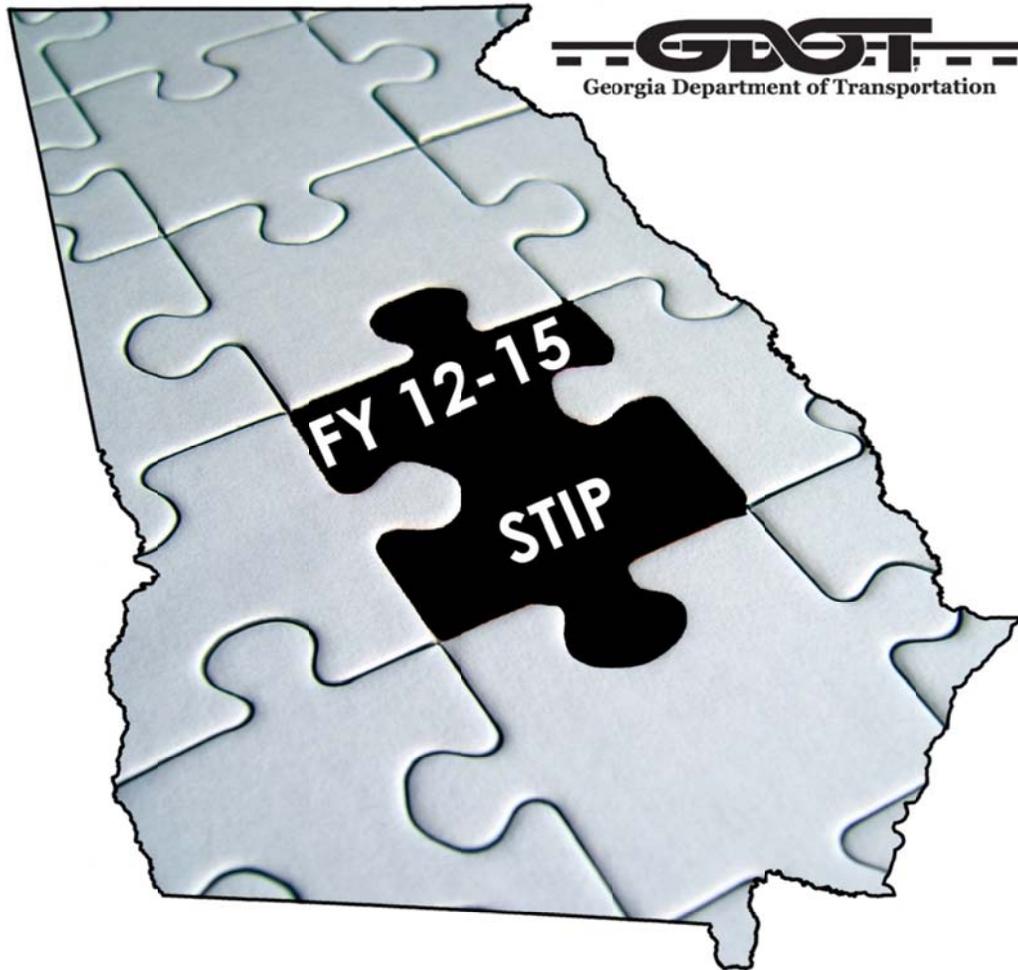


STIP Annual Public Involvement Report

*Georgia State Transportation Improvement Program
Fiscal Year 2012-2015*

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STIP OVERVIEW

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 2012-2015. 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.

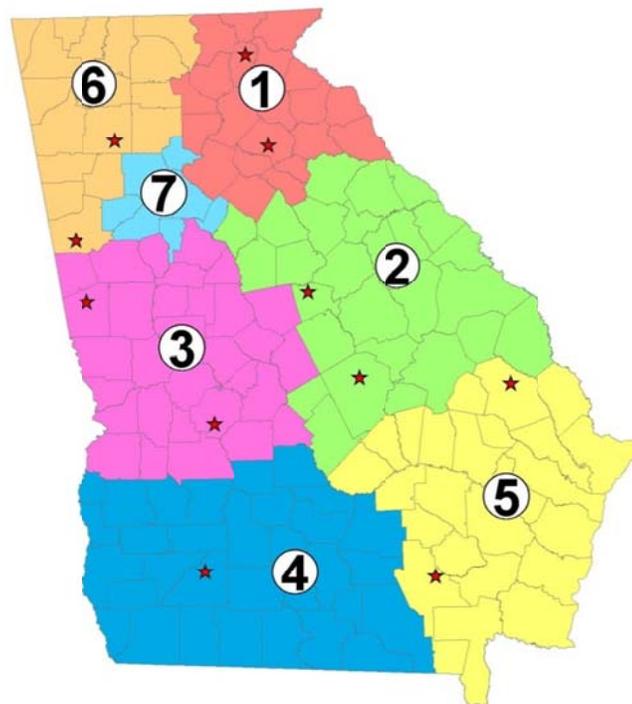
This report will serve to detail efforts regarding the notification and documentation of the meetings, and to summarize the comments received. Supplemental project information is included in the Appendices.

1. PUBLIC INVOLVMENT PROCESS

A major component of the STIP development process is public involvement. A total of eleven 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 urbanized metro-Atlanta region and, therefore, was not included. Figure 1 illustrates the seven GDOT District boundaries and shows the locations of the public meetings (noted with red stars), 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



Note: red stars denote STIP meeting locations

Table 1. Schedule of Public Meetings by District

MEETING SCHEDULE				
District	Date	Time	Venue Name	City
1	August 25th, 2011	5pm - 7pm	City of Helen City Hall	Helen
1	September 1st, 2011	5pm - 7pm	Jackson Co. Courthouse and Govt. Complex	Jefferson
2	August 24th, 2011	4pm - 7pm	Dublin Mall	Dublin
2	August 30th, 2011	4pm - 7pm	Milledgeville Mall	Milledgeville
3	August 23rd, 2011	5pm - 7pm	City of Americus City Hall	Americus
3	August 31st, 2011	4pm - 7pm	West Georgia Commons Mall	LaGrange
4	August 16th, 2011	5pm - 7pm	Southwest GA Regional Develop. Center	Camilla
4/5	August 17th, 2011	4pm - 7pm	Mall at Waycross	Waycross
5	August 18th, 2011	4pm - 7pm	Statesboro Mall	Statesboro
6	August 23rd, 2011	5pm - 7pm	GDOT District 6 Conference Room	Cartersville
6	August 24th, 2011	5pm - 7pm	Carroll Co. Chamber of Commerce	Carrollton

Notification and Documentation

There were several methods used to advertise the meetings to the public: direct mailing, media release distributions, radio advertisements, use of the GDOT website, and Facebook advertisements. All of these materials were branded with the STIP logo, as shown on the cover of this document. This branding effort was undertaken to give the STIP program its own identify 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 5,300 addresses. This database includes individuals, organizations and elected officials at the federal, state and local level, as well as representatives from EJ communities.

