

December 10, 2024

The Honorable Burt Jones
Lieutenant Governor
240 State Capital

Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Lieutenant Governor,

As Chairman of the River Valley Region Citizens Review Panel for the Transportation Investment Act, I am writing this letter pursuant to OCGA 48-8-251.

Enclosed is the update on the River Valley Region Citizens Review Panel consisting of a letter from Kenneth Franks, TIA Administrator as a cover along with a copy of the Annual Project Status Report and minutes of the three meetings of the Review Panel for your review.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to express our appreciation to GDOT personnel for another successful year of service, support and results to the River Valley Region. The end of 2024 marks the twelfth year of TIA 1 and the Review Panel couldn't be more excited over the projects that have been completed during TIA 1. As of the end of this year, 18 of the approved 23 projects have been completed with the remaining 5 at some stage of the process. These 5 will complete in the next 4 years as was originally planned. During a portion of the TIA 1 program there were many obstacles which the team has overcome including serious supply chain issues and significant timing issues relating to the acquisition of right-of-way. In every instance, the GDOT team has delivered the project professionally and timely. Thank you for your support of The Transportation Investment Act and everything you do for our great state each day.

Sincerely,

Todd A Schuster

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Chairman





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The Honorable Jon Burns

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Atlanta, GA 30334

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December 4, 2024

Citizens Review Panel (CRP) Members Mr. Todd Schuster, Chairman River Valley Special District

RE: Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010 - TIA 1: 2013 - 2022

Dear Citizens Review Panel Members:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) presents the attached annual update through calendar year 2024 for the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 for the River Valley Special District. This particular report will contain information pertaining to projects in the TIA 1: 2013 – 2022 investment list only. The Transportation Investment Act of 2010 legislation requires the submittal of an annual report by the CRP to the legislators by December 15th each year.

One TIA 1 project was completed in 2024 and a total of 18 TIA 1 projects have been completed in River Valley to date. Four projects are currently under construction and one is in an operations phase.

TIA 1 construction activity in the River Valley region has remained steady throughout 2024. All TIA projects are still on track to be delivered by both the Georgia DOT and our valued local government partners, due to the continued cost savings and project management strategies the TIA staff implemented to mitigate any effects from financial challenges that occurred throughout the decade of revenue collection.

Please let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely.

Kenneth Franks

State TIA Administrator

Enclosure: Annual Project Status Report, Annual Report, Completed Projects Report, and CRP Meeting Minutes

cc: Diana Pope, Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission

Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission

River Valley Annual Project Status Report Status on November 21, 2024

Band	Project ID	County	GDOT ID	Description	Project Phase	Project Let By
01	RC08-000017	Dooly	PI-0011428	US 41 - Passing Lanes and Traffic Signals	Finance Closed	TIA Let
01	RC08-000054	Muscogee	PI-0011433	Columbus River Walk	Finance Closed	Local Let
01	RC08-000062	Muscogee	PI-0011437	US 27/Custer Road Interchange Reconstruction/Modification at Fort Benning	Complete	TIA Let
01	RC08-000058	Muscogee	PI-0012579	South Lumpkin Multi-Use Facility	Finance Closed	Local Let
01	RC08-000068	Randolph	PI-422235-	SR 1/US 27 Widening from CR 153/Carnegie Vilulah Rd to Cuthbert Bypass	Finance Closed	GDOT - OPD Let
01	RC08-000065	Randolph	PI-431530-	Bridge Replacement SR 1/US 27 @ Ga/Ala RR	Complete	GDOT - OPD Let
01	RC08-000084	Sumter	PI-0011438	Improvements to South Georgia Tech Parkway	Finance Closed	TIA Let
01	RC08-000097	Talbot	PI-0011440	Pobiddy Rd Resurfacing and Improvements	Finance Closed	TIA Let
02	RC08-000012	Crisp	PI-0012578	US Hwy 280 Bridge Reconstruction over Lake Blackshear	Finance Closed	TIA Let
02	RC08-000022	Harris	PI-0011430	SR 103 passing lane from MP 11.8 to Troup County Line	Finance Closed	TIA Let
02	RC08-000035	Macon	PI-0007042	Replace the State Route 128 Bridge over Whitewater Creek	Finance Closed	TIA Let
02	RC08-000032	Macon	PI-0011431	Passing Lanes for State Route 224	Complete	TIA Let
02	RC08-000060	Muscogee	PI-0001812	SR 219 Passing Lanes from Luther Land Bridge to Happy Hollow Road Improvements	Finance Closed	TIA Let
02	RC08-000057	Muscogee	PI-0011436	Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network)	Construction	Local Let
02	RC08-000052	Muscogee	PI-0012577	Buena Vista Road Interchange	Construction	TIA Let
02	RC08-000091	Sumter	PI-0011439	District Line Road Improvements	Finance Closed	TIA Let
02	RC08-000102	Taylor	PI-0011441	Bickley Rd. at Patsiligia Creek Tributary Bridge Replacement	Finance Closed	TIA Let
03	RC08-000010	Crisp	PI-422470-	U.S. 280 Widening from Crisp County Line to SR 300 Connector	Complete	TIA Let
03	RC08-000021	Harris	PI-0006446	SR 1/US 27 Widening from Turnberry Lane/Muscogee to SR 315	Construction	TIA Let
03	RC08-000019	Harris	PI-0011429	SR 1/US 27 Northbound Passing Lane	Complete	TIA Let
03	RC08-000045	Macon	PI-0011432	Widening of East Railroad Street	Finance Closed	TIA Let
03	RC08-000055	Muscogee	PI-0011434	Cusseta and Old Cusseta Road Improvements	Construction	TIA Let
Multiple	RC08-000056	Muscogee	PI-0011435	Intercity Express Bus Park-N-Ride Service	Operations	Local Let
Multiple		Regional	PI-A000626	Program Administration		

