

# *STIP Annual Public Involvement Report*

*Georgia State Transportation Improvement Program  
Fiscal Year 2011-2014*

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## STIP OVERVIEW

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The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, known as the STIP, is Georgia's four-year transportation and capital improvements program. The STIP is a listing of federally-funded transportation projects within the state that are anticipated to be funded during fiscal years 2011-2014. Projects include highway, bridge, public transit, bike, pedestrian, railroad projects and other improvements.

The STIP is developed in coordination with the citizens of Georgia, interested stakeholders, and in direct cooperation with local governments. Projects listed in the STIP are identified through GDOT's ongoing planning processes and are vital to the state's transportation program. The projects support GDOT's mission to provide a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to its citizens and environment.

The STIP Public Involvement Process gives all citizens and interested stakeholders the opportunity to review and comment on the state's transportation priorities for the next four fiscal years. The public is encouraged to become involved and provide GDOT with thoughts, suggestions and information about transportation needs for Georgia.

This report will serve to detail efforts regarding the notification and documentation of the meetings and to summarize the comments received. Supplemental project information is included in the Appendix.

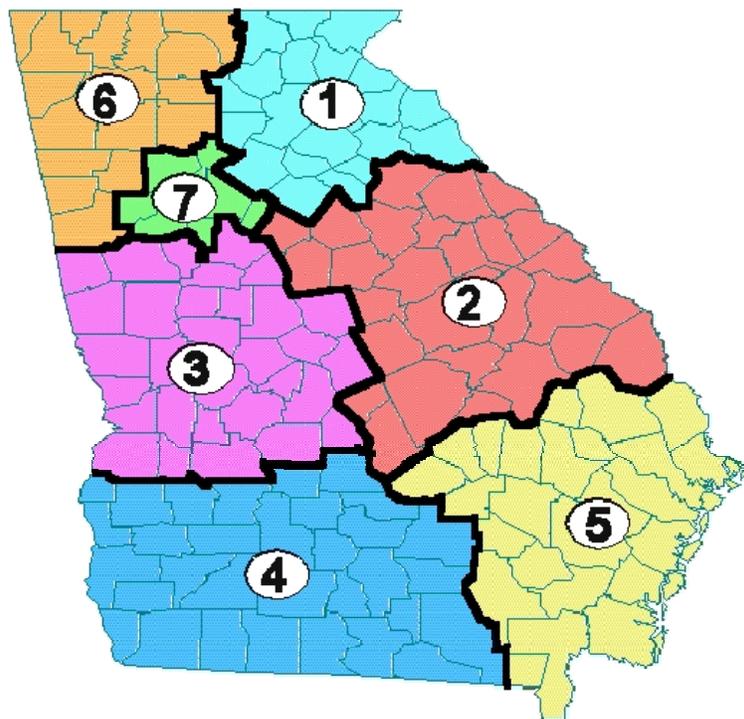
## 1. PUBLIC INVOLVMENT PROCESS

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A major component of the STIP development process is public involvement. A total of fifteen public meetings for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) were held throughout the six non-urbanized GDOT Districts, Districts 1 through 6. District 7 is the metro-Atlanta region and, therefore, was not included. Figure 1 illustrates the seven GDOT District boundaries, while Table 1 details the schedule of public meeting dates by District.

Some of the GDOT Districts hosted more than one meeting to accommodate for the large geographic area covered by the District, and several held joint meetings to take advantage of opportunities to discuss projects that spanned more than one District. GDOT coordinated with each of its Districts outside of metro-Atlanta to identify environmental justice (EJ) areas of concern and to develop appropriate outreach strategies. GDOT district staff also assisted in determining the best locations for hosting public meetings, notifying the public through press releases, and staffing the public meetings. Furthermore, the public meetings were held in locations that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines for ease of access and could also be reached by public transportation, where applicable.

Figure 1. GDOT District Map



**Table 1. Schedule of Public Meetings by District**

District	Date	Time	Venue Name	City
1	August 17, 2010	5-7 p.m.	Jackson County Fire Training Center	Jefferson
1	August 19, 2010	5-7 p.m.	City Hall	Helen
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3	August 26, 2010	5-7 p.m.	Josh Gibson Youth & Family Resource Center	Buena Vista
3	August 30, 2010	5-7 p.m.	LaGrange Mall	LaGrange
4	August 31, 2010	4-7 p.m.	Valdosta Mall	Valdosta
4	September 1, 2010	4-7 p.m.	Tifton Mall	Tifton
4	September 2, 2010	4-7 p.m.	Albany Mall	Albany
5	August 30, 2010	5-7 p.m.	GDOT District 5 Conference Room	Jesup
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6*	August 25, 2010	5-7 p.m.	Carroll County Chamber of Commerce	Carrollton
6	August 26, 2010	5-7 p.m.	GDOT District 6 Conference Room	Cartersville

\*Joint Meeting

## Notification and Documentation

There were several methods used to advertise the meetings to the public: direct mailing, media release distributions, radio advertisements, Facebook advertisements, use of the GDOT website, and posters in libraries across the State of Georgia. All of these materials were branded with the newly created STIP logo, as shown on the cover of this document. This branding effort was undertaken to give the STIP program its own identity and to make it easily recognizable.

### Direct Mailing and Posters

A newsletter-style meeting notice was developed and mailed to members of GDOT's Family of Partners database, which includes over 5,600 addresses. This database includes individuals, organizations and elected officials at the federal, state and local level as well as representatives from EJ communities.

In addition, 11x17 color posters in both English and Spanish were mailed to 360 libraries throughout the State of Georgia. (See Appendix A for a copy of the meeting notice and poster).

Media Release Distributions

GDOT District Communications Officers were encouraged to distribute a media release, which was crafted specifically for their district, to the media outlets in their Districts. Ads were placed and press releases sent to local newspapers publicly announcing STIP meetings. Legal ads were placed in all Legal Organs in the state. (See Appendix B for the media releases that were distributed.)

Radio

A series of thirty second and fifteen second ads were aired during prime drive time to publicize the STIP public meetings. Specifically, a thirty second ad introducing the STIP was run 1,140 times statewide on the Georgia News Network (GNN) two weeks prior to the first STIP public meeting. GNN has 114 affiliate radio stations, covers all of Georgia’s 159 counties, reaches 1,230,200 listeners weekly, and is considered one of the most effective ways to reach rural Georgia.

Fifteen second ads were also produced to highlight specific STIP meetings in each district. These ads were run two weeks prior to the first meeting in each radio market on the Total Traffic Network. Table 2 below identifies the markets in which the ads were aired, the number of spots aired in each market, the number of stations airing the ads and the Gross Impressions by age group. (Gross Impressions is the audience reach or the number of “impressions” an ad has on listeners in a market.) Appendix C provides additional detail on the market reach provided by radio advertising for the STIP public meetings.

**Table 2. Radio Advertisements**

Market	Number of Spots	# of Stations Airing STIP Ads	Gross Imp A18+	Gross Imp A25-54
GNN	1140	114	1,504,400	807,300
Atlanta	100	11	858,200	549,600
Savannah	80	6	355,398	216,827
Macon	132	5	281,336	397,511
Columbus	132	8	191,600	106,800
Augusta	132	6	404,800	279,400
Albany	140	5	238,406	159,411
TOTAL	1856	155	3,834,140	2,516,849

## Facebook

New to the FY 2011 STIP public involvement effort was advertising on Facebook. Facebook users located in the State of Georgia, with the exception of the Atlanta metropolitan area, were targeted for the campaign, which ran from August 9, 2010 until the last STIP public meeting on September 2, 2010. Users that clicked on the STIP ad were taken directly to the STIP website. The 25 day campaign resulted in a total of 10,322,776 impressions.

Figure 2. STIP Facebook Ad



## Website

GDOT also provided information regarding the 2011-2014 STIP on the Department's website. In an effort to make this site more accessible, the website [www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com) was used once again this year. When accessed, the georgiastip.com site takes users directly to the Department's STIP page. Information contained on the STIP page during development of the FY 2011-2014 STIP included:

- Draft FY 2011-2014 STIP
- Active FY 2010-2013 STIP
- Previous STIPs
- MPO TIPs
- Public Involvement
- Georgia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Contacts
- GDOT Contact Information

These collective outreach efforts resulted in advertisements and news articles printed in local papers throughout the state. A summary of coverage received due to this notification effort is included in Appendix D.

Additionally, in an effort to accommodate Georgia's Spanish-speaking citizens, the meeting flyer, poster, informational handout and news releases were translated into Spanish. A sample of these documents can be found in Appendix E. The narrative for the STIP document is translated into Spanish, as well.