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

As in the previous two years of the STIP program, 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 2,380 times statewide on the Georgia News Network (GNN) two weeks prior to the first STIP public meeting. GNN has 119 affiliate radio stations, covers all of Georgia's 159 counties, reaches 992,000 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. Total Traffic Network offers the opportunity to blanket a market cost-efficiently with ads running adjacent to traffic reports, which is the second most popular reason people listen to local radio. 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	NUMBER OF STATIONS AIRING STIP ADS	GROSS IMPRESSIONS (AGE 18+)	GROSS IMPRESSIONS (AGE 25-54)
GNN (Statewide)	2,380	119	1,417,900	706,800
WGST (Streaming)	70	N/A	N/A	N/A
Atlanta	100	10	1,177,400	753,000
Albany	140	5	210,000	123,200
Augusta	132	6	418,000	250,800
Columbus	132	8	193,600	120,000
Macon	132	5	338,400	210,800
Savannah	80	6	201,800	103,400
TOTALS	3,166	159	3,957,100	2,268,000

Social Media

After having great success with the use of social media in the previous year's STIP program, Facebook was once again utilized as a method to make the public aware of the meeting dates and locations. A series of ads ran on Facebook based on the geographic location of the meetings relative to the location of Facebook users in Georgia age 16 or higher. The ad led to both the official STIP Facebook Page as well as the STIP homepage. As seen in Table 3 below, this resulted in over 11.8 million opportunities for citizens of Georgia to be made aware of the STIP public meetings.

Table 3. Social Media Advertisements

MEDIA	NUMBER OF IMPRESSIONS	CLICKS
Facebook	11,824,477	760

The Facebook page also provided an efficient and powerful forum to share news about the STIP meetings as they were occurring. This included live updates from the meetings and summaries of the meetings, photos, and links to stories about the STIP program (print, television, etc.)

Website

GDOT also provided information regarding the 2012-2015 STIP on the Department's website. In an effort to make this site more accessible, the website www.georgiastip.com was created. 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 2012-2015 STIP included:

- Draft Fiscal Year 2012-2015 STIP
- Active Fiscal Year 2011-2014 STIP
- Previous STIPs
- MPO TIPs
- Public Involvement
- Financial Summaries for FY 2011-2014 STIP
- Funding by GDOT District
- 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

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

A total of eleven public meetings were held throughout the STIP area during the months of August and September. Meeting attendees were asked to sign in as they entered the meeting location. As a result, it was determined that one hundred and ninety-four (194) people attended the meetings, while one hundred and thirty-nine (139) people signed in and were accounted for officially. Of the 194 attendees, 18 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. Additionally, a Response to Comments letter, which is included in Appendix H, was prepared and mailed to the respondents so that all interested parties can be aware of the concerns raised and the responses given. Based on the comments received, 72% 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 4, the District 6 meeting held at the District 6 Conference Room in Cartersville, Georgia had the highest attendance with 34 participants, followed by the District 3 meeting at the West Georgia Commons with 26 participants.

Meeting Notification

Of the people that returned comment forms, 37% stated that they were informed about the meeting through the newspaper. Approximately 26% of respondents were informed by the GDOT flyer that was mailed to the Family of Partners database, while another 37% were informed about the meetings through other means (i.e., email, radio/TV, Facebook, word of mouth). Some attendees also noted that they had learned about the project by being at the mall on the date of the meeting and simply approached the informational display to ask questions.

Table 4. Public Meeting Summary by Date

MEETING LOGISTICS					ATTENDANCE			NOTIFICATION						INFORMATIVE	
District	Date	Time	Venue	City	Total	Signed In	Written Comment	Flyer	Email	Newspaper	Radio/TV	Facebook	Other	Yes	No
1	8.25.11	5-7pm	City of Helen City Hall	Helen	18	15	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
1	9.1.11	5-7pm	Jackson Co. Courthouse and Govt. Complex	Jefferson	16	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	8.24.11	4-7pm	Dublin Mall	Dublin	21	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2	8.30.11	4-7pm	Milledgeville Mall	Milledgeville	25	15	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0
3	8.23.11	5-7pm	City of Americus City Hall	Americus	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	8.31.11	4-7pm	West Georgia Commons Mall	LaGrange	26	19	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
4	8.16.11	5-7pm	Southwest GA Regional Develop. Center	Camilla	9	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
4/5	8.17.11	4-7pm	Mall at Waycross	Waycross	17	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	8.18.11	4-7pm	Statesboro Mall	Statesboro	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	8.23.11	5-7pm	GDOT District 6 Conference Room	Cartersville	34	26	4	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	2
6	8.24.11	5-7pm	Carroll Co. Chamber of Commerce	Carrollton	17	14	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	1
TOTALS					194	139	18	5	1	7	2	1	3	13	5

4. LESSONS LEARNED

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 2011 STIP public meetings. These suggestions will be taken into consideration to improve the next STIP meeting cycle.

- Improve the accuracy of the maps and make them easier to find projects
- Include incentives to draw more participants to the meeting
- Have a more formal meeting structure. A brief presentation might answer the same questions for many participants at the start of the meeting.

Planning for the Next STIP Cycle

In addition to the suggestions received at the 2011 STIP public meetings, the Consultant Team and the Department, including staff from the District Offices, will meet to discuss and assess the public involvement process for the 2012–2015 STIP. This meeting will provide valuable information about the 2011 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. One measure for future years that would help participants locate projects of interest is to ensure that all streets and roadways mentioned in the STIP document and map key for a county are labeled on the map. Examples would be to label the two roadways that mark the beginning and end points on a third roadway which is the subject of the STIP entry.

APPENDIX A: MEETING NOTICE and POSTER

STAY INFORMED

- Attend one of the 12 public meetings.
- Visit www.georgiastip.com
- Call or e-mail the GDOT representative for your District listed below with questions or comments.

STAY CONNECTED

District 6

Greg Hood:
(770) 387-3654
ghood@dot.ga.gov

District 1

Kim Coley:
(770) 532-5530
kcoley@dot.ga.gov

District 2

Vonda Everett:
(478) 552-4631
veverett@dot.ga.gov

District 3

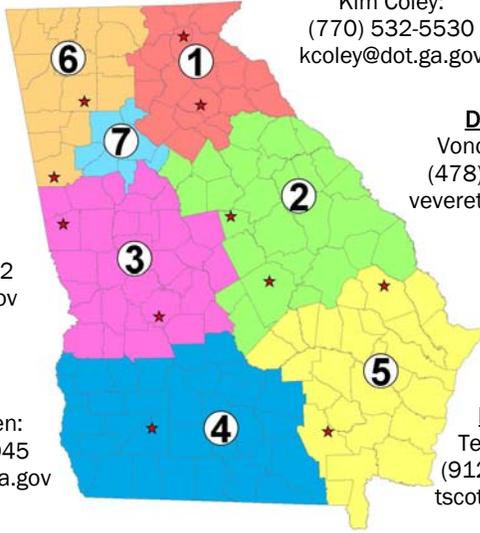
Jack Reed:
(706) 646-6982
jreed@dot.ga.gov

