

What are the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) ?

Both 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). Both are necessary in order for the MACORTS area to have access to federal and state urban transportation funding.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- A document containing all of the projects that will be receiving federal and/or state funding during the next 4 fiscal years.
- The TIP is updated every year with the latest funding amounts and timelines for completion of transportation projects in our area. Therefore, the first year of the TIP has the most reliable information. The information for the other years is our best guess as to the timeline of the projects.
- Locally funded projects are also listed in the TIP for informational purposes only.
- After it's completion every year, this document is printed and is made available free of charge to the public at the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department. Copies are also available at the Madison and Oconee County Planning Departments. It is posted on the MACORTS website as well (www.macorts.org).

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- Addresses anticipated transportation needs for next 20 years in our region.
- All projects that make it into the TIP must be included in the LRTP to be eligible for federal and/or state funds.
- This Plan is updated every five years, but a full update is done when new Census information is available (every 10 years).
- After completion, this Plan will be printed and will be made available free of charge to the public at the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department. Copies are also available at the Madison and Oconee County Planning Departments. It is posted on the MACORTS website as well (www.macorts.org).

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