## 2. PUBLIC MEETING FORMAT

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Public meetings were open-house style meetings held at various community venues, which included municipal buildings, GDOT District offices, and shopping malls. An informational table was set up and meeting attendees were encouraged to sign-in, take copies of the STIP informational handout and comment forms, and to visit the displays.

STIP project maps that included planned projects and project numbers, which coordinated with the project numbers in the STIP, were displayed on easels (see Appendix F for an example of the maps). GDOT staff was available at each meeting to answer questions and provide guidance to citizens regarding STIP projects.

An informational handout explaining the STIP process was produced and distributed at the public meetings. The comment form, which meeting attendees were encouraged to complete on-site, collected information regarding the public involvement process, including how people were notified of the meetings, whether or not the meeting was informative and how the meeting could be improved. The comment form also asked meeting attendees to provide input regarding specific projects as well as input regarding other transportation issues. A summary of comments and input received is included in the following section. (See Appendix G for the informational handout and a sample comment form).

### 3. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

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A total of fifteen (15) public meetings were held throughout the STIP area during the months of August and September. Over three hundred (300) people were estimated to have attended the meetings and one hundred and eighty-five (185) people signed in and were accounted for officially, (an increase of approximately 26% from 2009). Of the 185 attendees, 55 provided written comments regarding specific STIP projects or other transportation issues. The comments received were made a part of the official record for the project. Based on the comments received, 80% found the meeting informative.

In addition to the comments received at the STIP public meetings, project inquiries were emailed to the STIP Coordinator throughout the year, who replied directly or coordinated a response through the appropriate GDOT project manager.

As shown in Table 3, the District 3 meeting held at the LaGrange Mall had the highest attendance with 66 participants, followed by the District 6 meeting at the GDOT District 6 Conference Room with 39 participants.

#### **Meeting Notification**

Of the people that returned comment forms, 33% stated that they were informed about the meeting through the newspaper. Approximately 14% of respondents were informed by the GDOT flyer that was mailed to the Family of Partners database, while another 53% were informed about the meetings through other means (i.e., email, radio/TV, Facebook, word of mouth). Some attendees also noted that they learned about the project by being at the mall on the date of the meeting and simply approaching the informational display to ask questions.

**Table 3. Public Meeting Summary by Date**

Meeting Logistics					Attendance			Notification					Informative	
District	Date	Time	Venue	City	Number Counted	Signed In	Written Comment	Flyer	Email	Newspaper	Radio /TV	Other	Yes	No
1	8/17/10	5-7 PM	Jackson County Fire Training Center	Jefferson	14	11	1		1	1			1	
2	8/18/10	4-7 PM	Dublin Mall	Dublin	34	12	0							
1	8/19/10	5-7 PM	City Hall	Helen	19	16	2	1	1					
2 & 3	8/24/10	4-7 PM	Milledgeville Mall	Milledgeville	42	7	2			2			1	1
3 & 6	8/25/10	5-7 PM	Carroll County Chamber of Commerce	Carrollton	12	12	7	2	1	0	1	3	7	
3	8/26/10	5-7 PM	Josh Gibson Youth & Family Resource Center	Buena Vista	6	6	0							
6	8/26/10	5-7 PM	GDOT District 6 Conference Room	Cartersville	39	33	14	1	5	7	1		5	5
3	8/30/10	5-7 PM	LaGrange Mall	LaGrange	66	53	24	1	9	8		6	18	5
5	8/30/10	5-7 PM	GDOT District 5 Conference Room	Jesup	3	3	2		2				2	
5	8/31/10	4-7 PM	Statesboro Mall	Statesboro	23	17	3	3					3	
4	8/31/10	4-7 PM	Valdosta Mall	Valdosta	10	5	0							
4	09/01/10	4-7 PM	Tifton Mall	Tifton	17	4	0							
4	09/02/10	5-7 PM	Albany Mall	Albany	19	6	0							
<b>TOTALS</b>					304	185	55	8	19	18	2	9	37	11

## 4. LESSONS LEARNED

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The STIP Public Involvement process is intended to provide the public an opportunity to offer thoughts and ideas regarding future transportation projects planned for their area. Striving for more inclusive participation at these meetings will lead to better decisions and more support for the projects that are ultimately constructed.

The following comments/suggestions were made at the August/September 2010 STIP public meetings. These suggestions will be taken into consideration to improve the next STIP meeting cycle.

- Provide STIP maps on the project website.
- Clearly advertise the end date of the STIP comment period.
- Hold public meetings in locations with high profile projects.
- Create, locate and staff information booths at regional and statewide public events.

### Planning for the Next STIP Cycle

In addition to the suggestions received at the 2010 STIP public meetings, the Department, including staff from the District Offices, and the Consultant Team will debrief the public involvement process for the 2011–2014 STIP. This meeting will provide valuable information about the 2010 meetings and the best ways for moving forward with planning for the next STIP public outreach effort.

Since public involvement planning is an iterative process, the STIP project team will continue to refine the ways in which the public is notified and engaged prior to and during the STIP public meetings.

## **APPENDIX A: MEETING NOTICE and POSTER**

# TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Cooperating with citizens who live in the STIP project areas is essential to the Program's success. Our public involvement approach includes a variety of opportunities for you to participate in developing the Draft FY 11-14 STIP.

- ☑ **Attend the Public Meeting in your Area:** The meetings will be an opportunity for you to comment on the Draft FY 11-14 STIP. Don't miss this opportunity to tell us what you think!
- ☑ **Submit your Thoughts in Writing:** You may also provide comments via email to the STIP coordinator at [stipcoordinator@dot.ga.gov](mailto:stipcoordinator@dot.ga.gov). Be sure to include project numbers, if they are available and general project locations and/or landmarks ensure the correct project is referenced.



Georgia Department of Transportation  
STIP Coordinator  
Office of Planning  
One Georgia Center  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

# Statewide Transportation Improvement Program



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The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies federally funded transportation projects such as highway, maintenance, bicycle, and pedestrian projects for Fiscal Years 2011-2014. Come out to see what's planned for your area.

The STIP is a GDOT four-year work program that is updated annually, exclusively for Georgia's non-urbanized areas. Included in the Draft FY 11-14 STIP are:

- federally funded highway and bridge projects,
- maintenance projects,
- bicycle and pedestrian projects,
- transportation enhancement activities projects, and
- public transit projects.

*If you live in a Metropolitan Planning Organization area, please contact your local MPO for projects in your area.*

Come out and...

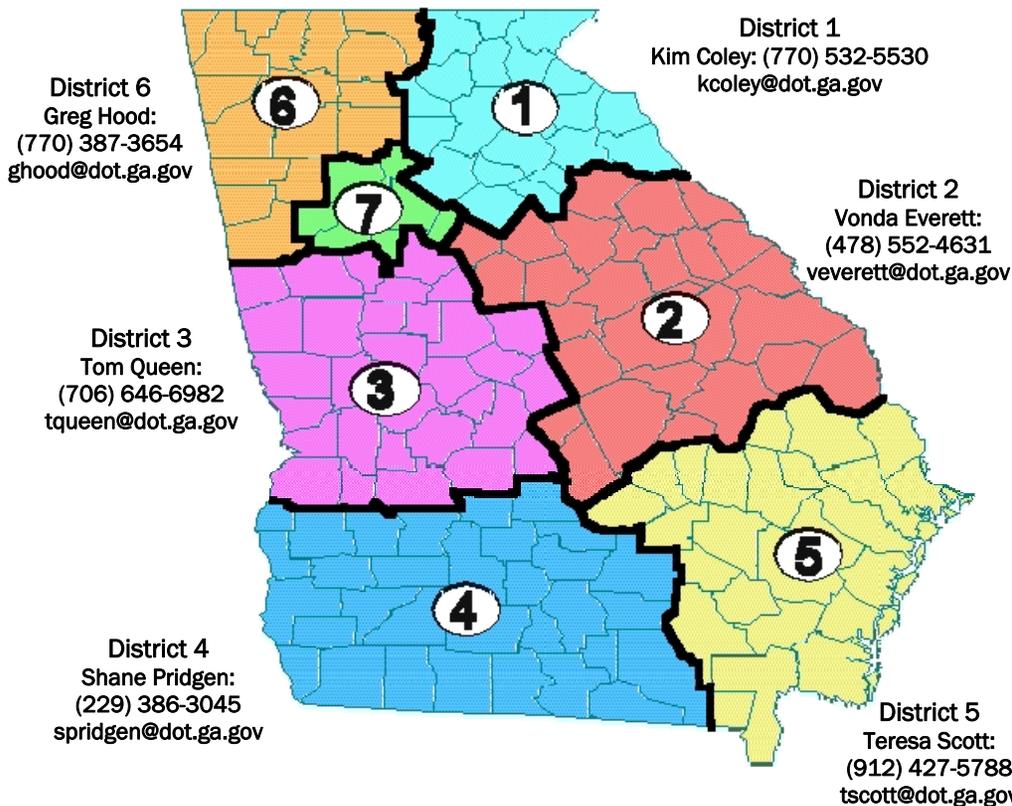
**— GET INVOLVED —**

# STAY INFORMED

- ☑ Attend one of the 13 public meetings
- ☑ Visit the STIP website.
  1. Go to [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov),
  2. Click the "Programs" link under the *Quick Links* menu on the bottom right side of your screen.
  3. Click the "Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)" link under the *Transportation Plans & Programs* menu.
- ☑ Call or e-mail the GDOT representative for your District listed below with questions or comments.