District 4

Shane Pridden:
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spridden@dot.ga.gov

District 5

Teresa Scott:
(912) 427-5788
tscott@dot.ga.gov



2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

DISTRICT 1

August 25, 2011
5:00–7:00 pm
City Hall
25 Alpenrosen Strasse
Helen, GA

DISTRICT 4

August 16, 2011
5:00–7:00 pm
Southwest Georgia Regional
Development Center
30 West Broad Street
Camilla, GA

September 1, 2011
5:00–7:00 pm
Jackson County Courthouse
Jury Assembly Room
5000 Jackson Parkway
Jefferson, GA

August 17, 2011
4:00–7:00 pm
Mall at Waycross
2215 Memorial Drive
Waycross, GA

DISTRICT 2

August 24, 2011
4:00–7:00 pm
Dublin Mall
2005 Veterans Boulevard
Dublin, GA

DISTRICT 5

August 17, 2011
4:00–7:00 pm
Mall at Waycross
2215 Memorial Drive
Waycross, GA

August 30, 2011
4:00–7:00 pm
Milledgeville Mall
2400 North Columbia Street
Milledgeville, GA

August 18, 2011
4:00–7:00 pm
Statesboro Mall
718 Northside Drive East
Statesboro, GA

DISTRICT 3

August 23, 2011
5:00–7:00 pm
Russell Thomas, Jr. Public Safety Building
Council Chambers
119 South Lee Street
Americus, GA

DISTRICT 6

August 23, 2011
5:00–7:00 pm
GDOT District 6 Office
500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway
Cartersville, GA

August 31, 2011
4:00–7:00 pm
West Georgia Commons
1501 Lafayette Pkwy
LaGrange, GA

August 24, 2011
5:00–7:00 pm
Carroll Co. Chamber of Commerce
200 Northside Drive
Carrollton, GA



All meeting locations are ADA accessible.

If you need a hearing interpreter, please contact your GDOT District representative prior to the meeting you plan to attend.



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



Statewide Transportation Improvement Program 2012-2015

The **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program** identifies federally funded transportation projects such as highway, maintenance, bicycle, and pedestrian projects for Fiscal Years 2012-15. Come out to see what's planned for your area.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a GDOT four-year work program that is updated annually, exclusively for Georgia's non-urbanized areas. Included in the Draft FY 12-15 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

APPENDIX B: GDOT PRESS RELEASES



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Teri Pope
404-274-6436

GDOT SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT AT LOCAL MEETINGS IN NORTHEAST GEORGIA

Helen/Jefferson, GA. –The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announces open house meetings to solicit input on the Draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Gainesville District Office will sponsor two Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 STIP, view maps of projects in the local area, discuss project with GDOT staff, and formally offer comments. The meetings are designed for the public and all constituents are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, August 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Helen City Hall located at 25 Alpenrosen Street in Helen. A second open house is scheduled in Northeast Georgia Thursday, September 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Jackson County Government Complex located at 5000 Jackson Parkway in Jefferson.

The STIP is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. These projects include, but are not limited to, new construction and maintenance for interstates and state routes, and bridges. Additional projects include bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement projects and public transit projects.

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.

The Draft FY 12-15 STIP will also be available on the internet at www.georgiastip.com . The Department looks forward to working with the public during the development of the Draft FY 12-15 STIP.

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Contact: Cissy Mc Nure
478-552-4656

GA DOT SEEKS PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT AT LOCAL MEETINGS

TENNILLE –The Georgia Department of Transportation (GA DOT) will be presenting the Draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment.

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The Tennille District Office will sponsor two Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 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 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Dublin Mall
Tuesday, August 30, from 4 to 7 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.

The Draft FY 12-15 STIP will also be available on the internet at www.georgiastip.com. The Department looks forward to working with the public during the development of the Draft FY 12-15 STIP.

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

For Immediate Release
Friday, October 07, 2011

Kimberly Larson
(706) 646-6938

GDOT SEEKS PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT AT LOCAL MEETINGS ON STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

THOMASTON –The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will be presenting the Draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment.

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The Thomaston District Office will assist in sponsoring four Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 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 23rd

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Americus City Hall
(Russell Thomas, Jr. Public Safety Building)
119 South Lee Street, Americus, GA

Wednesday, August 24th

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
200 Northside Drive
Carrollton, GA

Tuesday, August 30th

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Milledgeville Mall
2400 N. Columbus Street, Milledgeville, GA

Wednesday, August 31st

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
West Georgia Commons
1501 Lafayette Parkway, Lagrange, GA

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
Friday, October 07, 2011

Craig Solomon
229-309-9706

GDOT SEEKS PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT AT LOCAL MEETINGS

Tifton/Jesup, GA. –The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will be presenting the Draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment.

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The Tifton and Jesup District Office will sponsor three Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 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 South Georgia will be held:

Tuesday, August 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Southwest Regional Development Center, 30 W. Broad St., Camilla.

Wednesday, August 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Mall at Waycross, 2215 Memorial Dr., Waycross.

Thursday, August 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Statesboro Mall, 718 Northside Dr. East, Statesboro.

The general public is invited to view projects planned for Southeast and Southwest Georgia 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 27, 2011

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

GDOT Seeks Public Review and Comment at Local Meetings

JESSUP –The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will be presenting the Draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment.

The STIP is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. 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 Jessup District Office will sponsor Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 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.

The Southeast Georgia meetings will be held:

Wednesday, August 17th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Mall of Waycross

Thursday, August 18th, 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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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

For Immediate Release
Monday, August 15, 2011

Mohamed Arafa
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Two Open House Meetings in Northwest Georgia

GEORGIA DOT SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation invites the public to open house meetings to discuss the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. 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 project, transportation enhancement projects and public transit projects.

The Department will hold two Northwest Georgia open house meetings:

Tuesday, August 23, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Georgia DOT District 6 Office, located at 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, S.E., Cartersville, and

