



Muscogee County: Contractors are building the new overpass at the railroad tracks on Buena Vista Road. It's just one way they're untangling the 'Spiderweb'.



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TIA 1 (2013-2022):

Original Approved Investment Budget:
\$410,754,730

TIA 2 (2023-2032):

Original Approved Investment Budget:
\$559,604,284

Stats and Data Available at
www.ga-tia.com

Georgia's **Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Program** provides a way for regions to fund necessary transportation infrastructure projects through a voter-approved one-cent sales tax.

Your region's [project lists](#) were selected by regional roundtables made up of local elected officials, community members & stakeholders appointed by the [River Valley Regional Commission](#).

[Citizen Review Panels](#) of local residents appointed by the Lieutenant Governor or Georgia Speaker of the House meet at least three times per year to oversee the program's progress.



Citizens Review Panels: Your Local Representatives in TIA Projects & Progress

Every Georgia region participating in TIA has a group of local leaders who monitor the program on behalf of that region's residents, ensuring that projects are completed, budgeting is responsible and quality is ensured as directed in the official TIA manual.

Each member of the citizens review panel is selected by either the lieutenant governor or the speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives. All of their meeting presentations and their annual reports to the Georgia Department of Revenue are posted online as public information at www.ga-tia.com. Just click on 'Program Reports' to find the documents for each TIA region.

Sumter & Harris Counties: Public Info Open Houses Bring Out Crowds of Citizens

In the past quarter, residents with questions and concerns turned out to open houses for Sumter County's projects widening US 280 and Harris County's projects improving SR 315. Project designers were encouraged by the discussions and will respond to each attendee with additional information.





Muscogee County: Columbus Airport Runway Improvements

Contractors reconstructing Runway 6-24 used the mostly-dry summer months to make good progress. Working in sections and starting on the north end, teams removed the old layers of gravel and pavement and then laid new material for a smooth durable surface. The airport is closed to traffic while the project is underway, so completing the project in a timely manner is particularly important.



Muscogee County: Cusseta/Old Cusseta Road Improvements

Columbus’s Interstate 185 interchange at Old Cusseta Road is quickly taking shape, with contractors paving two new ramps, grading another ramp and widening the overpass during the past quarter. Drivers are cautioned when driving through the work zone, as crews continue widening and realigning Old Cusseta Road.

Projects in Preconstruction

Webster County - Churchill Road Bridge Replacements at Kinchafoonee Creek

- Final bridge plans expected in early 2026

Macon County - Dr. C. P. Savage, Sr. Airport East T-Hangar Improvements

- Final construction plans expected by end of 2025

Muscogee County - JR Allen/US 80 @ Schomburg Road & Blackmon Road

- Preliminary utility, right-of-way coordination underway

Contracting and Procurement Information Available on TIA Website

If you are affiliated with a contracting business that handles transportation infrastructure projects - or if you know of one that does - make sure they know how to check out TIA’s general contracting information, professional services advertisements, awards announcements and local let schedules. They are updated monthly at <https://www.ga-tia.com/Home/Procurement>.

As a Georgia DOT-based program, TIA welcomes contractors of all sizes and with all types of owners and encourages all to submit bids and proposals.



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