# 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

## STAY CONNECTED



### DISTRICT 1

**August 17, 2010; 5 - 7 pm**  
Jackson County Fire Training Center  
64 Fowler Drive  
Jefferson, GA

**August 19, 2010; 5 - 7 pm**  
City Hall  
25 Alpenrosen Strasse  
Helen, GA

### DISTRICT 2

**August 18, 2010; 4 - 7 pm**  
Dublin Mall  
2005 Veterans Boulevard  
Dublin, GA

**August 24, 2010; 4 - 7 pm**  
Milledgeville Mall  
2400 North Columbia Street  
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116 Roger Street  
Buena Vista, GA

**August 30, 2010; 5 - 7 pm**  
LaGrange Mall  
1501 Lafayette Parkway  
LaGrange, GA

### DISTRICT 4

**August 31, 2010; 4 - 7 pm**  
Valdosta Mall  
1700 Norman Drive  
Valdosta, GA

**September 1, 2010; 4 - 7 pm**  
Tifton Mall  
458 Virginia Avenue North  
Tifton, GA

**September 2, 2010; 4 - 7 pm**  
Albany Mall  
2601 Dawson Road  
Albany, GA

### DISTRICT 5

**August 30, 2010; 5 - 7 pm**  
GDOT District 5 Office  
204 North Highway 301  
Jesup, GA

**August 31, 2010; 4 - 7 pm**  
Statesboro Mall  
718 Northside Drive East  
Statesboro, GA

### DISTRICT 6

**August 25, 2010; 5 - 7 pm**  
Carroll Co. Chamber of Commerce  
200 Northside Drive  
Carrollton, GA

**August 26, 2010; 5 - 7 pm**  
GDOT District 6 Office  
500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway  
Cartersville, GA



All meeting locations are ADA accessible.

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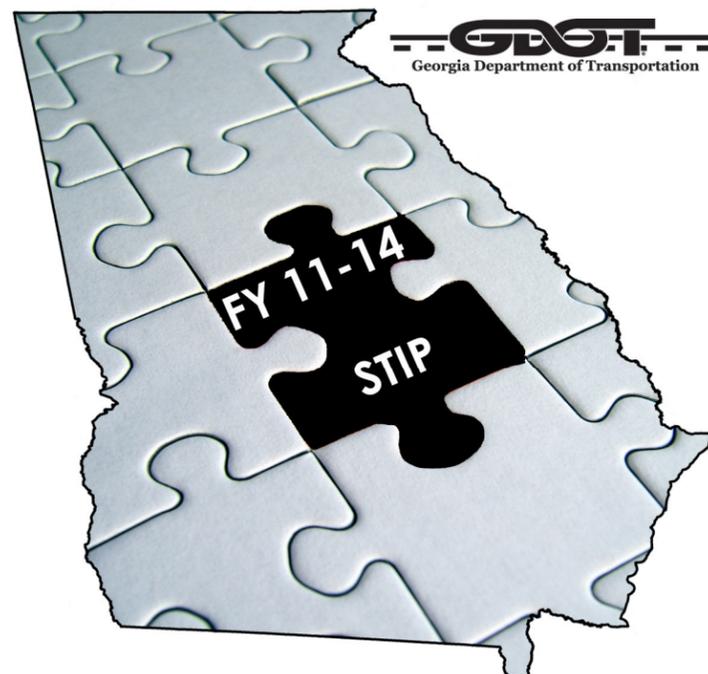


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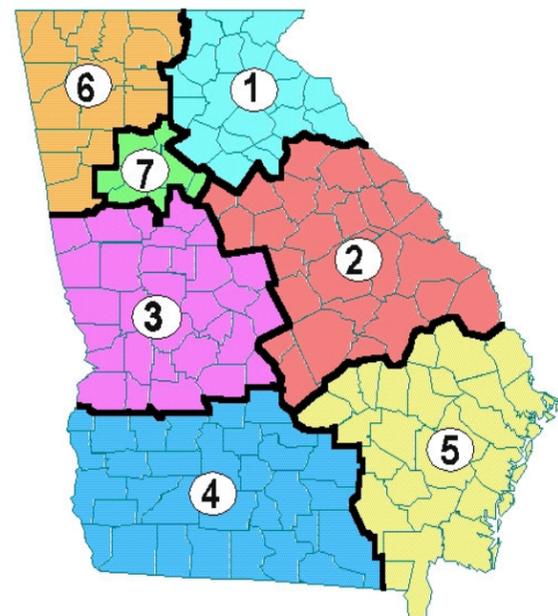
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## **APPENDIX B: GDOT PRESS RELEASES**



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

For Immediate Release  
Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Contact: The Office of Communications  
(404) 631-1827

### **GDOT Seeks Public Review and Comment at Local Meetings**

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The Tifton District Office will sponsor three Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 11-14 STIP, view maps of projects in the local area, discuss project with GDOT staff, and formally offer comments. The meetings are open to the public and all constituents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meetings in Southwest Georgia will be held:

Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Valdosta Mall  
Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Tifton Mall  
Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Albany Mall

The general public is invited to view projects planned for Atkinson, Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Early, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth Counties. Projects for other counties in this region that are part of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (areas with more than 50,000 in population) will be available for public comment in a separate meeting, at a later date.

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The Thomaston District Office will sponsor four Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 11-14 STIP, view maps of projects in the local area, discuss project with GDOT staff, and formally offer comments. The meetings are open to the public and all constituents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meetings in West Georgia will be held:

Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Milledgeville Mall  
Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce  
Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Josh Gibson Youth & Family Resource Center  
Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the LaGrange Mall

The general public is invited to view projects planned for Butts, Crawford, Dooly, Harris, Heard, Jones, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Schley, Spalding, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, and Webster Counties. Projects for other counties in this region that are part of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (areas with more than 50,000 in population) will be available for public comment in a separate meeting, at a later date.

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## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

For Immediate Release  
Monday, August 9, 2010

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478-552-4656

### GA DOT SEEKS PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT AT LOCAL MEETINGS

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The Tennille District Office will sponsor two Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 11-14 STIP, view maps of projects in the local area, discuss projects with GA DOT staff, and formally offer comments. The meetings are open to the public and all constituents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meetings in East Georgia will be held:

Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Dublin Mall  
Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Milledgeville Mall

The general public is invited to view projects planned for Baldwin, Bleckley, Burke, Columbia, Dodge, Emanuel, Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, Lincoln, McDuffie, Morgan, Newton, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Screven, Treutlen, Warren, Washington, Wilkes, and Wilkinson Counties. Projects for other counties in this region that are part of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (areas with more than 50,000 in population) will be available for public comment in a separate meeting, at a later date.

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## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

For Immediate Release  
Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Contact: The Office of Communications  
(404) 631-1827

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Meetings in Northeast Georgia will be held:

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Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Helen City Hall

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The public's input is important in the development of the STIP. The STIP process allows citizens to review proposed projects in the local area.

GDOT will conduct Open House meetings around the state at convenient locations for the public to review the Draft FY 11-14 STIP. GDOT staff will be available to answer questions and discuss concerns regarding the Draft FY 11-14 STIP. The meetings are open to the public, and all constituents are encouraged to attend.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE Public Review Period: Draft FY 2011 – 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) The Georgia Department of Transportation is seeking public comment on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

**NOTICE:** The Georgia Department of Transportation will present the Draft FY 11-14 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment. The STIP identifies highways, bridges, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit projects that are reasonably anticipated to receive federal funding for communities located in non-urban areas across the State.

A Public Information Open House will be held on <<date>> at <<time>> at the <<location name>>, <<address>>. Copies of the Draft STIP will be available for public review. GDOT staff will be available to address any questions or concerns.