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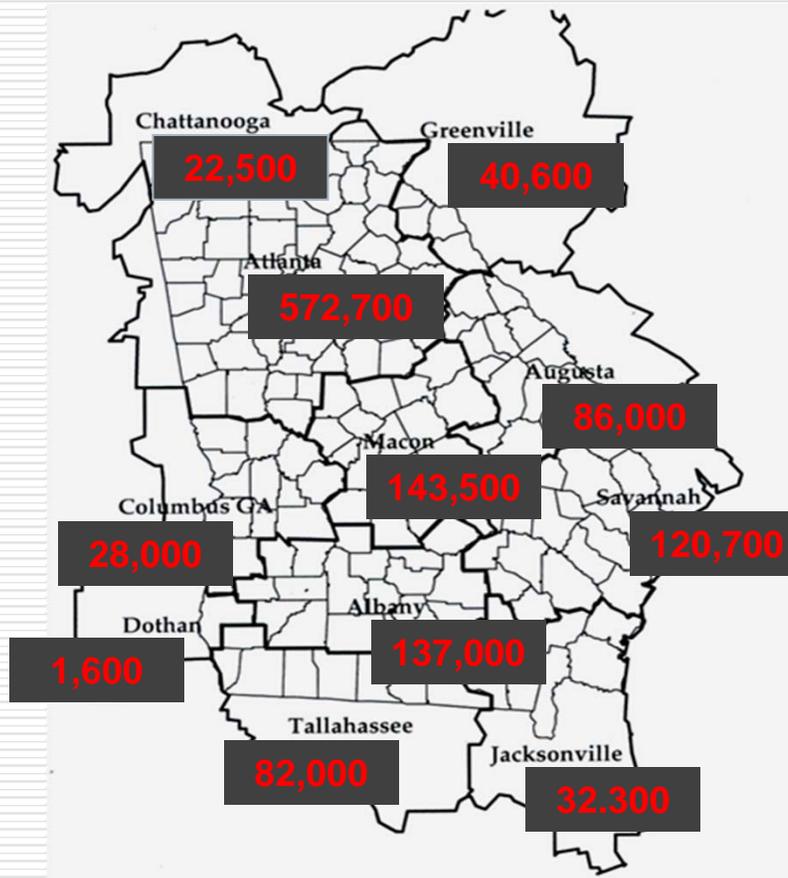
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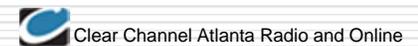


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<u>Station</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>1-Week Traffic Schedule</u>
WAEV	97.3-FM	Contemporary Hit Radio	6
WL VH	101.1-FM	Urban AC	6
WQBT	94.1-FM	Urban Contemporary	6
WSOK	1230-AM	Gospel	8
WTKS	1290-AM	Talk	9
WYKZ	98.7-FM	Soft AC	5

CLEAR CHANNEL TRAFFIC DELIVERS...

<u>2-Weeks</u>	<u>GRPS</u>	<u>GIMPS</u>	<u>RCH %</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
Adults 25-54	71.6	103,400	29.8	2.4
Adults 18+	78	201,800	31.2	2.5

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Macon, Georgia

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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+	130.2	338,400	36.2	3.6
Adults 25-54	153.6	210,800	42.7	3.6

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- 66 Sponsorships Per Week
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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+	101.6	193,600	37.6	2.7
Adults 25-54	120	120,000	41.4	2.9

Fall 2010 Metro Arbitron

- 66 Sponsorships Per Week
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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+	107.8	418,000	37.2	2.9
Adults 25-54	121.0	250,800	40.3	3.0

Fall 22010 Metro Arbitron

- 66 Sponsorships Per Week
- Average Cost Per Sponsorship: \$15
- Cost Per Package Per Week: \$990
- 2-Week Cost: \$1,960 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
WGEX	97.3-FM	Classic Hits	14

CLEAR CHANNEL TRAFFIC DELIVERS...

<u>2-Weeks</u>	<u>GRPS</u>	<u>GIMPS</u>	<u>RCH %</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
Adults 18+	215.6	210,000	53.9	4.0
Adults 25-54	243.6	123,200	59.4	4.1

Spring/Fall 2010 Aribtron

- 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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Atlanta, Georgia

75 spots
MSA RANK #7

QUALITY LINE-UP:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>1-Week Traffic Schedule</u>
WBZY	105.3-FM	Regional Mexican	5
WCOH	1400-AM	Classic Country	3
WEKS	92.5-FM	Hot Country	3
WGST	640-AM	News/Talk – M-Sun	14
WKLS	96.1-FM	Rock	6
WMGP	98.1-FM	Hot AC	3
WUBL	94.9-FM	Country	8
WVCC	720-AM	News/Talk	3
WWVA	96.7-FM	Rhythmic CHR (no charge)	5
WWVA	105.7-FM	Rhythmic CHR	5

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CLEAR CHANNEL TRAFFIC DELIVERS...

<u>DEMO*</u>	<u>GRPS</u>	<u>GIMPS</u>	<u>RCH %</u>	<u>FREQ</u>
Adults 25-54	66.6	737,000	30%	2.2

PPM Oct/Nov/Dec 2011 – 1-week schedule

- 50 Sponsorships Per Week
- Average Cost Per Sponsorship: \$95
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- 2 Week Schedule: \$9500

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By Staff

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GAINESVILLE - The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announces open house meetings to solicit input on the Draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The Gainesville District Office will sponsor two Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 STIP, view maps of projects in the local area, discuss project with GDOT staff, and formally offer comments. The meetings are designed for the public and all constituents are encouraged to attend.

The meetings will be held Thursday, August 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Helen City Hall and Thursday, September 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Jackson County Government Complex in Jefferson.

The STIP is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. These projects include, but are not limited to, new construction and maintenance for interstates and state routes, and bridges. Additional projects include bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement projects and public transit projects.

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.

The Draft FY 12-15 STIP will also be available on the internet at www.georgiastip.com. The Department looks forward to working with the public during the development of the Draft FY 12-15 STIP.

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August 16, 2011

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[Georgia Department of Transportation](#) is holding two open house meetings to discuss the State Transportation Improvement Program, one of which is set for Cartersville.

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The Cartersville meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the local [GDOT office](#).

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Submitted by the Georgia Department of Transportation

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I would have stayed in GA if there had been mass transit available to me please dont model it after tampa mass transit never runs on time always detours

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Submitted by [Jacqueline Harnevious](#), 13WMAZ Community Web Producer
Wednesday, August 17th, 2011, 1:25pm

Topics: [Community Spirit](#), [People](#), [Public Spaces](#), [Transportation](#)

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The Tennesse District Office will sponsor two Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 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.

A meeting will be held Wednesday, August 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Dublin Mall

Another meeting takes place Tuesday, August 30, from 4 to 7 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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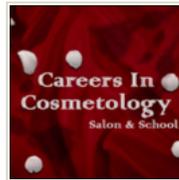
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RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (STIP) OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Written by Brent
Thursday, 11 August 2011 13:40

News & Updates - Road Share: The Georgia Bikes! Blog

For Georgians who live in urban areas, transportation planning is managed by MPOs, Metropolitan Planning Organizations. For Georgians in more rural areas, GDOT handles transportation planning directly through the **State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**. The STIP lists Federally-funded transportation projects that are located outside Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries. Each **MPO** in Georgia develops its own Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

As the Final 2012-2015 STIP is developed, GDOT is encouraging attendance and feedback at one of several public meetings being held across the state, posted below. This is your chance to comment on **the projects** the Department has programmed for the next four years.

For a list of the major bike projects in the STIP, [see our online spreadsheet](#).