River Valley Annual Report - TIA Funds Only Report covers: November 11, 2023 - November 21, 2024

Project ID	County	Band	GDOT ID	Description	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Corrective Action Required?	Comments
RC08-000017	Dooly	01	PI-0011428	US 41 - Passing Lanes and Traffic Signals	\$6,930,000	\$4,261,316	\$4,261,316	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000054	Muscogee	01	PI-0011433	Columbus River Walk	\$10,000,000	\$10,002,605	\$10,002,605	\$0	Yes	Project exceeded original estimated cost. GDOT managed costs to keep overruns at a minimum.
	Muscogee	01	PI-0011437	US 27/Custer Road Interchange Reconstruction/Modification at Fort Benning	\$20,000,000	\$17,613,393	\$17,613,393	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000058	Muscogee	01	PI-0012579	South Lumpkin Multi-Use Facility	\$3,500,000	\$3,490,773	\$3,490,773	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000068	Randolph	01	PI-422235-	SR 1/US 27 Widening from CR 153/Carnegie Vilulah Rd to Cuthbert Bypass	\$31,742,135	\$28,939,353	\$28,939,353	\$0	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$32,691,703
RC08-000065	Randolph	01	PI-431530-	Bridge Replacement SR 1/US 27 @ Ga/Ala RR	\$813,177	\$991,568	\$991,568	\$0	Yes	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$1,595,868. Project was let with PI-422235- as a single contract. Project exceeded original estimated cost. GDOT managed costs to keep overruns at a minimum.
RC08-000084	Sumter	01	PI-0011438	Improvements to South Georgia Tech Parkway	\$15,000,000	\$10,474,419	\$10,474,419	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000097	Talbot	01	PI-0011440	Pobiddy Rd Resurfacing and Improvements	\$3,325,000	\$2,184,435	\$2,184,435	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000012	Crisp	02	PI-0012578	US Hwy 280 Bridge Reconstruction over Lake Blackshear	\$30,000,000	\$21,644,837	\$21,644,837	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000022	Harris	02	PI-0011430	SR 103 passing lane from MP 11.8 to Troup County Line	\$4,479,598	\$4,586,098	\$4,586,098	\$0	Yes	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$4,876,434. Project exceeded original estimated cost. GDOT managed costs to keep overruns at a minimum.
	Macon	02	PI-0007042	Replace the State Route 128 Bridge over Whitewater Creek	\$2,500,000	\$2,190,807	\$2,190,807	\$0	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$7,824,481
	Macon	02	PI-0011431	Passing Lanes for State Route 224	\$6,875,000		\$5,337,715	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000060	Muscogee	02	PI-0001812	SR 219 Passing Lanes from Luther Land Bridge to Happy Hollow Road Improvements	\$17,690,438	\$10,362,033	\$10,362,033	\$0	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$15,362,033
RC08-000057	Muscogee	02	PI-0011436	Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network)	\$40,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$18,920,468	\$622,570	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$53,774,600. Inflation applied to Original Estimated Cost; updated Project Budget \$45,000,000.
RC08-000052	Muscogee	02	PI-0012577	Buena Vista Road Interchange	\$47,670,000	\$52,730,628	\$36,530,182	\$5,226,404	No	Inflation applied to Original Estimated Cost; updated Project Budget \$52,730,628
RC08-000091	Sumter	02	PI-0011439	District Line Road Improvements	\$10,000,000	\$9,736,489	\$9,736,489	\$0	No	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$10,136,489
RC08-000102	Taylor	02	PI-0011441	Bickley Rd. at Patsiligia Creek Tributary Bridge Replacement	\$500,000	\$291,662	\$291,662	\$0	No	N/A
	Crisp	03	PI-422470-	U.S. 280 Widening from Crisp County Line to SR 300 Connector	\$32,899,573	\$28,022,761	\$21,639,907	\$5,718,211	No	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$34,497,548
RC08-000021	Harris	03	PI-0006446	SR 1/US 27 Widening from Turnberry Lane/Muscogee to SR 315	\$20,000,000	\$32,088,820	\$9,109,625	\$5,258,364	No	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$72,356,173. Inflation applied to Original Estimated Cost; updated Project Budget \$32,088,820.
	Harris	03	PI-0011429	SR 1/US 27 Northbound Passing Lane	\$2,950,973		\$2,809,907	\$0	No	N/A
	Macon	03	PI-0011432	Widening of East Railroad Street	\$209,424	\$191,874	\$191,874	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000055	Muscogee	03	PI-0011434	Cusseta and Old Cusseta Road Improvements	\$58,269,412	\$66,932,213	\$25,169,846	\$13,853,536	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$71,932,213. Inflation applied to Original Estimated Cost; updated Project Budget \$66,932,213.
RC08-000056	Muscogee	Multiple	PI-0011435	Intercity Express Bus Park-N-Ride Service	\$22,400,000	\$22,400,000	\$16,351,451	\$2,382,157	No	N/A
	Regional	Multiple	PI-A000626	Program Administration	\$5,676,751	\$312,526	\$6,990,062	\$1,576,284	No	Program Admin - Total Project Cost \$15,000,000