Public comments on the STIP are encouraged and welcomed.



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Meetings in Northwest Georgia will be held:

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The Jessup District Office will sponsor an Open House meeting where the public can view the Draft FY 11-14 STIP, view maps of projects in the local area, discuss project with GDOT staff, and formally offer comments. The meeting is open to the public and all constituents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

The Southeast Georgia meeting will be held:

Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the GDOT District 5 Conference Room  
Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Statesboro Mall

The general public is invited to view projects planned for Appling, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Effingham, Evans, Jeff Davis, Long, McIntosh, Montgomery, Pierce, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Ware, Wayne, and Wheeler Counties. Projects for other counties in this region that are part of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (areas with more than 50,000 in population) will be available for public comment in a separate meeting, at a later date.

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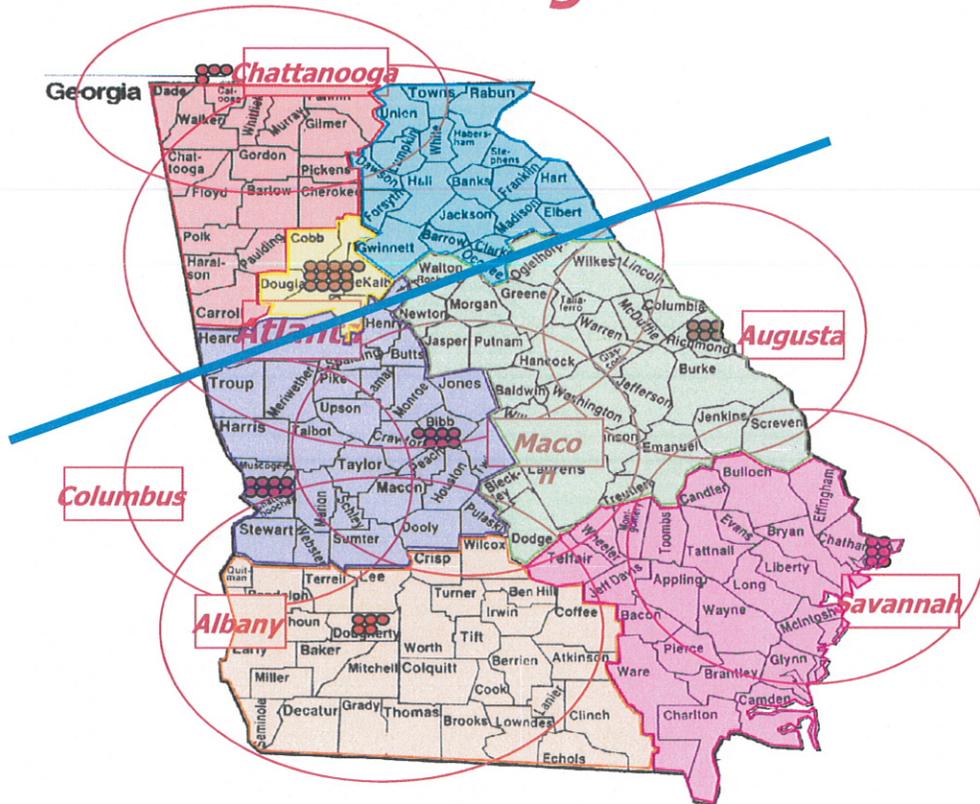
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## **APPENDIX C: RADIO ADVERTISEMENT**



# Covers Georgia!



● *Total Traffic/Clear Channel Stations*



# Atlanta

Street Smarts

July-Aug. 2010 (7/26 & 8/2\*)

Option III.  
50x Package

## QUALITY WEEKLY LINE-UP:

Station	Freq.	Format	M-F 5a-10a/3p-7p	Streaming
WUBL	94.9-FM	Country	7	10
WBZY	105.3-FM	Regional Mexican	4	10
WCOH	1400-AM	Country	3	
WEKS	92.5-FM	Hot Country	3	
WGST*	640-AM	News/Talk	10	10
WKLS	96.1-FM	Active Rock	5	10
WWLG	96.7-FM	Classic Country	4	
WMGP	98.1-FM	Lite Rock	3	
WVCC	720-AM	Talk Radio	3	
WWVA	105.7-FM	Rhythmic Adult Contemporary	4	10
WGST*	640-AM	News/Talk	4	

\* Sponsorships Air Mon-Fri 5A-8P

## TOTAL TRAFFIC NETWORK DELIVERS... FOR (13) WEEKS

Demo	GRPS	Net Reach	Reach %	Freq.	Cume	Gross Imp.
A25-54	23.2	368,700	15.3%	1.5	1,108,800	549,600
A18+	21.8	567,500	14.3%	1.5	1,655,000	858,200

\* PPM Nov09/Dec09/Jan10

• 50 Sponsorships Per Week  
(produced : :15 second spot + Billboard)  
\*100 Total

• Includes 100 Streaming Spots  
Cost Per Sponsorship: \$90  
Weekly Investment: \$4500  
Total Investment: \$9,000

Client Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Weeks subject to change

•Includes Companion Banner Ad 300 x 250

\*\* All Contracts are non-cancelable and subject to availability

Rates valid through 4/30/10





# Savannah, Georgia

MSA RANK #157

## QUALITY LINE-UP:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>1-Week Traffic Schedule</u>
WAEV	97.3-FM	Contemporary Hit Radio	6
WL VH	101.1-FM	Urban AC	6
WQBT	94.1-FM	Urban Contemporary	6
WSOK	1230-AM	Gospel	8
WTKS	1290-AM	Talk	9
WYKZ	98.7-FM	Soft AC	5

## CLEAR CHANNEL TRAFFIC DELIVERS...

<u>2-Weeks</u>	<u>GRPS</u>	<u>GIMPS</u>	<u>RCH %</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
Adults 25-54	88.4	216,827	34.0	2.6
Adults 18+	79.8	355,398	30.7	2.6

3/09 Nielsne

- 40 Sponsorships Per Week
- Average Cost Per Sponsorship: \$25
- Cost Per Package Per Week: \$1,000
- 2-Week Cost: \$2,000 Net

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# Macon, Georgia

MSA RANK #156

## QUALITY LINE-UP:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>1-Week Traffic Schedule</u>
WIBB	1280-AM	Urban Talk	14
WIBB	97.9-FM	Urban Contemporary	13
WPCH	96.5-FM	Classic AC	13
WQBZ	106.3-FM	Rock	13
WRBV	101.7-FM	Urban AC	13

## CLEAR CHANNEL TRAFFIC DELIVERS...

<u>2-Weeks</u>	<u>GRPS</u>	<u>GIMPS</u>	<u>RCH %</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
Adults 18+	158.8	397,511	39.7	4.0
Adults 25-54	203/0	281,336	48.3	4.2

3/09 Nielsen

- 66 Sponsorships Per Week
- Average Cost Per Sponsorship: \$15
- Cost Per Package Per Week: \$990
- 2-Week Cost: \$1,980 Net

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# Columbus, Georgia

MSA RANK #188

## QUALITY LINE-UP:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>1-Week Traffic Schedule</u>
WAGH	101.3-FM	Urban AC	8
WBFA	98.3-FM	Hip-Hop/R&B	8
WDAK	540-AM	News/Talk	10
WGSY	100.1-FM	Adult Contemporary	8
WHAL	1460-AM	Sports	8
WSHE	1270-AM	Southern Gospel	8
WSTH	106.1-FM	Country	8
WVRK	102.9-FM	Rock	8

## CLEAR CHANNEL TRAFFIC DELIVERS...

<u>2-Weeks</u>	<u>GRPS</u>	<u>GIMPS</u>	<u>RCH %</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
Adults 18+	105.6	191,600	37.7	2.8
Adults 25-54	106.8	106,800	38.1	2.8

Fall 2008 Metro Arbitron

- 66 Sponsorships Per Week
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- Cost Per Package Per Week: \$990
- 2-Week Cost: \$1,980 Net

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# Augusta, Georgia

MSA RANK #110

## QUALITY LINE-UP:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>1-Week Traffic Schedule</u>
WBBQ	104.3-FM	Adult Contemporary	11
WEKL	105.7-FM	Classic Hits	11
WIBL	102.3-FM	Country	11
WKSP	96.3-FM	R&B Oldies	11
WPRW	107.7-FM	Urban Contemporary	11
WYNF	1380-AM	Sports Talk	11

## CLEAR CHANNEL TRAFFIC DELIVERS...

<u>2-Weeks</u>	<u>GRPS</u>	<u>GIMPS</u>	<u>RCH %</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
Adults 18+	103.4	404,800	33.4	3.1
Adults 25-54	132.0	279,400	40.0	3.3

