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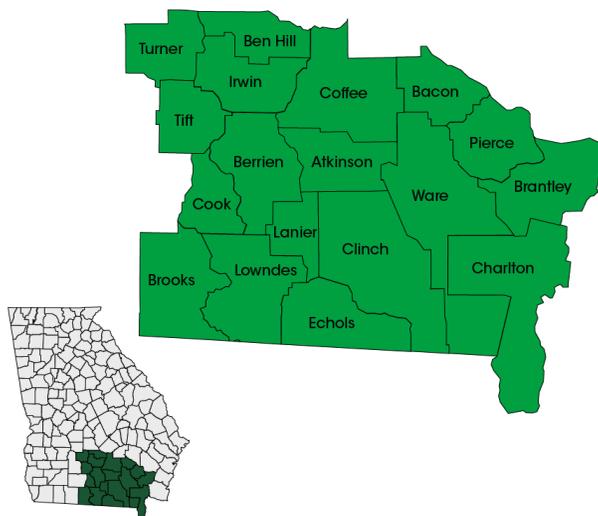
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Southern Georgia Region: Southern Georgia to start second decade of TIA activities a year earlier than scheduled

TIA 2 collections, project planning to begin in April



ATLANTA, Georgia - When Southern Georgia voters approved a second term of participation in Georgia DOT's Transportation Investment Act (TIA) program in 2024, the new decade-long term was scheduled to start Oct. 1, 2028 and to end Sept. 30, 2038. Even so, TIA administrators at that time predicted adjustments to that timeline, as the one-cent sales tax collections that fund the program's transportation projects had been robust due to national and local economic factors. Now, in the early months of 2026, TIA leaders have announced that the Southern Georgia Region will indeed start its second TIA term on Apr. 1, 2026, one-and-a-half years earlier than scheduled.

"The program is structured so that participating regions collect a projected 10 years worth of the voter-approved one-cent sales tax for each term of participation," said Kenneth Franks, Georgia DOT's State TIA Administrator. "The process stops if the original projected revenue amount is collected, as TIA can't collect more than is necessary to pay for a region's projects and program expenses. Southern Georgia is the only region so far to reach its revenue goal ahead of its 10-year time limit."

Southern Georgia's first term of program collections, called TIA 1, will end on Mar. 31, 2026 and its second term of collections, called TIA 2, will start immediately on Apr. 1, 2026 so that funds distribution and project progress will continue seamlessly with no delays. Local governments will continue to receive their monthly discretionary funds allotments from the program with no interruptions.

While engineers, designers and project managers will also start preconstruction activities on TIA 2 projects, they will continue working on the investment list of TIA 1 projects still in progress. Of the 151 projects on the TIA 1 list, 112 have been completed and 18 are currently under construction. There are 209 transportation projects on Southern Georgia's TIA 2 investment list.

Southern Georgia's TIA data and lists of both TIA 1 and TIA 2 projects can be found [here](#).

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Georgia DOT's Transportation Investment Act (TIA) program provides a unique process for the state's regions to fund community-selected transportation infrastructure projects through a voter-approved one-cent sales tax. Regions are empowered to advance their economic and community development goals with collections combined for construction projects, allowing them to be undertaken more quickly and efficiently.

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