RV - 2024 Completed Project & Benefit Report - TIA 1

All projects listed within this report have met the stated public benefit as detailed in the River Valley Region TIA 1 Final Investment List (2012).

Crisp County

Summary of Work: The widening and reconstruction of 7.7 miles of US 280 in Crisp County, including a bridge at Gum Creek and the construction of a new at-grade railroad crossing.

Project ID	GDOT ID	Project Name	Original Estimated Cost	Projected Final Cost	Project Let By
RC08- 000010	PI-422470-	US 280 Widening from Lake Blackshear to the SR 300 Connector*	\$32,899,573	\$28,022,761	TIA

^{*} Featured project. See attached sheet for additional details.

Completed Project & Benefits Review Report River Valley



Project: US 280/SR 30 Widening from Lake Blackshear to the SR 300 Connector

County: Crisp

Project ID: RC08-000010 GDOT ID: PI-422470-

Project Description

This project widened 7.7 miles of US 280/SR 30 from Lake Blackshear to the SR 300 Connector in Crisp County. The roadway was widened from two lanes to four 12-foot lanes, two in each direction, with a four-foot flush median. Existing pavement was resurfaced and shoulders were widened and/or included ditches at necessary locations. The widening included the bridge at Gum Creek, and a new at-grade crossing for the Heart of Georgia Railroad was constructed.

Project Benefit

This project has benefited the public by creating greater traffic capacity through Crisp County while also enhancing safety. The expansion of US 280 will boost the region's competitiveness in attracting new economic development and reduce transportation costs to existing businesses. This project was initially part of the 1989 Governor's Road Improvement Program (GRIP) as a link in the US 280 'Power Alley,' which was to have created an improved east-west corridor across South Central Georgia for economic and civic development.