Fall 2008 Metro Arbitron

- 66 Sponsorships Per Week
- Average Cost Per Sponsorship: \$15
- Cost Per Package Per Week: \$990
- 2-Week Cost: \$1,980 Net

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# Albany, Georgia

MSA RANK #271

## QUALITY LINE-UP:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>1-Week Traffic Schedule</u>
WJIZ	96.3-FM	Urban Contemporary	14
WJYZ	960-AM	Gospel	14
WMRZ	98.1-FM	Urban AC	14
WOBB	100.3-FM	Country	14
WRAK	97.3-FM	Hot AC	14

## CLEAR CHANNEL TRAFFIC DELIVERS...

<u>2-Weeks</u>	<u>GRPS</u>	<u>GIMPS</u>	<u>RCH %</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
Adults 18+	263.2	238,406	53.7	4.9
Adults 25-54	319.2	159,411	61.4	5.2

Mach 2009 Nielsen

- 70 Sponsorships Per Week
- Average Cost Per Sponsorship: \$14
- Cost Per Package Per Week: \$980
- 2-Week Cost: \$1,960 Net

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## **APPENDIX D: MEDIA COVERAGE DOCUMENTATION**

## Public Invited to View GDOT Road Project Plans



WSAV.com

By Tuquyen Mach

Published: August 30, 2010

JESUP, Ga. --

State transportation officials are asking for public comment about plans for upcoming transportation projects in rural communities.

The Georgia Department of Transportation has put together a draft of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which covers fiscal years 2011-2014.

The federally-funded projects include new construction, operational and safety improvements, bridge replacements, and maintenance.

Other projects include bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement projects, and public transit projects.

Officials will hold an open house Monday, August 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the GDOT District 5 Conference Room in Jesup. A second open house will be held Tuesday, August 31 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Statesboro Mall.

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# 411 Connector cost to top \$270 million

by Diane Wagner, Staff Writer  
08.26.10 - 09:45 pm

The cost to build the [411 Connector](#) is estimated at \$182.4 million in the state's four-year transportation work plan presented at a Thursday open house in Cartersville.

Add the preliminary engineering, right-of-way buys and utility relocations, and the project is expected to top \$272 million.

"That's the estimate for all phases, going back to the 1990s," said Greg Hood, planning engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation's District 6.

The new 7.31-mile, limited access highway through Bartow County is aimed at linking U.S. 411 with Interstate 75 and easing congestion in Cartersville.

The draft State Transportation Improvement Program maps on display detailed funding plans for federal projects in 13 Northwest Georgia counties through the 2014 fiscal year.

Floyd County is a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization so its STIP will be presented separately at a later date, but the document contains a number of key regional initiatives.

The widening of Ga. 140 to I-75 in Bartow has \$4.6 million earmarked for right of way acquisition through the 2011 fiscal year that ends next July. Another \$9 million for right of way and the construction money, however, is in the long-range plan — after 2014.

Gordon County's long-awaited I-75 interchange at Union Grove Road is down for \$16.6 million in construction money in 2013.

Debra Guinter, president of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce, said the new access will be a boon to any Floyd County drivers heading north via Ga. 53, but the real benefit is to manufacturers.

"It will open up our whole industrial area," she said. "I think everybody in Gordon County sees this as the biggest 'stimulus package' we could get."

The inclusion of the 411 Connector project in Bartow County's portion of the STIP brought out protesters from the Rollins-backed Coalition for the Right Road.

The Rollins family owns acreage in the path of the Connector, which is designed to hit I-75 near Ga. 20. The family is advocating a shift to the north with an interchange near Ga. 61. GDOT officials contend the need is for a link to serve trucks and other drivers heading south toward Atlanta.

A half-dozen or so CORR members dressed in red shirts handed out flyers urging open house attendees to file objections to the chosen Route D-VE.

James Morgan, who attended the open house, wasn't swayed.

"I want them to get on with it, to get it built," he said. "There's prime commercial property on (U.S.) 411 but nobody wants it because you can't get to I-75."

Some of the estimated \$272,938,784 for the road has already been allocated and spent, starting in the 1990s with a \$42,000 state ante and \$5.2 million to acquire right of way. Another \$21.2 million was earmarked for engineering in 2004, when the current project began in earnest.

*Hood said the project entails acquisition of 97 parcels, including the relocation of 27 structures, and the GDOT has control of 25 so far.*

*The STIP shows some \$32 million in federal and state money programmed for right of way buys through the 2014 fiscal year.*

*The spending is on hold, however, until environmental issues raised by the Rollins family are resolved. GDOT officials have said they expect approval before the end of the year.*

*Nearly \$20 million more is expected in 2015 and 2016 for right of way, but Hood characterized construction plans as long-range.*

*"No pot of money has been ID'd yet," he said.*

*Once construction starts, the project is expected to take about two years.*

The GDOT is accepting public input on the draft STIP through Sept. 9. The complete document is posted at [georgiastip.com](http://georgiastip.com), where there is an opportunity to comment online.

Comments also may be mailed to STIP Coordinator, GDOT Office of Planning, One Georgia Center, 600 W. Peachtree St. NW, 5th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30308.

For details on the Connector project click [here](#).

# GDOT seeks public input

By Neighbor Staff

The Georgia Department of Transportation is seeking public comment on its federally funded projects in northwest Georgia.

The State Transportation Improvement Program is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. These projects include new construction, improvements and maintenance for interstates and state routes and bridges. Additional projects include bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement and public transit.

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Meetings in Northwest Georgia will be held

? from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, 200 Northside Drive, Carrollton;

? from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the GDOT District 6 Conference Room, 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway in Cartersville.

Projects for Paulding, Cherokee, Floyd and Whitfield counties that are part of areas with more than 50,000 in population will be available for public comment at a later date.

The Draft FY 11-14 STIP also will be available on the internet at [www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com).

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## DOT to hold meetings on STIP plans

Posted: Aug 25, 2010 1:01 PM

Updated: Aug 25, 2010 1:01 PM

SAVANNAH, GA (WTOC) - The Georgia Department of Transportation will be presenting a draft of the FY 2011 - 2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

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Residents can view the draft of the program, view maps of projects, discuss the project with DOT staff and comment on the plan.

Projects will be on view for these counties: Appling, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Effingham, Evans, Jeff Davis, Long, McIntosh, Montgomery, Pierce, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Ware, Wayne and Wheeler.

The meetings are scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 30 at the GDOT District 5 Conference Room and from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Statesboro Mall.

Projects for other counties in the region that are part of a Metropolitan Planning Organization will be available for public comment in a future separate meeting.

The Draft FY 11-14 STIP will also be available online [www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com).

The Nov. 2 general election ballot will include a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the Georgia DOT to enter into multi-year construction agreements to reduce long-term construction costs paid by the state.

The ballot measure would not add any new taxes; it would allow better use of funds currently collected, according to the Georgia DOT. For more information, go to the DOT [website](#).

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## Take effort to offer input on state projects

Area citizens who'd like to offer an opinion on proposals for reforming Georgia's tax system are in luck.

But motorists who wanted to sound off on future transportation needs were in for a long drive.

It's hard not to notice that a couple of state-run meetings, expressly designed to solicit input from residents of our community, picked drastically different locations for their sessions.

The Tennesse, Ga., district office of the Georgia Department of Transportation recently held two meetings to present the draft Fiscal Year 2011-14 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, or STIP.

Those meetings were held in Dublin and Milledgeville, at least two hours' drive from Columbia County. Obviously, the DOT is under no obligation to hold its meetings closer to us, but wouldn't it at least made a little sense to put one of those meetings near the county with the highest population of the more than two dozen counties in the district?

The good news is that the DOT will hold a separate session at a later date in larger counties, which likely means a session in Augusta. That should make it a little more reasonable drive for residents who'd like to offer their opinions on area highway projects. In the meantime, they're accepting input at [georgiastip.com](http://georgiastip.com).

The tax session coming up Monday is more accessible. It's a meeting of the Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians, a committee set up by the Legislature this year to study the state's tax system.

According to the hype, this committee is supposed to undertake a top to bottom review of Georgia's tax code and then present a proposal for reform to the Legislature next spring. Modeled somewhat after the Base Realignment and Closure and Commission, the committee will suggest reforms that lawmakers will either accept or reject as a whole.

To solicit local input, the committee is meeting from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the Doubletree Hotel in Augusta. Anyone who would like to address the committee can sign up by 5 p.m. Sunday at [fiscalresearch.gsu.edu/taxcouncil/index.htm](http://fiscalresearch.gsu.edu/taxcouncil/index.htm). Those who can't make it to the session also can offer comments on that Web site.

