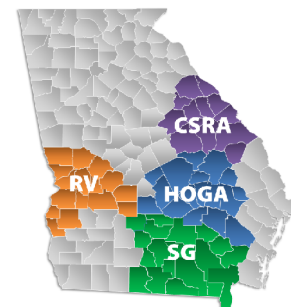


## What is the Transportation Investment Act (TIA)?

Georgia's Transportation Investment Act (TIA) provides a unique process for regions to fund community-selected transportation infrastructure projects through a voter-approved one-cent sales tax. In partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation, regions are empowered to advance their economic and community development with regionally-oriented funds for construction projects, allowing them to be undertaken more quickly and efficiently.

In 2012, voters in three regions - River Valley, Central Savannah River Area (CSRA), and Heart of Georgia Altamaha (HOGA) - approved their participation and in 2018 the Southern Georgia Region joined them. In 2020, CSRA approved a second decade of involvement - called TIA 2 - and in 2022, River Valley and HOGA voters also approved an additional term.



TIA's first term (TIA 1) includes 1,022 total projects with an original approved total budget of \$1.9 billion.

The three regions participating in TIA 2 will deliver 787 total projects with an original approved total budget of \$1.98 billion.

### What are some key features of TIA?

- Each region may levy a 1% transportation sales tax for up to 10 years
- Individual counties may not opt out
- All revenue raised in a region stays within that region
- TIA funds are not subject to Congressional District Balancing
- Regional roundtables establish project criteria and ultimately select projects to form a final investment list
- Regions that pass TIA receive a LMIG match reduction to 10% from 30%

(Counties that elect the single county T-SPLIST option offered via the 2015 Transportation Funding Act will **not** receive this LMIG match reduction and must continue to pay the 30% match.)

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### How is TIA funding divided?

**75%**  
REGIONAL

of a region's TIA proceeds is used to fund all projects on the region's final project list as approved by that region's roundtable.

**25%**  
LOCAL

of a region's TIA proceeds is divided among all local governments within the region based on the current "LARP Formula." These **discretionary funds** may be used for any transportation project and are delivered solely by local governments.

### How can discretionary funds be used?



In accordance with Code 48-8-242(10), discretionary funds can be used on any new or existing transportation projects, such as airports, roads, bridges, mass transit, ports, terminals, bike lanes, pedestrian facilities, etc., including operations and maintenance. Discretionary funds may also be used as a local match for state and/or federal funding.

### Who administers and provides oversight for TIA?

**Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT)** is responsible for management of the budget, schedule, execution and delivery of projects on the Approved Investment Lists, in coordination with state and local agencies.

**Georgia Department of Revenue (DoR)** collects the taxes.

**Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC)** distributes the funds and transfers the 25% monthly allocations to local governments.

A **Citizens Review Panel** assesses progress and expenditures in each region, and presents an annual status report to the Georgia General Assembly at the end of each calendar year.