STIP PUBLIC MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

DISTRICT	DATE	VENUE	TIME
District 4	Tuesday August 16	Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center 30 West Broad St. Camilla, GA. 31730	5-7 pm
District 4/5	Wednesday August 17	Mall at Waycross 2215 Memorial Dr. Waycross, GA. 31501	4-7 pm
District 5	Thursday August 18	Statesboro Mall 718 Northside Drive East, Statesboro, GA	4-7 pm
District 3	Tuesday August 23	Americus City Hall Russell Thomas, Jr. Public Safety Building Council Chambers 119 South Lee Street Americus, GA 31709	5-7 pm
District 2	Wednesday August 24	Dublin Mall 2005 Veterans Boulevard Dublin, GA	4-7 pm
District 6	Tuesday August 23	GDOT District 6 Conference Room 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway Southeast Cartersville, GA 30120-6618	5-7pm

District 6	Wednesday August 24	Carroll County Cham. of Commerce 200 Northside Drive Carrollton, GA	5-7 pm
District 1	Thursday August 25	City of Helen, City Hall 25 Alpenrosen Strasse Helen, GA 30545 Meeting Room	5-7 pm
District 2	Tuesday August 30	Milledgeville Mall 2400 North Columbia Street Milledgeville, GA	4-7 pm
District 3	Wednesday August 31	West Georgia Commons 1501 Lafayette Pkwy LaGrange, GA	4-7 pm
District 1	Thursday September 1	Jackson County Courthouse and Government Complex 5000 Jackson Parkway Jefferson, GA 30549	5-7 pm

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LAGRANGE, GA - The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will be presenting the Draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment.

The Thomaston District Office will assist in sponsoring four Open House meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 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. The LaGrange meeting is scheduled for August 31 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the West Georgia Commons.

The Draft FY 12-15 STIP will also be available on the internet at www.georgiastip.com. The Department looks forward to working with the public during the development of the Draft FY 12-15 STIP.

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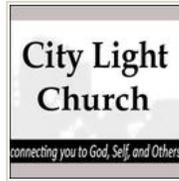
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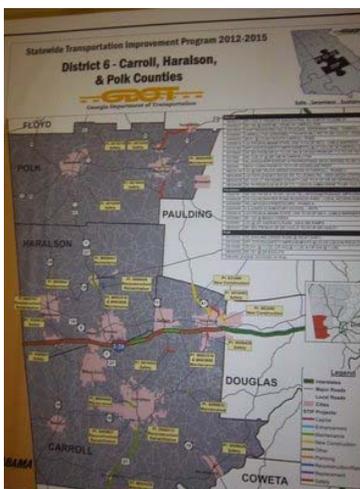
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Many of those coming to the DOT office were from Bartow County and spent time studying the Bartow Map. (Melody Dareing/thepolkfishwrap.com)



The map for Polk County includes several projects. (Melody Dareing/thepolkfishwrap.com)



Members of Coalition for the Right Road protest outside the DOT building. (Melody Dareing/thepolkfishwrap.com)

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The public got a chance to see project plans included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the Northwest Georgia area in an open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) offices in Cartersville Tuesday night.

The STIP is a four-year program which specifies federally funded transportation projects in rural areas for fiscal years 2012 through 2015.

Polk County is scheduled for some maintenance and safety work, according to the map. The maintenance project is planned for downtown Rockmart at the intersection of Highway 101 and U.S. 278.

There are four safety projects planned. One of the larger ones runs from Aragon to Taylorsville along county roads 441, 442 and 444. Another is a small section of Lake Creek Road and a third is south of Rockmart on a stretch of county road going to Paulding County. There is another small project in the southwestern section of the county, but a specific street wasn't identifiable on the map.

Other counties included in the program are Bartow, Carroll, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, and Pickens.

DOT spokesman Mohamed Arafa said other counties and municipalities with more than 50,000 people, like Floyd County, are part of another program so they aren't included in this plan. Other rural counties, like Walker, are included in the Chattanooga regional plan, he said.

The meeting didn't offer any speeches or formal presentations, just time for people to look at the maps of area plans and projects and talk with DOT officials. Arafa said that is by design.

"The open house is a format that has no formal presentations," he said. "It allows members of the public to come in and have a one-on-one conversation with our specialists."

Many of those attending the open house were from the group Coalition for the Right Road, a group opposed to the DOT's proposed route for the 411 connector linking Rome to the interstate. The group spent time looking at the Bartow map and then held signs in front of the building to promote their views.

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A group attending Tuesday night's Georgia Department of Transportation open house in Bartow County looks at the Statewide Improvement Program that includes Bartow's District 6. Facing the poster from the left, Norma Gross, Mable Cook, Pamela Potter, Tracy Rodger and Mary Martin. SKIP BUTLER/The Daily Tribune News

Locals opposed to the suggested U.S. Highway 411 Connector, Route D-VE gathered with officials from the Georgia Department of Transportation Tuesday evening to discuss the project.

While perusing maps with several projects drawn as color-coded routes, Mohamed Arafa, GDOT communications specialist, told citizens that there have been no changes to the original plan.

"At this time there has been no right-of-way acquisition and we are waiting on the federal reviews on historical studies, the Euharlee easement and testing at Dobbins Mine for the acid run-off," said Arafa. "We are working closely with the Federal Highway Safety Administration on this project and waiting for their reviews."

Arafa said that the purpose of the open house meetings is to gain public feedback and comments on all federally funded projects for the district in which they are planned. At Tuesday's meeting, maps were available for public view for projects planned for Bartow, Carroll, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Pickens and Polk counties.

Members of the Coalition for the Right Road (CORR) were on hand, questioning the current activity on the plans for the controversial proposed Route D-VE. The group opposes the route due to environmental concerns and excessive taxpayer cost. □

Citing a similar situation in Pennsylvania where a pyrite mine was cored through to build a road, CORR member Tracy Rogers said the Bartow group fears a repeat problem.

"The acid run-off would go to the Etowah River," said Rogers. "Part of a stream in Pennsylvania was killed and we don't want that to happen here."

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A second open house for the district will be held today at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, 200 Northside Drive, Carrollton, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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The Georgia Department of Transportation is inviting the public to open house meetings to discuss the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. 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 project, transportation enhancement projects and public transit projects.

The department will hold two Northwest Georgia open house meetings:

* Tuesday, Aug. 23, 5 to 7 p.m., at the Georgia DOT District 6 Office, 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway S.E., Cartersville, and

* Wednesday, Aug. 24, 5 to 7 p.m., at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, 200 Northside Drive, Carrollton.

Attendees will be able to view the Draft FY12-15 STIP, maps of projects in the local area, discuss projects with Georgia DOT staff, and submit comments on individual projects. All interested parties are encouraged to participate.

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

The Draft FY12-15 STIP will also be available online at www.georgiastip.com.

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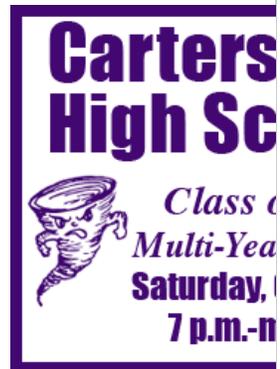


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DOT to host open houses

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will host two open house meetings to present the draft FY 2012 - 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment.