Traffic and taxes are two topics of perpetual interest, especially in our community. Citizens should do themselves a favor and make the effort to provide input to the politicians and bureaucrats who manage those areas, even if those officials don't always make it easy.

Click here to return to story:

[http://newstimes.augusta.com/stories/2010/08/25/opi\\_587209.shtml](http://newstimes.augusta.com/stories/2010/08/25/opi_587209.shtml)

GAINESVILLE - The Georgia Department of Transportation has scheduled meetings in northeast Georgia later this month to discuss the State Transportation Improvement Program or STIP.

The STIP is a four-year plan for rural counties detailing federally funded projects that includes Interstate and State Route improvements, bridge projects, maintenance projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement activities and public transit projects. The STIP under review will cover Fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

The STIP and therefore the open house information only includes information on projects planned in counties that are not designated as "metropolitan." The counties in northeast Georgia included in the STIP are: Banks, Dawson, Elbert, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White.

Counties that are designated metropolitan areas review all of their projects through their Metropolitan Planning Organization and will have their public review times later in the year. The counties in Northeast Georgia included in Metropolitan Planning Organizations are Barrow, Clarke, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Madison, Oconee and Walton.

There are two Public Information Open Houses planned in the area. The first is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Jackson County Fire Training Center located at 64 Fowler Drive in Jefferson. The second open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Helen City Hall located at 25 Alpenrosen Street in Helen.

The Open House style meeting includes a review of DOT's upcoming federally funded projects. DOT Engineers will be on hand to answer your questions.



## DOT leader to meet with area planners about road tax

Jeff Gill  
jgill@gainesvilletimes.com  
August 24, 2010

A top official with the Georgia Department of Transportation plans to meet with local leaders Sept. 14 about the state's plans for the 1-cent sales tax for transportation.

Todd Long, planning director and formerly of Gainesville-based District 1, "plans to discuss the (law) and address any questions or concerns," said Srikanth Yamala, transportation planning manager for the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The meeting is set for 4 p.m. at Oakwood City Hall, 4035 Walnut Circle.

The Transportation Investment Act of 2010 has been a hot topic among area government leaders since coming out of the General Assembly earlier this year.

At a July 26 meeting of the Joint Municipal Association, Oakwood City Councilman Gary Anderson called the tax "just a new way to fund" the financially strapped DOT and "put the responsibility on the local elected officials."

"This is a fiasco. I think we need to tell our legislators this is crazy," he said.

And then the planning organization's policy committee took the law to task at its June 8 meeting.

Mike Miller, interim Flowery Branch mayor, said, "If (the state revenue department) can't keep up with our tax dollars, why are we going to start giving them another penny ... if we don't know where it's going to go?"

The law allows voters within established districts throughout Georgia to decide whether to add the sales tax to pay for transportation and transit improvements, from new roads to maintenance and operation.

Two representatives from each of the 13 counties, including Hall, in the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission now must form a regional transportation roundtable.

To proceed toward a 2012 vote on the tax, that group must hold its first meeting after Nov. 15 and decide on a final project list by Oct. 15, 2011.

In a June interview, Long talked about Georgia's road-funding ills.

"We can be in a situation where our revenue is less in 10 years from now than it is today," he said. "Throw in inflation ... and it's a bad deal."

Despite the gloomy forecast, Long said he is encouraged by work that has been done looking at Georgia's future transportation needs and strategies.

"For the first time ever, we have developed what I call a business plan for transportation," he said.

(Cleveland)- The Georgia Department of Transportation held an area Statewide transportation Improvement Program, or STIP open house in Helen Thursday. The open houses gives the DOT a chance to share with citizens transportation projects on the planning table.

Pope, District DOT spokeswoman said, one project that people in White County always ask about is what is the latest on the Cleveland Bypass project. She said right now they are still working to complete all the right of way acquisitions. As for construction Pope said there is no money available, but they are perusing different avenues to get that funding, because not only is this project important to the local area is a vital part of the state transportation system.

She also said, there are two new projects proposed for White County. These new projects are called "roundabouts", a circular type intersection. The roundabouts are proposed for two intersections on state route 384, Duncan Bridge Road. One at highway 255 and 254 intersections. Right now there is no funding for the design or construction.



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# Georgia DOT seeks public review on federally-funded projects Polk Co. and Northwest Georgia

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by Staff reports  
08.20.10 - 10:15 am

The [Georgia Department of Transportation](#) will be presenting the Draft FY 2011 - 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment.

The State Transportation Improvement Program is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2011-2014. These projects include, but are not limited to, new construction, improvements and maintenance for interstates and state routes, and bridges. Additional projects include bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement projects and public transit projects.

The District Six Office in Cartersville will sponsor two Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 11-14 STIP in Northwest Georgia, view maps of projects in the local area,

discuss project with GDOT staff and formally offer comments. The meetings are open to the public and all constituents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

The general public is invited to view projects planned for Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Pickens, Polk and Walker counties.

Projects for Cherokee, Floyd, Paulding and Whitfield counties in this region that are part of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (areas with more than 50,000 in population) will be available for public comment in a separate meeting, at a later date.

*Meetings in Northwest Georgia will be held:*

Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, Aug. 26, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the GDOT District 6 Conference Room

The Draft FY 11-14 STIP will also be available on the internet at [www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com).



## **APPENDIX E: TRANSLATED DOCUMENTS**

# STIP

## Programa Estatal para Mejorar la Transportacion

(STIP por sus signas en Ingles)



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### ¿Que es el STIP?

El Programa STIP es el plan del estado de Georgia para hacer mejorar el sistema de transporte y obras publicas. Cubre un periodo de cuatro años.

El STIP contiene un listado de todos los proyectos de transporte pagados por el gobierno federal durante el periodo fiscal 2011 a 2014. Algunos de estos proyectos incluyen carreteras, puentes, transporte publico, vías para las bicicletas y los peatónes, proyectos ferroviarios y mas.

### ¿Cómo se elabora el STIP?

El STIP es creado con la participación de los ciudadanos de Georgia, de los llamados "Stakeholders" o partes interesadas, y de los municipios.

Los proyectos que están en el STIP fueron identificados a través del proceso continuo de planificación del GDOT. Esto se considera de suma importancia para el transporte estatal. Estos proyectos cumplen con la misión del GDOT de proveer un sistema de transporte **seguro, sin interrupciones, y sostenible**, y que apoye a la economía de Georgia y responda a las necesidades de sus ciudadanos y al medioambiente.

### ¿Por qué debería involucrame?

El proceso de participación pública del STIP permite a la ciudadanía y a todas las partes interesadas, la oportunidad de enterarse y opinar sobre los proyectos de transporte que se llevaran a cabo en los siguientes cuatro años fiscales.

Se le insta al público a compartir con el GDOT sus ideas, sugerencias, y datos sobre las necesidades del sistema de transporte de Georgia. Puede ver el STIP actual y los anteriores en:

[www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com)



# INVOLUCRATE

## ¡Necesitamos sus opiniones!

El Programa STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program) es el plan estatal de mejoras al sistema de transportación de Georgia que identifica las necesidades de proyectos auspiciados por el gobierno federal tales como carreteras, mantenimiento, vías para las bicicletas y los peatones para el periodo fiscal 2011-2014. Venga y entérese de lo que se esta planeando en sus alrededores.

El programa STIP es un programa de cuatro años que se actualiza anualmente por el GDOT exclusivamente para las zonas rurales de Georgia.



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## AGENDA DE REUNIONES 2010

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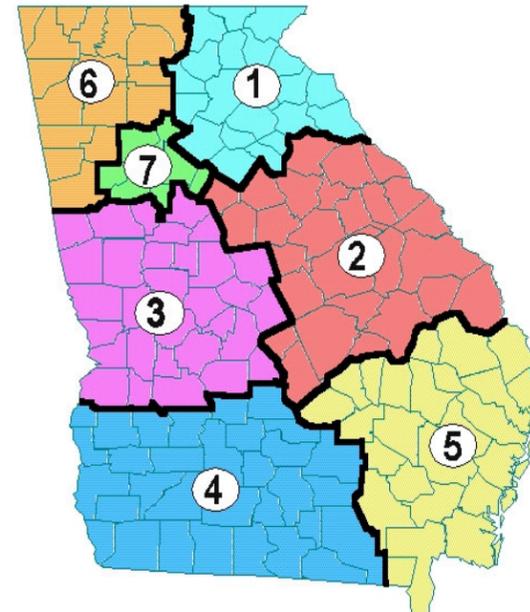
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Todos las reuniones cumplen con los requisitos del ADA.

