

## STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program**, or **STIP**, is Virginia's federally required, four-year transportation improvement program that identifies those transit and highway construction and maintenance projects that will utilize federal funding, or for which federal approval will be required.

The **STIP** includes:

- all federally funded and all “regionally significant” transportation projects
- multimodal projects (highway, passenger rail, freight, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian), and
- projects on roadways in Virginia's National Parks, and National Forests.

The **STIP** must include all projects in an MPO TIP (Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program) as well as projects in rural areas.

Federal regulations require each state to produce a **STIP** at least once every four years and must:

- demonstrate financial constraint – to show that a state is not scheduling more transportation projects for construction than it has funding to support; and
- certify that a state's transportation program conforms to federal air quality regulations.

Virginia's **STIP** is updated at least every four years and is based upon the state-required **Six-Year Improvement Program**, or **SYIP**, which is updated annually and must be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. All projects in the **SYIP** that are eligible for federal funding are included in the **STIP**.



Virginia provides many opportunities for the public to provide input on transportation projects and priorities as part of the continuing transportation planning process for the development of the **SYIP** and **STIP**. These opportunities include: federally required public involvement for each MPO's TIP, participation in Fall Transportation Meetings, and participation in public meetings on the **SYIP** held each spring.

Information on the 2018 - 2021 **STIP** may be viewed at <http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/about/stip.asp>.

Information on the transit portion of the **SYIP** and **STIP** can be found at <http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/finance-procurement/overview/>.

Virginia is in the early stages of developing the 2021 – 2024 **STIP**.

## 2021 – 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Development Schedule

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|    | <p><b>June 2019 – August 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early coordination with VDOT, DRPT, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and Planning District Commissions (PDCs) on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/ Statewide Transportation Improvement (STIP) project list development</li> </ul> |
|    | <p><b>October 2019 – December 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop planned obligations for MPO and rural area projects based on project lists</li> <li>• Hold Fall Transportation Meetings to gather public input on proposed local and regional projects</li> </ul>  |
|   | <p><b>January 2020 – March 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPOs prepare draft TIPs and conduct public involvement</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p><b>April 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural area project information released to PDCs</li> <li>• MPOs approve TIPs and submit to VDOT/DRPT for inclusion in draft STIP</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>April 2020 – May 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VDOT/DRPT prepare draft 2021 - 2024 STIP and conduct public involvement</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>June 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft STIP posted to VDOT website for public comment</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p><b>July 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VDOT/DRPT finalize STIP and submit to FHWA and FTA for approval</li> </ul>  |
|  | <p><b>September 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FHWA and FTA approve 2021 - 2024 STIP</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p><b>October 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VDOT and DRPT post approved 2021 - 2024 STIP on websites</li> <li>• MPOs post approved TIPs on MPO websites</li> </ul>   |