Schedule Information

NTP Date: 06.18.2021 Completion Date: 10.04.2024

Budget / Cost Information

Original Budget: \$32,899,573 Projected Final Cost: \$28,022,761

Project Delivery

TIA Let

Project construction managed by the Georgia Department of Transportation

Project Photos

Pre-Construction



Completed



River Valley Regional Commission Citizen Review Panel for the Transportation Investment Act TIA-1 Meeting Minutes April 23, 2024 10:00 A.M. Columbus, Georgia

TIA CRP Members

Todd Schuster, Chairman Joseph Brannan, Secretary Carlisle

GDOT

Kenneth Franks, GDOT, TIA Administrator Eric Wilkinson, GDOT, TIA William Eastin, GDOT, TIA Regional Coordinator Penny Brooks, GDOT, TIA Jason Floyd, GDOT, TIA

RVRC

Jim Livingston, Executive Director Naomi Masuoka, Planning Specialist Kathy

Others

Cathy Williams, GDOT Board Member Will Johnson, City of Columbus Harry Lange, Harris County

Call to Order and Welcome

Todd Schuster, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Joseph Brannan presented the December 5, 2023 TIA-1 minutes.

Kathy Carlisle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Todd Schuster seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Revenue Collections Overview

Kenneth Franks, TIA Administrator, reminded the Citizen's Review Panel that there was no change on the final TIA-1 collections and timeline. Total collected amount in TIA-1 was \$512,301,207 through the end of the 10 years of the program.

The timeline for projects through TIA-1 is projected until 2027 for project construction and financial close-out of all projects.

Of the 23 construction projects in River Valley, 5 are still under construction. The METRA project continues to be locally managed. \$266,071,224 in TIA-1 funds have been expended as of March 2024.

Update on Current Projects

William Eastin, TIA Regional Coordinator, gave an update on the projects that are in construction.

The right-of-way acquisition for the US 27 widening in Harris and Muscogee Counties is ongoing. Four parcels remain to be acquired, including property at the U.S. Post Office. Clearing and utility relocations are ongoing. Clearing has begun in Harris County.

Bridge and ramp work is ongoing in the Buena Vista Road Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI). The plan is to demo the remainder of the bridge in May 2024. Utility work is nearly finished, and an estimate is being obtained to landscape the interchange. The expected completion date for the project is 2025.

The Old Cusseta Road @ I-185 Interchange project continues with grading of the ramps. Work is being done with Columbus Water Works to relocate utility lines.

The US Hwy 280 construction continues in Crisp County. Traffic has been shifted to eastbound lanes as the westbound lanes are being paved. Final landscape items are being coordinated with Veterans Memorial Park. The expected completion date is June 30.

A bid date has been set for Phase 2 of the Spider Web construction. This project bid is being managed by the City of Columbus, and bids will open on May 8. After the bidding, construction will be managed by the GDOT TIA office.

A ribbon cutting for the METRA Park and Ride facility is scheduled for May 17.

There were no further questions from board members of the public.

Meetings for the remainder of 2024 would be as follows: August 13 at 10:00 AM in Columbus (RVRC Office) December 4 at 10:00 AM in Columbus (RVRC Office)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

River Valley Regional Commission Citizen Review Panel for the Transportation Investment Act TIA-1 Meeting Minutes August 13, 2024 10:00 A.M. Columbus, Georgia

TIA CRP Members

Todd Schuster, Chairmen Joseph Brannan, Secretary Steve Rentfrow Kathy Carlisle

RVRC

Jim Livingston, Executive Director Destinee Williams, Planning Specialist

GDOT

Kenneth Franks, GDOT, TIA Administrator Penny Brooks, GDOT, TIA William Eastin, GDOT, TIA Regional Coordinator

Others

Cathy Williams, GDOT Board Member Will Johnson, City of Columbus Harry Lange, Harris County

Call to Order and Welcome

Todd Schuster, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Joseph Brannan presented the April 23, 2024 TIA-1 minutes.

Steve Rentfrow made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kathy Carlisle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Revenue Collections Overview

Kenneth Franks, TIA Administrator, reminded the Citizen's Review Panel that there was no change on the final TIA-1 collections and timeline. Total collected amount in TIA-1 was \$512,301,207 through the end of the 10 years of the program.

The timeline for projects through TIA-1 is projected until 2027 for project construction and financial close-out of all projects.

Of the 23 construction projects in River Valley, 5 are still under construction. The METRA project continues to be locally managed. \$276,439,695 in TIA-1 funds have been expended as of May 2024.

