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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.



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

Did you know that the River Valley 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.

Quitman County: Lower Lumpkin Road Improvements

Contractors have completed major construction tasks and painted temporary striping from SR 39 to the Stewart County line. Crews are still working on some smaller activities, so continue to drive through the corridor with caution.





Muscogee County: Buena Vista Road 'Spiderweb' Improvements

Just a few months after construction started on this project, the entire roadway is graded, the old Bull Creek Bridge has been removed and utility crews are moving the various lines through the work zone. Teams will be starting work on the new overpass at the railroad tracks later this summer.



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

Construction teams have started building the new lanes' foundational layers, spreading gravel on the cleared road sides. Utility crews continue working throughout the length of the project with power lines being moved, storm drain installed and culverts dug.

Projects in Preconstruction

Marion County - Downtown Improvements in Buena Vista

• Right-of-way planning underway

Harris County - US 27 ALT/Manchester Expressway at Central Church Road

• Construction currently out for bid

Muscogee County - South Lumpkin Road Streetscape

• Project design work underway

Public Information Open Houses Provide Valuable Opportunities for Community Opinions

A few months ago, TIA held a public information open house in Columbus to share information about two future projects that will make a number of improvements to Brennan Road and Andrews Road. 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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