



The ## Times

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Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region



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TIA 1 (2013-2022):
Original Approved Investment Budget:
\$366,631,175

TIA 2 (2023-2032):
Original Approved Investment Budget:
\$338,673,177

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 at regional roundtables of local elected officials, community members & stakeholders appointed by the <u>Heart of Georgia Altamaha 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.



TIA's Discretionary Funds: Another Way the Program Benefits Your Community

Did you know that the Heart of Georgia Altamaha region's TIA proceeds are divided into two portions? 75% funds the region's list of transportation improvement projects and 25% is split up among its counties and cities to be used as discretionary funds for any transportation-related needs.

Your city or county leaders decide how the funds are spent - not the

Georgia DOT. Since local officials know best what their citizens and businesses need, they get to choose. Since TIA started, counties have used discretionary funds to purchase everything from new traffic signals to maintenance vehicles, from sidewalks to road resurfacings.

To learn more about TIA's discretionary funds, <u>click here</u> to check out the FAQs on our website.

Toombs County: Lyons Bypass Projects

This summer, contractors have poured the deck for the new overpass at SR 292/6th Avenue and installed beams on the new overpass at US 280. In addition, teams have laid miles of asphalt for the new bypass lanes.





Wayne County: New West Side Industrial Park Roadway in Jesup

Contractors are making good progress constructing the new roadway. The entire length of the future corridor has been graded and crews have laid asphalt on the north end which will intersect at Waycross Highway.



Jeff Davis County: Resurfacing Bundle of Four Roadways

Contractors have completed construction on four resurfacing projects on Bell Telephone Road (pictured), McCall Road, Claxton Road and Ira Graham Road. Local drivers will appreciate the new smooth rides and improved safety.

Projects in Preconstruction

Tattnall County: Bundle of Four Projects Paving Dirt Roads in Reidsville

• Construction bids to be opened for consideration in August

Bleckley County - Bundle of Three Projects Improving Road Drainage in Cochran

• Draft design plans under review

Telfair County - Bundle of Seven Resurfacing and Sidewalk Projects in Milan

Construction bids under review

Public Information Open Houses Provide Valuable Opportunities for Community Opinions

A few months ago, TIA held a public information open house to share information about a project in Johnson and Washington Counties that would widen a long portion of SR 15. Attendees had the opportunity to see all the project details and give comments and opinions about them and their expected impacts.

Anyone interested in a TIA project is invited to attend. Residents and businesses in an area affected by a project receive postcard invitations and details are also posted on our social media in advance. Keep an eye out for coming open houses in your county!



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