Maps of the proposed projects will also be available at the meetings..

The open house meetings for District 1 - which includes Stephens County as well as Banks, Dawson, Elbert, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Towns, Union and White Counties - will be hosted by the Gainesville District office.

The first open house meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 25 at the city hall meeting room in Helen (25 Alpenrosen Strasse) from 5-7 p.m.

The second open house meeting will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Jackson County Courthouse and Government Complex at 5000 Jackson Parkway in Jefferson.

The STIP is a four-year program that specifies federally funded transportation projects for non-urban communities in rural Georgia for Fiscal Years 2012, 2013 2014 and 2015.

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 STIP program only deals with projects planned in counties not designated as "metropolitan."

Transportation projects in counties designated as "metropolitan" are handled under the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which will hold public reviews of its project list later in the year, according to the GDOT.

Northeast Georgia counties designated as metropolitan areas include

Barrow, Clarke, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Madison, Oconee and Walton Counties.

The Draft FY 12-15 STIP will also be available on the internet at www.georgiastip.com.



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DOT to hold open house meetings

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TENNILLE — The Georgia Department of Transportation (GA DOT) will present the Draft FY 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment during two open house meetings later this month.



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The Tennille District Office will sponsor two open house meetings where the public can view the Draft FY 12-15 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 area meetings will be held Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Dublin Mall and Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 4 to 7 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.

The Draft FY 12-15 STIP will also be available online at www.georgiastip.com.

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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 2012 a 2015. 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:

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Atlanta - El departamento de transportación de Georgia (GDOT) busca su opinión y comentarios para el plan FY2012-2015, 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 2012, 2013, 2014, y 2015. Algunos de estos proyectos incluyen nueva 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 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 12-15 STIP. Personal del GDOT estará disponible para contestar preguntas y preocupaciones sobre el plan FY 12-15. Las reuniones están abiertas al público, y se le urge a la ciudadanía que asista.

El propuesto plan FY 12-15 STIP se puede ver en el Internet, en www.georgiastip.com. El Departamento se complace en trabajar con el público para la elaboración del propuesto plan FY 12-15 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 mas información sobre el Georgia DOT, por favor visite nuestra pagina Web, (www.dot.ga.gov).

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AVISO: El departamento de transportación de Georgia presentará su propuesta para el plan FY12-15, 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.

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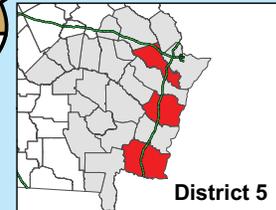
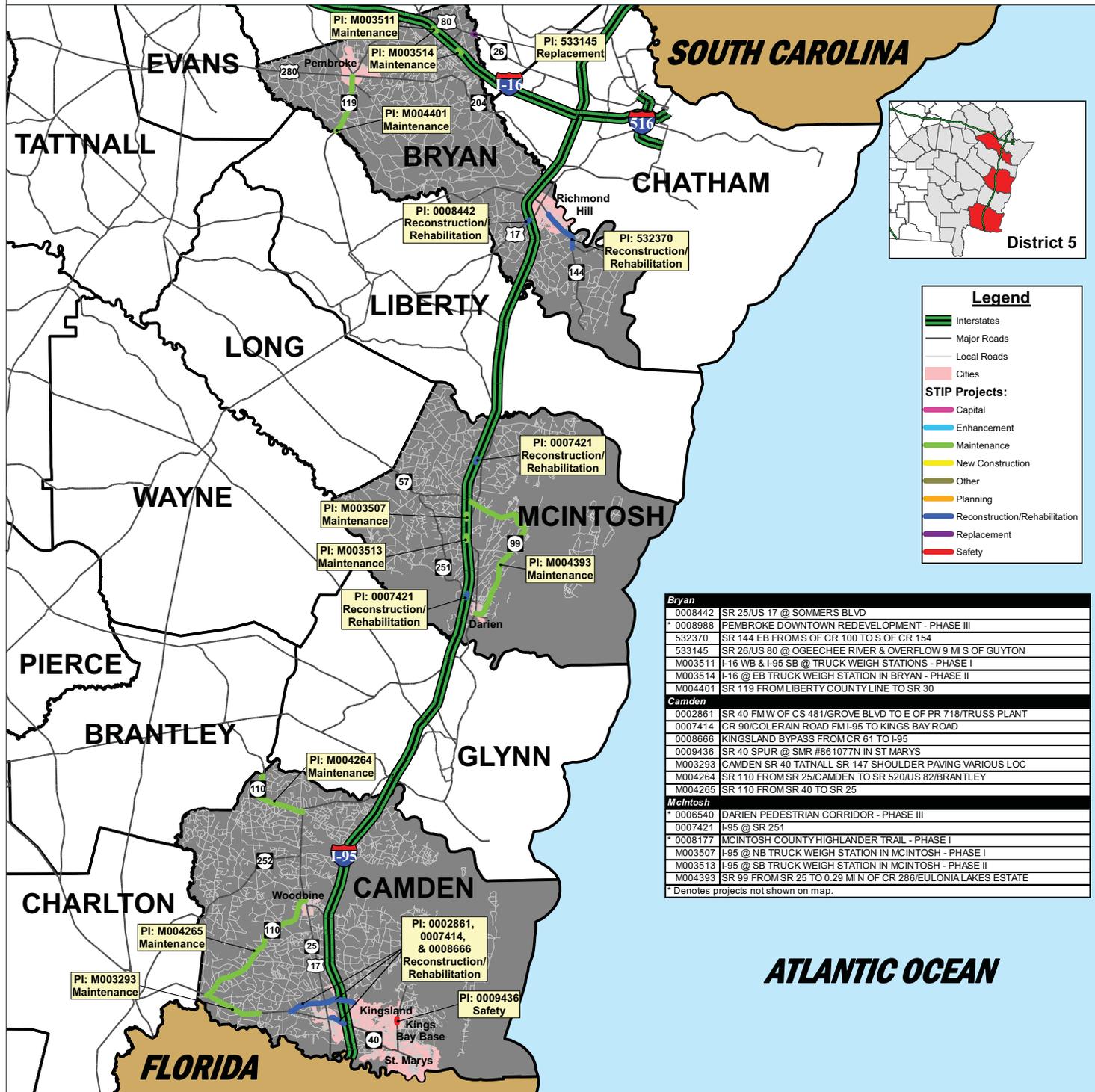
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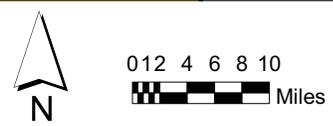
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M003511	I-16 WB & I-95 SB @ TRUCK WEIGH STATIONS - PHASE I
M003514	I-16 @ EB TRUCK WEIGH STATION IN BRYAN - PHASE II
M004401	SR 119 FROM LIBERTY COUNTY LINE TO SR 30
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M003293	CAMDEN SR 40 TATTNALL SR 147 SHOULDER PAVING VARIOUS LOC
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M004265	SR 110 FROM SR 40 TO SR 25
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M003507	I-95 @ NB TRUCK WEIGH STATION IN MCINTOSH - PHASE I
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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 2012-2015. 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:

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Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

-Comment Form-



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Re: Georgia Department of Transportation STIP FY 2012-2015 Meeting Comments and Responses

<<Greeting Line>>

Thank you for your input regarding the FY 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, known as the STIP. Your interest in this project and your comments are sincerely appreciated. Your comments will be made a part of the official record for the project. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has prepared this letter to address these comments so that all interested parties can be aware of the concerns raised and the responses given.

