



The TIA Times

Spring Edition 2025

River Valley Region



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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 <u>project lists</u> were selected by regional roundtables made up of local elected officials, community members & stakeholders appointed by the <u>River Valley Regional Commission</u>.

<u>Citizen Review Panels</u> 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.

Public Info Opportunities for TIA Projects Scheduled Throughout River Valley

Some TIA road or bridge projects involve complex situations, like a lengthy construction timeline or challenges to residents' everyday activities. Delivery teams for those projects are required by Georgia policies to conduct public involvement activities to ensure communities have options for detailed information and comment.

In coming months, the River Valley region has multiple projects with public involvement opportunities planned. If you have any questions about these activities, please contact Regional Coordinator William Eastin.

TIA Project Public Info Opportunities

May 2025

Muscogee County: Andrews Road and Brennan Road Improvements

- Interactive website open for comment through 05/27/2025
- Public open house on 05/13/2025 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School in Columbus from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

July 2025

Harris County: SR 315 Improvements from Hart Drive to Hamilton Mulberry Grove Road and at the SR 217/Goat Rock Road Intersection

 Watch for alerts with details regarding both the interactive website and the public information open house

August 2025

Sumter County: SR 30/US 280 Widening from Lamar Road to Lake Blackshear (2 projects)

 Watch for alerts with details regarding both the interactive website and the public information open house

Clay & Randolph Counties: Cotton Hill Road Resurfacing

This project was bid for construction in December 2024 to Oxford Construction of Albany. A preconstruction meeting was held on March 5, 2025 with activity planned to start on site this summer.







Muscogee County: Buena Vista Road 'Spiderweb' Improvements

This project started construction tasks on April 9, 2025. Workers fully closed the roadway from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to St. Marys Road and crews began grading asphalt off the Bull Creek bridge. The road closure will be in effect for two years to allow for the replacement of the Bull Creek bridge and construction of a new flyover bridge over the railroad tracks.

Harris & Muscogee Counties: SR 1/US 27 Widening from Turnberry Lane to SR 315

Utility crews continue working throughout the length of the project, with power lines being moved, storm drain installed and culverts dug. Drivers will also see teams working on erosion control measures as well as roadside clearing and roadway grading.

Projects in Preconstruction

Muscogee County - Buena Vista Rd Improvements from Winton Rd to Ilges Rd

Project design activities underway

Randolph & Quitman Counties - US 82 Passing Lanes

• Traffic studies of affected highway segment underway

Taylor County - North Ed Davis Road Resurfacing & Rustin Lake Road Paving

• Project plans being finalized, construction scheduled to be bid in June

New 'The TIA Tracker' Quarterly Video Series Provides Quick Stats on Progress

With dozens of projects in planning or construction stages throughout the River Valley, it's sometimes hard to keep up with all that's happening through TIA. Our new quarterly video series, The TIA Tracker' will keep citizens regularly updated in a quick and easily accessible format. The videos share details from all participating regions, so Georgians can learn about TIA projects across the state.

<u>Click here</u> for the 'On the Road with TIA' web page, and the top post will take you to the video.



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