# Díganos lo que piensa!

La cooperación de los ciudadanos que viven en las localidades de los proyectos STIP es esencial para nuestro éxito. Nuestro método de acercamiento al público permite una variedad de oportunidades para que usted pueda participar en la formación del propuesto plan FY 11-14 STIP.

- ☑ **Asista a una reunión pública en su área:** las reuniones son una oportunidad para que haga comentarios sobre el propuesto plan FY11-14 STIP. No se pierda esta oportunidad para darnos sus comentarios.
- ☑ **Envíe sus comentarios por escrito:** también puede enviarnos sus comentarios por correo electrónico al coordinador del STIP a [stipcoordinator@dot.ga.gov](mailto:stipcoordinator@dot.ga.gov). Incluya números de proyectos, si es posible, y la ubicación en general de estos o contraseñas para identificar correctamente el proyecto al que se refiere.



Georgia Department of Transportation  
STIP Coordinator  
Office of Planning  
One Georgia Center  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

# Programa Estatal para Mejorar la Transportación



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El Programa estatal de mejoras al sistema de transportación de Georgia (STIP) identifica proyectos auspiciados por el gobierno federal tales como carreteras, mantenimiento, vías para las bicicletas y los peatones para el período fiscal 2011-2014. Venga y entérese de lo que se está planeando en su área.

El programa STIP es un programa de cuatro años que se actualiza anualmente por el GDOT exclusivamente para las zonas rurales de Georgia. Se incluye en el plan propuesto para FY10-13 lo siguiente:

- proyectos federales para carreteras y puentes,
- Proyectos de mantenimiento,
- Proyectos para bicicletas y peatones,
- Proyectos para el mejoramiento del transporte, y
- Proyectos del transporte público.

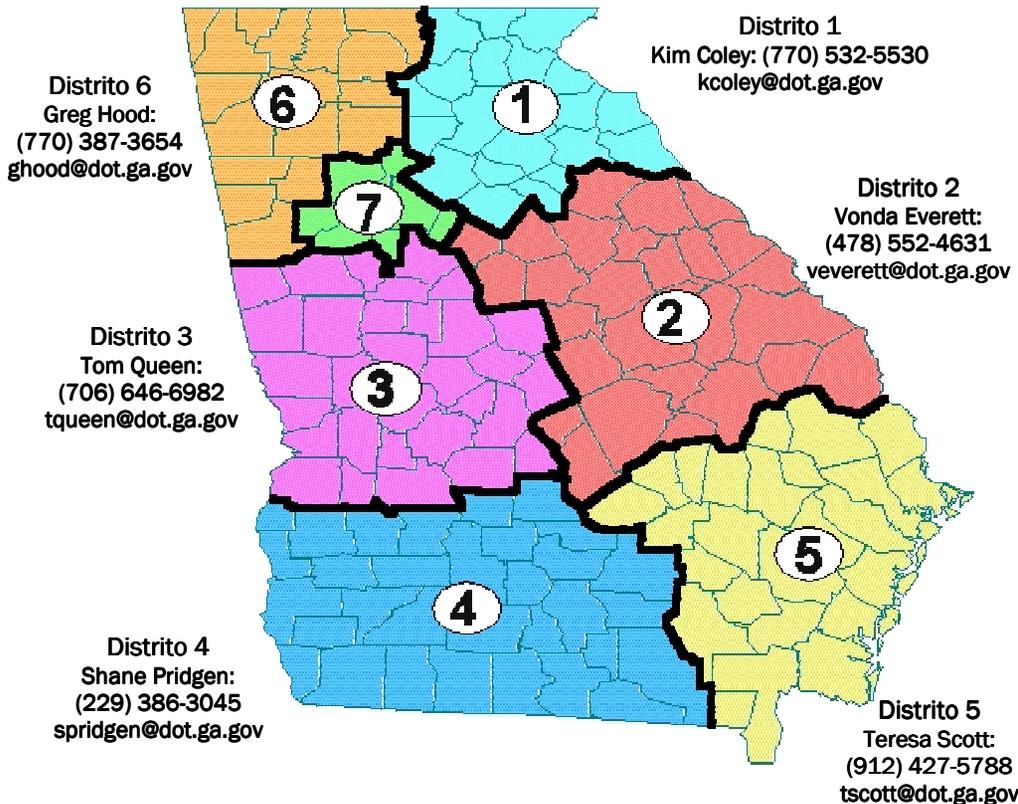
*Si usted vive en un área que tiene una Organización Metropolitana de Planificación póngase en contacto con su MPO para enterarse de presentaciones en su localidad.*

Venga e Involúcrese ...

# — GET INVOLVED —

- ☑ Asista a una de las 13 reuniones publicas
- ☑ Visite la pagina electrónica de STIP.
  1. Vaya al [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov),
  2. Haga clic en "Programs" ubicado debajo del menu "Quick Links" en la parte de abajo a la derecha de su pantalla.
  3. Haga clic en "Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)" debajo del menu "Transportation Plans & Programs".
- ☑ Escriba o llame al representante de su distrito con la siguiente lista con sus preguntas o comentarios.

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Todas las reuniones cumplen con los requisitos del ADA.



Si necesita la ayuda de un interprete de señas, por favor comuníquese con oficiana GDOT de su área con bastante tiempo antes de la reunión.que quiera asistir.





## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Para Divulgación Inmediata  
Miércoles, 2 de Septiembre, 2010

Contacto: Oficina de Comunicaciones  
404-631-1827

### GDOT Desea Escrutinio y Sugerencias por el Público en Reuniones Comunitarias

<<GAINESVILLE/ TENNILLE/THOMASTON/TIFTON / JESSUP/CARTERSVILLE >> - El departamento de transportación de Georgia (GDOT) busca sus opiniones y comentarios para el plan FY2011-2014, del Programa STIP, para mejoras al sistema de transporte y obras públicas.

El STIP es un programa de cuatro años que identifica proyectos de transporte pagados por el gobierno federal en localidades rurales de Georgia durante los años fiscales 2011, 2012, 2013, y 2014. Algunos de estos proyectos incluyen nuevas construcciones, mejoramientos y mantenimiento a las carreteras, rutas estatales, y puentes. Otros proyectos incluyen, vías para las bicicletas y los peatones, proyectos para el mejoramiento del transporte, y proyectos del transporte público.

Las oficinas de GDOT de los distritos de << Gainesville/ Tennille/Thomaston/Tifton / Jessup/Cartersville>> ofrecerán <<number>> reuniones llamadas "Open House" para que puedan repasar el propuesto plan FY 11-14 STIP. Ver mapas de los proyectos, y hablar con el personal del GDOT y hacer comentarios formalmente. Las reuniones están abiertas al público, y se le urge a la ciudadanía que asista.

Reuniones en el <<Noroeste / Este/ Oeste/ Suroeste / Sureste / Noroeste>> de Georgia se ofrecerán en:

<<Day>>, << Date>>, <<Time>>, <<Location>>  
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<<Day>>, << Date>>, <<Time>>, <<Location>>

Se le invita al público a que vean los planes para los condados de <<list>>. Se ofrecerán otras reuniones separadas para opinar sobre los proyectos para otros condados en esta región que forman parte de una Organización Metropolitana de Planificación (áreas con más de 50,000 habitantes).

El propuesto plan FY 11-14 STIP se puede ver en el Internet, en [www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com). El Departamento se complace en trabajar con el público para la elaboración del propuesto plan FY 11-14 STIP.

El Departamento de transportación de Georgia, está comprometido a proveer un sistema de transporte **seguro, sin interrupciones, y sostenible**, y que apoye a la economía de Georgia y responda a las necesidades de sus ciudadanos y al medio ambiente. Para más información sobre el Georgia DOT, por favor visite nuestra página Web, ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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*Las mejoras al sistema de transporte afectan nuestras vidas*

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Las opiniones del público son importantes para el desarrollo del STIP. El proceso de participación pública del STIP permite a la ciudadanía opinar sobre los proyectos que se llevarán a cabo en sus localidades.

GDOT ofrecerá reuniones llamadas "Open House" en diferentes partes del estado en sitios convenientes al público para que puedan repasar el propuesto plan FY 11-14 STIP. Personal del GDOT estará disponible para contestar preguntas y preocupaciones sobre el plan FY 11-14. Las reuniones están abiertas al público, y se le urge a la ciudadanía que asista.

El propuesto plan FY 11-14 STIP se puede ver en el Internet, en [www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com). El Departamento se complace en trabajar con el público para la elaboración del propuesto plan FY 11-14 STIP.