Approximately 194 citizens attended one of 11 public meetings held throughout the State of Georgia between August 16, 2011 and September 1, 2011. From the attendees, 19 comment cards were received.

There were three main questions/opportunities to provide feedback regarding the meeting or projects within each District:

- Question 1 (Q1): Did you find this meeting informational? If not, what can be done to improve it?
- Question 2 (Q2): Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? If so, please provide project number(s) or project description and County
- Question 3 (Q3): Do you have any thoughts or comments you would like to share about other transportation issues?

The attendees at the public meetings raised the following questions and concerns. Please find the comments, concerns, and questions listed below, along with their responses.

Comments and Responses

DISTRICT 1:

Comment 1: Q3 – Interested in rural transit in NE Georgia, and what is involved in starting a company.

Response: As of right now, 10 Northeast Georgia counties have received rural transit vehicles (officially received in July 2010). Often times it is difficult for rural transit systems to be self-sustaining. However, GDOT can look at this & take suggestions. Another resource is the Aging and Disability Resource Connection Department (706-583-2546) at the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission who handles the existing transit system in this district.

Comment 2: Q3 – We are excited about the effort of the state to increase the number of transportation improvement projects over the next three years.

Response: *Thank you and please continue to stay involved with the STIP by frequently visiting us on our website at www.georgiastip.com.*

Comment 3: Q2 – Ped. Upgrades @ 20 intersections - need details on 1-section in Young Harris

Response: *This project consists of installing pedestrian accommodations including; crosswalks, pedestrian countdown signals, and wheelchair ramps at a total of 20 total intersections – 9 intersections in Lumpkin County, 4 intersections in Union County, 2 intersections in White County and 5 intersections in Towns County. The intersection of SR 2 at Young Harris Street is included in this project and currently preliminary plans are still underway so more specific details are unavailable at this time. The environmental process and preliminary construction plans are anticipated to be completed by early 2012 and construction is anticipated for mid-late 2012. Please contact the project manager, Sue Anne Decker, at 706-646-6974 for more information.*

Comment 4: Q3 – Young Harris US 76-SR 2 should not be widened - need to bypass.

Response: *Design plans have not yet been approved for this project. However, the comment period closed in May 2011. Please contact the project manager, Steve Adewale, at 404-631-1578 for more information.*

DISTRICT 2:

Comment 1: Q2 – PI 0000833 is a long time needed project to connect US 441 N with US 80 East without crossing downtown Dublin.

Response: *GDOT is working towards environmental approval at this time. Once the environmental document and right of way plans have been approved, Laurens County can proceed with purchasing needed land for the project. Currently, construction funds have not been identified for the project.*

Comment 2: Q1 – Everyone appeared receptive to our questions & were informative. The maps were helpful also. Just what we needed. Hope to hear more.

Response: *GDOT appreciates your participation in the STIP public meetings. Please contact our office for information on upcoming projects anytime. Phone: 478-552-4631*

Comment 3: Q2 – 0008978 & 001045 Please consider additional areas to put in bike lanes to improve safety for college students & recreational aging adults - as the population grows older an increase in cyclist will also.

Response: *Both of these projects are originated through an application process by a local sponsor such as city, county or state authority, and their sole purpose is to promote non-vehicular transportation. GDOT has many years of successful pedestrian and bicycle projects and will gladly work with sponsors to achieve future projects.*

Comment 4: Q3 – The newer road including 441 has a 6ft shoulder, but the grooves are too deep for road bikes ->can these be altered to make cyclists safer -> now we choose the side next to the road to avoid the traffic!

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Response: *The rumble strip design is standard for vehicular safety and cannot be altered. Bicyclists should ride to the right of the regular travel lane with the flow of traffic.*

Comment 5: Q4 – When are you going to complete the Hwy 441 expansion from Eatonton to I-20/Morgan Co.?

Response: *The project just north of Eatonton starts at the north end of the Eatonton Bypass and ends at the Morgan County Line (222580-). The purchase of right of way (land) is scheduled for 2015, with construction in 2017. The second project begins at the Morgan-Putnam County Line and ends just north of Pierce Dairy Road (222570-). The purchase of right of way is scheduled for 2014, with construction in 2016.*

Comment 6: Q5 – If you need additional funding, increase the gas usage tax. A 1 cent increase is less than a .03% increase.

Response: *A gas tax cannot sustain a busy transportation program over the long haul. With car companies building more fuel efficient cars every year, a gas tax could not continually fund the state's need. Legislature has introduced a special sales tax to help fund transportation issues on a regional level. This tax should appear on the ballot statewide in August 2012. Please see the following links about the Transportation Investment Act of 2010.*

http://www1.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/sum/hb1218.htm or

<http://www.it3.ga.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

DISTRICT 3:

Comment 1: Q3 – Long range project would be to 4 lane 280 through Webster Cty. to help safety & move truck traffic better.

Response: *Currently there are two projects scheduled in long range that will reconstruct, rehabilitate and widen US280 between Richland and Plains. Further, a bike and pedestrian lane will be added to each the project. Project PI NO 0004752, Stewart/Webster, will widen US 280 from SR520 in Richland to SR41 in Preston. Project PI NO 4753, Sumter / Webster, will widen US 280 from SR41 in Preston to Plains City Limits.*

Comment 2: Q2 – Hamilton Road Widening - Troup County

Response: *Currently there is a project, PI NO 322250 Troup, that will widen a section of SR1 / US 27/Hamilton Road to 4 lanes between Auburn Ave. and SR 219 / Morgan Street. The project has approved funding for Construction in FY 2017. There is also another project, PI NO0008671 Troup, that will widen SR1 / US 27/Hamilton Road to four lanes from I85 To I185 and is currently in long range. Both of these projects, however, are on the final list of TSPLOST projects to be voted on next summer. Should the TSPLOST pass, some or all project phases for each of these projects will be complete within the next ten years. Yet another project, PI NO 0008870 Troup, currently in long range, will widen SR1 / US 27/Hamilton Road to four lanes from I 185 to CR 188/ Old Chipley Road.*

Comment 3: Q3 – Hope the TSPLOST passes, very important to rural counties, attention to Hwy 27 through Hamilton.

