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December 10, 2025

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 once again 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 2025 marks the thirteenth year of TIA 1 and the Review Panel continues to be pleased with all 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 in process. These 5 are still scheduled to complete in the next three years as was originally planned. Thank you for your continued support of transportation in the state of Georgia and specifically the TIA program.

Sincerely,

Todd A Schuster

Chairman



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The Honorable Jon Burns  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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December 2, 2025

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 2025 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 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

A total of 18 TIA 1 projects has 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 2025. All TIA projects are still on track to be delivered by both the Georgia DOT and our valued local government partners. This is 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Franks", is written over a light blue circular graphic element.

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, 2025

Band	Project ID	County	GDOT ID	Description	Project Phase	Project Let By
01	RC08-000017	Dooley	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 22, 2024 - November 21, 2025

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.
RC08-000062	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 \$42,720,812
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 \$1,783,976. 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.
RC08-000035	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
RC08-000032	Macon	02	PI-0011431	Passing Lanes for State Route 224	\$6,875,000	\$5,337,715	\$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	\$19,543,038	\$4,294,139	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	\$41,756,586	\$2,217,693	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
RC08-000010	Crisp	03	PI-422470-	U.S. 280 Widening from Crisp County Line to SR 300 Connector	\$32,899,573	\$27,850,029	\$27,358,118	\$341,935	No	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$34,324,816
RC08-000021	Harris	03	PI-0006446	SR 1/US 27 Widening from Turnberry Lane/Muscogee to SR 315	\$20,000,000	\$32,088,820	\$14,367,989	\$2,232,689	No	Blended Project - Total Project Cost \$72,356,173. Inflation applied to Original Estimated Cost; updated Project Budget \$32,088,820.
RC08-000019	Harris	03	PI-0011429	SR 1/US 27 Northbound Passing Lane	\$2,950,973	\$2,809,907	\$2,809,907	\$0	No	N/A
RC08-000045	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	\$66,971,220	\$39,023,382	\$13,307,608	No	Blended Project (State Funds) - Total Project Cost \$71,971,220. Inflation applied to Original Estimated Cost; updated Project Budget \$66,971,220.
RC08-000056	Muscogee	Multiple	PI-0011435	Intercity Express Bus Park-N-Ride Service	\$22,400,000	\$22,400,000	\$18,733,608	\$3,357,918	No	N/A
	Regional	Multiple	PI-A000626	Program Administration	\$5,676,751	\$0	\$8,566,346	\$1,627,800	No	Program Admin - Total Project Cost \$15,000,000; Program Admin not funded with sales tax revenue.
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$393,431,481</b>	<b>\$382,149,982</b>	<b>\$304,458,351</b>	<b>\$27,379,783</b>		

**River Valley Regional Commission  
Citizen Review Panel for the Transportation Investment Act  
TIA-1 Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2025  
10:00 A.M.  
Columbus, Georgia**

**TIA CPR Members**

Todd Schuster, Chairman  
Kathy Carlisle  
Tyson Begly

**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  
Corvell Houston, GDOT, TIA  
Penny Brooks, GDOT, TIA  
Jason Floyd, GDOT, TIA

**Others**

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

**Call to Order and Welcome**

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Todd Schuster, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Todd Schuster, Chairman, presented the April 8, 2025, TIA-1 minutes. Kathy Carlisle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tyson Begly 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 construction and financial close-out of all projects. Construction is expected to be completed in April 2027, while audits may be pushed to 2028.

Of the twenty-three construction projects in River Valley, four are still under construction, one is an operations project, eighteen projects are completed. The METRA project continues to be locally managed. \$311,187,903 in TIA-1 funds have been expended as of April 7, 2025.

**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 completed. Clearing, grading, and utility relocations are ongoing. Culverts have been completed. The project is about 31% complete. The estimated time of completion is May 26, 2025.

Bridge work is ongoing in the Buena Vista Road Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI). Pouring deck in the next couple of weeks. Ramp paving and curb and gutter work continues. The Landscaping Supplemental agreement is completed. The project is 71% complete. The estimated time of completion is the end of the year.

