

2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program



Title 23 U.S.C. §135, as implemented by 23C.F.R. Part 450, Subpart B, requires each state to carry out a continuing, comprehensive, and intermodal statewide transportation planning process, including development of a statewide transportation plan and transportation improvement program (TIP), that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods in all areas of the state, including those areas subject to the metropolitan planning requirements of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 23 C.F.R. Part 450, Subpart C.

1. The STIP will include:

- A highway or transit project funded under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. §5301 et seq.). A project in the STIP will be consistent with the statewide long-range transportation plan and metropolitan TIPs, and the program will reflect expected funding and priorities for programming.
- Projects that are not considered by the department and MPO to be of appropriate scale for individual identification in a given program year (e.g. rehabilitation, seal coating, elderly or disabled transit projects) may be **“Grouped”** by function, geographic area, or work type.
- Regionally significant projects to be funded with non-federal funds will be included in the STIP for planning, coordination, and public disclosure purposes.

2. STIP Funding. The federal funding level for each year of the STIP is the annual authorization as outlined in 23 U.S.C. §101 et seq. and funds appropriated under 49 U.S.C. 5301 et seq. in addition to the appropriate state and local match. The STIP Financial Plan will: demonstrate how the transportation improvements can be funded and reasonably implemented; be consistent with funding reasonably expected to be available during the relevant period; and be financially constrained by year.

The STIP shall:

- Develop, operate, and maintain efficient and effective transportation systems and services;
- Improve public safety and security on transportation systems;
- Facilitate economic and social prosperity through the efficient movement of people and goods;
- Protect, when feasible, and enhance, when practical, the environment in transportation activities;
- Improve and promote the connectivity of transportation services and systems; and
- Optimize transportation funding to meet the mobile needs of the state.

Statewide Public Involvement for STIP

Public involvement provides opportunities for public review and comment at key decision points during the statewide transportation planning process as required by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) sends letters notifying Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), state and federal environmental agencies, the Texas Bicycle Coalition, Tribal Governments, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Central Federal Lands Highway Division, and the National Park Service/Intermountain Region Office when it takes action on The STIP/Long Range Statewide Plan.

This notification includes how and where to obtain a copy of the subject documents and the time and date of the public hearing. It also provides instructions to those interested in providing comments and a copy of the applicable Texas Register public notice.

All other interested parties are provided notice of the comment period and public hearing via the Texas Register public notice and TxDOT’s website.

Interested parties are able to access this document at TxDOT’s Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) Division Office in Austin, the Atlanta District Office and TxDOT’s website.

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Public Involvement for Atlanta District

The comment and review period for the proposed Atlanta District 2013-2016 STIP will be open March 26-April 24, 2012.

- Documents may be viewed at the Atlanta District Headquarters and any Atlanta Area Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday (see addresses below).
- Documents may be viewed online at WWW.TxDOT.GOV [Search keyword "ATLSTIP"]. More detailed information on specific projects listed within the STIP can be found on TxDOT's website by following the link for "Project Tracker."
- Further statewide public involvement for the STIP will take place in the Summer of 2012.
- TxDOT Transportation Commission will approve the final STIP in the Fall of 2012.

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 Texarkana, Texas

Marshall Area Office

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 300 East Loop 390 North
 Marshall, Texas

Mt. Pleasant Area Office

(Camp, Titus, Morris &
 Upshur Counties)
 2210 West Ferguson
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Comment Sheets and Information

To obtain more information about the proposed Atlanta District 2013-2016 STIP, please visit any TxDOT Area Office or the Atlanta District Office for a copy of the list of proposed projects and comment sheets. You may also view the STIP on TxDOT's website at WWW.TXDOT.GOV [Search keyword "ATLSTIP"].

Comments will be received for the proposed 2013-2016 STIP until April 24, 2012.

For more information, please contact Deanne Simmons, P.E., at (903) 799-1308.