Response: *Although no project is currently planned for widening SR 1 / US27 through the City of Hamilton, the first two projects mentioned under comment 2, will be funded with TSPLOST dollars.*

DISTRICT 4:

Comment 1: Q1 – More structure to presentation overview (undefined)

Response: *The Department can look at this & take suggestions.*

Comment 2: Q3 – Rural safety enhancements. Intra-district connector roads enhancements

Response: *These type projects are handled through the DOT LMIG Projects each year.*

DISTRICT 5: - No comments received

DISTRICT 6:

Comment 1: Q2 – Punkintown Road - Mirror Lake Boulevard will be destroyed due to extreme traffic in this leg is approved.

Response: *GDOT asked FHWA to agree to separate the environmental document for the two pieces so that the East Leg could be cancelled and the North Leg could proceed. FHWA has stated that GDOT needs to officially submit a revised Logical Termini Report for their review. The City Manager of Villa Rica has requested that the Environmental Consultant (Edwards Pitman) prepare a cost proposal to create the requested Logical Termini Report.*

Comment 2: Q3 – Our property access was not considered in last meeting.

Response: *When completing the design and feasibility of a project, adjacent property and Right of Way is always considered. The GDOT contact all affected property owners to inform them of how their property will be affected. Please contact the District 6 office at 770-387-3654 so that one of the department representatives can discuss the specific project and property in which you are referring to.*

Comment 3: Q2 – Villa Rica Bypass - East leg. Project is not needed and would provide minimal value at a high cost while disrupting several neighborhoods and a score of families.

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Comment 4: Q3 – Encouraging growth seems ludicrous when we can't handle or fund the needs of the current population.

Response: *GDOT does not necessarily encourage growth but rather attempt to make transportation related improvements to accommodate the present and anticipated growth. Please keep in mind that the projects being planned and designed today are designed to*

accommodate the projected traffic for up to 20 years in the future, based on current growth rates and trends.

Comment 5: Q1 – Need more details on the projects. The info is online, why not have it here too!

Response: The STIP provides an opportunity for citizens to find out project information and to give feedback on the state's transportation priorities for the next four fiscal years. At every meeting there are DOT representatives present who can answer specific project questions. Please contact the District 6 office at 770-387-3654 so that one of the department representatives can appropriately answer your specific project questions.

Comment 6: Q2 – PI 8459 need details. Need proper signage on the map. Villa Rica Projects no labeled correctly. SR 61 & SR 101 not labeled.

Response: GDOT tries to ensure that the maps provided at the meetings appropriately represent both the roadway system as well as the STIP projects accurately. The Department apologizes for any incorrect signage. The maps have been corrected and are now available on the STIP website: www.georgiastip.com

Comment 7: Q1 – More formal meeting & discussion. Maps were terrible, not detailed & incorrect!!

Response: Please refer to the responses to Comments 5 & 6 above. In addition, the STIP meetings are designed serve as venue for citizens to ask questions about the various projects in your district. Some of the projects have more formal meetings such as a Public Information Open House where there is only one project being presented and more specific project details can be discussed. These meetings are typically advertised at least 30 days in advance and are open to anyone. If you have questions on a specific project please contact the District 6 office at 770-387-3654 so that one of the department representatives can make sure your questions are appropriately answered.

Comment 8: Q2 – STP00-0018-01(067) the North Loop of the Villa Rica By-Pass is fine & is needed. The so-call East Loop GW00-5053-00(002) is unnecessary, provides no value, disrupts an existing community & unnecessarily destroys houses. This loop was NOT in the original plans. DO NOT COMPLETE! Save \$7M.

Response: Thank you for your participation, GDOT asked FHWA to agree to separate the environmental document for the two pieces so that the East Leg could be cancelled and the North Leg could proceed. FHWA has stated that GDOT needs to officially submit a revised Logical Termini Report for their review. The City Manager of Villa Rica has requested that the Environmental Consultant (Edwards Pitman) prepare a cost proposal to create the requested Logical Termini Report.

Comment 9: Q3 – Residents of Mirror Lake oppose the East Loop.

Response: Thank you for your participation, the Department will take this into consideration.

Comment 10: Q1 – No one would help me because I was with the CoRR.

Response: *All citizens, regardless of affiliation, are welcome to the STIP meetings to have their questions answered. Please contact our office if you feel that your questions were not appropriately addressed. Phone: 770-387-3654*

Comment 11: Q2 – The 411 Connector

Comment 12: Q3 – We do not need to waste out tax dollars on a 214 million dollars on a route that Bartow County does not need

Comment 13: Q2 – 214,000,000 is too much to pay for a 411 connector #661950 (D-VE). Plus, the fact that the families that would lose their homes to build this; only receiving the value of their property and not being paid for their homes. Its Eminate Domain OUT OF CONTROL

Response for Comments 11-13: *GDOT appreciates your participation in the STIP public meetings. Thank you for your concern and the department will take these comments into further consideration. Please contact the District 6 office for more specific questions on this project with regard to its feasibility and allocated funding. Phone: 770-387-3640.*

Comment 14: Q1 – No one from GDOT would come talk to us because we have our D-VE Stop stickers on! I was here to find out more about other projects not the 411 connector.

Response: *GDOT makes every effort to answer your questions at the meetings and to provide contact information for questions to be answered via email, the comment forms, and telephone. Please keep in mind that some meetings attract more citizens than other and the department makes plans to staff these meeting appropriately. Some questions may have taken a lot longer to answer than others, and try to answer questions in the order which they were asked, but please be assured, no one was intentionally ignored.*

Comment 15: Q2 – Like more info on Tax money, and where it will be going.

Response: *The final STIP has been posted on our website, georgiastip.com. The STIP contains information on revenues and expenditures in the next four years.*

Comment 16: Q3 – Yes! 411

Response: *Please feel free to contact our office for answers to project questions. Phone: 770-387-3654*

Comment 17: Q2 – (1) Bartow County Project 621350 (Hwy 20 Relocation) – When will ROW Acquisition be completed? (2) Bartow County Projects 661950 (411 Connector) – How do I get information on historical/environmental review of this project?

Response: *(1) Right of Way for 621350 is planned to begin this year. The department does not have an exact date at this time. (2) To obtain copies of the final SEIS please contact Mr. Glen Bowman, State Environmental Administrator at 404-631-1100.*

Comment 18: Q3 – Yes - As to 411 connector, the majority of Bartow & Floyd County citizens DO NOT want the route changed - - keep route D-VE and build road A.S.A.P.!!!

Response: *Thank you for your attendance to this meeting. However, there were various public meetings (both PIOH and PHOH) for this particular project; the last one was held on March 18, 2010. At this meeting, there were 41 written comments and 27 oral comments, of*

which 32 were “for” the project and 17 were “against” the project. The department feels as if having both the community support as well as sufficient evidence from the engineering study warrants the decision to continue to move forward with this project at this time.

Thank you for attending the 2011 Georgia Department of Transportation Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Meetings. Your attendance and your comments are appreciated. Your comments will be made a part of the official record of the project.

Sincerely,
Glenn Bowman, P.E.
State Environmental Administrator