The Old Cusseta Road at I-185 Interchange project continues with utility relocations, including water/sewer, gas, and telecom. Sound barriers are currently being removed, and bridge work has started. The project is 58% complete. The estimated time of completion is late summer of 2026.

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 completed. Phase 2 Closure started on April 8, 2025. There is an active 2-year construction contract.

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

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

Meetings for the remainder of 2025 are as follows:

- August 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM in Columbus (RVRC Office)
- December 2, 2025, 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 11, 2025**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Columbus, Georgia**

**TIA CPR Members**

Todd Schuster, Chairman  
Kathy Carlisle  
Tyson Begly

**RVRC**

Jim Livingston, Executive Director  
Tracey Hadaway, Director of Planning and Government Services  
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Coordinator  
Eric Wilkinson, GDOT, TIA Regional  
Coordinator  
Penny Brooks, GDOT, TIA

**Others**

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

**Call to Order and Welcome**

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Todd Schuster, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Todd Schuster, Chairman, presented the April 8, 2025, TIA-1 minutes. Kathy Carlisle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tyson Begly seconded the motion. The motion 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. Looking to collect between December 2025 to January 2026.

The timeline for projects through TIA-1 is projected until 2027 for construction and financial close-out of all projects. Construction is expected to be completed in April 2027, while audits may be pushed to 2028.

Of the twenty-three construction projects in River Valley, four are still under construction, one is an operations project, and eighteen projects are completed. The METRA project continues to be locally managed. \$323,110,900 in TIA-1 funds have been expended as of August 7, 2025.

**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 completed. Clearing, grading, and utility relocations are ongoing. Culverts have been completed. The project is about 31% completed and the estimated time of completion is May 26, 2025.

The US 27 Widening & Roundabout at SR 315 was let by Robinson paving. Clearing, grading, and utility relocations are ongoing, as well as storm drain work. The base course was installed on the south side and a paving plan revision is underway.

Wall design work is being completed on the interstate median on the Buena Vista Road Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI). Curb and gutter, sidewalk, and storm drain work continues. The contractor requested time and cost.

The Old Cusseta Road at I-185 Interchange project continues with utility relocations and storm drain work. Bridge beam setting and paving of Old Cusseta Road will be completed this month, August 2025.

Spider Web construction has been split into phases, with Phase 1 completed. Phase 2 Closure started on April 8, 2025. There is an active 2-year construction contract.

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

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The timeline for projects through TIA-1 has been projected until 2027 for construction and financial close-out of all projects. Construction is expected to be completed in 2027, while the financial closure of projects may be pushed to 2028.

Of the twenty-three construction projects in River Valley, four are still under construction, one is an operations project, and eighteen projects are completed. The METRA project continues to be locally managed. \$331,838,134 in TIA-1 funds have been expended as of November 26, 2025.

**Update of Current Projects**

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

Clearing, grading, and utility relocations for the US 27 widening in Harris and Muscogee counties are ongoing. Working on staging for side road work and on the base course and drainage for the new roundabout. The paving plan is also underway. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2026.

Ramp paving is underway on the Buena Vista Road Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI). Curb and gutter, and interchange landscaping are underway. The contractor was granted a 6-month time extension.

Paving of the Old Cusseta Road at the I-185 Interchange project is underway, and drainage structure and wall work continue. Bridge painting of Old Cusseta Road is underway. The project is 72% completed and expected to be completed in the spring of 2026.

Spider Web construction has been split into phases, with Phase 1 completed. Phase 2 started on April 8, 2025. There is an active 2-year construction contract.

The METRA Park and Ride facility is completed. Operations and maintenance for METRA are ongoing, but they are expected to expend the remaining of their funds soon.

### **End of Year Reporting**

Kenneth Franks presented the Annual Project Status Report for TIA 1 in 2025. The annual report will need to be posted to the Department of Revenue's Website by December 15th. Tyson Begly 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 board closed the TIA-1 meeting and then conducted business for TIA-2.