Update on Current Projects

William Eastin, TIA Regional Coordinator, gave an update on the projects that are in construction.

The right-of-way acquisition for the US 27 widening in Harris and Muscogee Counties is ongoing. Three parcels remain to be acquired, including property at the U.S. Post Office. Clearing and utility relocations are ongoing. Storm drain installation and grading of the roadway have begun.

Bridge, wall, and road work is ongoing in the Buena Vista Road Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI). The bridge has been demoed and traffic has shifted to a new section. Utility work is nearly finished, and landscaping will be completed by CW Matthews. The expected completion date for the project is in the first quarter of 2025.

The Old Cusseta Road @ I-185 Interchange project continues with the grading of the ramps. Utility relocations are ongoing, including water/sewer, gas, and telecom. New Farr Road sidewalks are complete but additional right-of-way needs to be acquired to address the inadequate slope behind retaining walls.

The US Hwy 280 construction continues in Crisp County. The highway is open to traffic, and landscaping and fencing has been completed at Veterans Memorial Park.

Spider Web construction has been split into phases, with Phase 1 being completed. Phase 2 bid was over budget. CCG is working with the contractor on scope reduction and funding alternatives. Close out is expected between 2026-2027.

The METRA Park and Ride facility was completed and the ribbon-cutting was held on June 14. Operations and maintenance for METRA are ongoing.

There were no further questions from board members of the public.

Meetings for the remainder of 2024 would be as follows: December 4 at 10:00 AM in Columbus (RVRC Office)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

River Valley Regional Commission Citizen Review Panel for the Transportation Investment Act TIA-1 Meeting Minutes December 4, 2024 10:00 A.M. Columbus, Georgia

TIA CPR Members

Todd Schuster, Chairman Joseph Brannan, Secretary Steve Rentfrow Kathy Carlisle Tyson Begle **RVRC**

Jim Livingston, Executive Director Tracey Hadaway, Director of Planning and Government Services Destinee Williams, Planning Specialist

GDOT

Kenneth Franks, GDOT TIA Administrator William Eastin, GDOT, TIA Regional Coordinator Penny Brooks, GDOT, TIA Jason Floyd, GDOT, TIA Others

Vance Beck, City of Columbus Harry Lange, Harris County

Call to Order and Welcome

Todd Schuster, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Joseph Brannan presented the August 13, 2024, TIA-1 minutes. Kathy Carlisle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Steve Rentfrow seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Revenue Collections Overview

Kenneth Franks, TIA Administrator, reminded the Citizen's Review Panel that there was no change in the final TIA-1 collections and timeline. The total collected amount in TIA-1 was \$512,301,207 through the end of the 10 years of the program.

The timeline for projects through TIA-1 is projected until 2027 for project construction and financial close-out of all projects.

Of the 23 construction projects in River Valley, 4 are still under construction. The METRA project continues to be locally managed. \$303 million in TIA-1 funds have been expended as of November 2024.

Update of Current Projects

William Eastin, TIA Regional Coordinator, gave an update on the construction projects.

The right-of-way acquisition for the US 27 widening in Harris and Muscogee Counties is ongoing. One parcel remains to be acquired. Clearing and utility relocations are ongoing. Grading of the roadway has begun. The project is about 22% complete.

Bridge, wall, and road work is ongoing in the Buena Vista Road Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI). Bridge work has started on the westbound side, while ramp grading continues. Landscaping will be completed by CW Matthews. The project is about 70% complete.

The Old Cusseta Road @ I-185 Interchange project continues with ramp grading and paving. Utility relocations are ongoing, including water/sewer, gas, and telecom. New Farr Road sidewalks are complete and the opening begins this month. The project is 47% complete.

The US Hwy 280 widening in Crisp County is completed and open to traffic.

Spider Web construction has been split into phases, with Phase 1 being completed. The bid for Phase 2 was approved by the CCG Council. The next step is the preconstruction meeting. Close-out is expected between 2026-2027.

The METRA Park and Ride facility is completed. Operations and maintenance for METRA are ongoing. A new agreement has been executed.

End of Year Reporting

Kenneth Franks presented the Annual project Status Report for TIA 1 in 2024. The annual report will need to be posted Department of Revenues Website by December 15th. Todd Schuster made a motion to approve the report. Kathy Carlisle seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

There were no further questions from board members or the public.

The first meeting in 2025 will be held in April in Columbus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.