

INTRODUCTION

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a federally mandated planning document that lists surface transportation projects that the state intends to fund with federal-aid provided under the federal-aid transportation program. The primary purpose of this document is to provide information regarding the programs and projects to which state and local transportation agencies have committed over the next four years. It verifies that new transportation resources are available and sufficient to finance these improvements.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) expired on September 30, 2009 and was extended through March 28, 2010. On March 18, 2010, the President [signed](#) the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment ([HIRE](#)) Act, which extended surface transportation programs and Highway Trust Fund expenditure authority through December 31, 2010. HIRE also includes restoration of the \$8.7 billion SAFETEA-LU rescission, extension of the availability of Build America Bonds, and incentives for businesses that hire new workers. Michigan's fiscal year (FY) 2011-2014 STIP was developed in accordance with the law and applicable federal regulations.

The transportation improvement projects reported in the STIP were developed in coordination with the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) representing urbanized areas and with Rural Task Forces representing the state's rural areas. The planning process relies upon the participation of state and local government officials, public and private transit providers, organizations representing the customers and providers of transportation in Michigan, and the general public.

The STIP is a compilation of transportation projects that will be authorized for funding in fiscal years 2011-2014. The STIP is not a single report but is comprised of 13 separate documents; 12 individual MPO Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and one statewide non-MPO STIP document. The STIP lists only projects outside of the Metropolitan Area Boundaries but contains financial information for the entire state. All projects within MPO boundaries, whether under the jurisdiction of MDOT or a local transportation agency, are listed in the relevant MPO TIPs and are governed by that document. Each MPO TIP also contains financial information for the projects listed in that TIP. MPO TIPs, whether in draft or final form, are available for review and comment at the respective MPOs throughout the state. The TIPs are included in the STIP by reference. The projects included in this report are trunkline (state) projects, and local rural and small urban projects. Many local rural and small urban (areas of 5,000-50,000 population) projects are selected through the Rural Task Force and Small Urban Program project selection processes. These projects are grouped as a single item in the STIP rather than being listed individually. This document also does not include some smaller safety and heavy maintenance projects that will be selected later this year following further analysis of highway conditions.

In addition to a listing of projects and programs, this report contains information on the federally mandated statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes, the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) transportation goals, and the public participation process for the STIP, and a Financial Plan that compares annual transportation resources to new commitments.

The STIP is expected to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration by September 30, 2010. Once approved, it will serve as a four-year planning document for the state and will be periodically updated through the amendment process.