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## AVISO PÚBLICO

**Período de repaso: Propuesta FY 2011- 2014. El departamento de transportación de Georgia busca su opinión y comentarios para el Programa STIP, para mejoras al sistema de transporte y obras públicas.**

AVISO: El departamento de transportación de Georgia presentará su propuesta para el plan FY11-14, del Programa STIP, para mejoras al sistema de transporte y obras públicas.

El STIP es un programa que identifica carreteras, puentes, vías para las bicicletas y los peatones, y proyectos para el mejoramiento del transporte. Proyectos que se anticipa que tendrán patrocinio por parte del gobierno federal y que están en comunidades no urbanas del estado.

Se ofrecerán reuniones llamadas "Open House" el <<date>> a las <<time>> en <<location name>>, <<address>>. Podrá ver el propuesto plan FY 11-14 STIP y hacer comentarios formalmente. El personal de GDOT estará presente para contestar sus preguntas.

Son bienvenidos sus comentarios al STIP y se le urge a la ciudadanía que asista.

## **APPENDIX F: SAMPLE MEETING DISPLAY MAP**

# Statewide Transportation Improvement Program 2011-2014

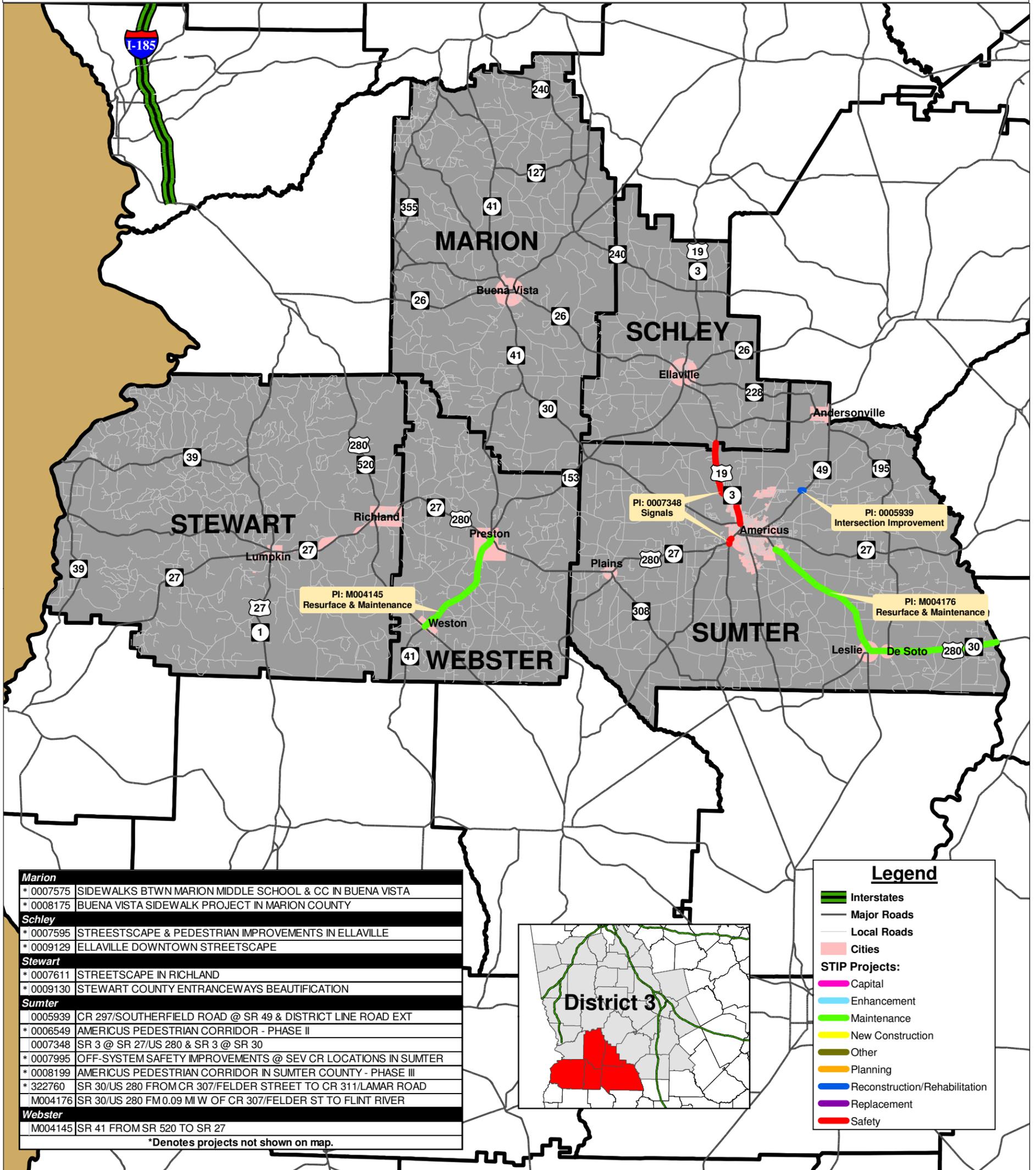
## District 3 - Marion, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, & Webster Counties



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Marion	
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* 0008175	BUENA VISTA SIDEWALK PROJECT IN MARION COUNTY
Schley	
* 0007595	STREETSCAPE & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN ELLAVILLE
* 0009129	ELLAVILLE DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE
Stewart	
* 0007611	STREETSCAPE IN RICHLAND
* 0009130	STEWART COUNTY ENTRANCEWAYS BEAUTIFICATION
Sumter	
0005939	CR 297/SOUTHERFIELD ROAD @ SR 49 & DISTRICT LINE ROAD EXT
* 0006549	AMERICUS PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR - PHASE II
0007348	SR 3 @ SR 27/US 280 & SR 3 @ SR 30
* 0007995	OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS @ SEV CR LOCATIONS IN SUMTER
* 0008199	AMERICUS PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR IN SUMTER COUNTY - PHASE III
* 322760	SR 30/US 280 FROM CR 307/FELDER STREET TO CR 311/LAMAR ROAD
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Webster	
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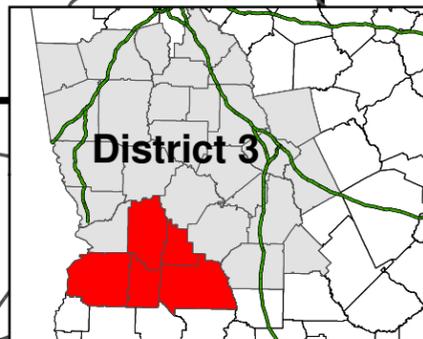
\*Denotes projects not shown on map.

**Legend**

- Interstates (thick green line)
- Major Roads (black line)
- Local Roads (grey line)
- Cities (red dot)

**STIP Projects:**

- Capital (pink line)
- Enhancement (light blue line)
- Maintenance (green line)
- New Construction (yellow line)
- Other (olive line)
- Planning (orange line)
- Reconstruction/Rehabilitation (blue line)
- Replacement (purple line)
- Safety (red line)



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## **APPENDIX G: HANDOUT & COMMENT FORM**

# Statewide Transportation Improvement Program



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## What is the STIP?

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, known as the **STIP**, is Georgia's four-year transportation and capital improvements program. The STIP is a listing of federally-funded transportation projects within the state that are anticipated to be funded during fiscal years 2011-2014. Projects include highway, bridge, public transit, bike, pedestrian, railroad projects and other improvements.

## How is the STIP developed?

The STIP is developed in coordination with the citizens of Georgia, interested stakeholders, and in direct cooperation with local governments.

Projects listed in the STIP are identified through GDOT's ongoing planning processes and are vital to the state's transportation program. The projects support GDOT's mission to provide a **safe, seamless and sustainable** transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to its citizens and environment.

## Why should I become involved?

The STIP Public Involvement Process gives all citizens and interested stakeholders the opportunity to review and comment on the state's transportation priorities for the next four fiscal years. The public is encouraged to become involved and provide GDOT with thoughts, suggestions and information about transportation needs for Georgia. The current, and previous, STIPs may be viewed at:

**[www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com)**

# Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

## -Comment Form-



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How did you hear about this meeting?  GDOT Flyer  Email  Newspaper  Radio  
 Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Did you find this meeting informational?  Yes  No

If not, what can be done to improve it? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? If so, please provide project number(s) or project description and County: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any thoughts or comments you would like to share about other transportation issues?

Please provide the following information so that we may respond to you in writing:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also view the draft STIP and submit your comments on the internet at: [www.georgiastip.com](http://www.georgiastip.com)