanized areas with more than 50,000 residents.

What is a Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

A Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a long-range transportation plan for a Metropolitan Planning Organization. The MTP identifies multi-modal transportation system needs and how to use federal, state, and local funds to meet those transportation needs. The MTP is updated every five years to update current conditions and make changes appropriately for a 20-year planning horizon.

Why do we need a Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

Having a transportation plan is a very important step in creating and maintaining an effective and efficient transportation system. Transportation effect thousands of people and goods so the projects in the MTP need to reflect their needs to safely and efficiently travel. The MTP contains proposed projects to meet those local needs, and are evaluated on established criteria.

Project Materials Page:

[Technical Report #2: Data Collection](#)
[Project Fact Sheet 2020](#)
[Project Fact Sheet 2019](#)

[March 2020 Public Meetings Presentation](#)
[Stakeholder Workshop Presentation 2020](#)
[Project Presentation 2019](#)

Get Involved:

Our goal for the ARTS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is to include recommendations that will provide economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits to the ARTS planning area, and reflect input from all users of the ARTS region's transportation network through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive public engagement process.

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Call or Email the project team

The Augusta Metropolitan Planning Organization welcomes your comments.

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