



Lowndes County: Utility crews have started moving lines on the Coleman Road NW paving project in Hahira.



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## Southern Georgia Region



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**TIA (2018-2028):**

**Original Approved Investment Budget:**  
\$408,763,452

**TIA 2 (2027-2036)\*:**

**Original Approved Investment Budget:**  
\$669,931,000

**Stats and Data Available at**  
[www.ga-tia.com](http://www.ga-tia.com)

*\*It is currently forecast that Southern Georgia's TIA 2 term could begin as early as 2026.*

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 [Southern Georgia 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.

### Southern Georgia 2018-2028

**TIA Collections as of January 2025:** **\$432,551,392**

Divided into:

Project List:  
\$324,413,544 (75%)

Local Discretionary Funds:  
\$108,137,848 (25%)

**Original Revenue Forecast to Date (in 2018):** **\$318,849,519**

**% Collected Ahead of Forecast:** **35.7%**

### Southern Georgia TIA Revenue: What Happens If Total Achieved Early?

At Southern Georgia's (SG) public Citizen Review Panel meetings, proceedings always start with a budget discussion. At the recent meeting for the first quarter of 2025, the panel and TIA staff focused on a situation that could have a number of positive outcomes.

In January 2025, revenues for SG were 35.7% higher than planned when regional leaders organized the program in 2018. By law, when a region collects enough funds to cover a ten-year term's total budget, it must stop collections for that term.

SG voters approved participation for another round in 2024, so collections for the second term (TIA 2) could start as soon as funding totals are reached for the first term (TIA 1). TIA 1 projects would be completed according to their schedules and preconstruction tasks for TIA 2 projects would get a head start. TIA administrators believe the TIA 1/TIA 2 collections transition could happen at earliest some point in 2026, but are cautious as they watch economic indicators.

### Lowndes County: Interstate 75 Interchange Improvements at SR 31

In early March, contractors opened the new roundabouts on SR 31 at the exit ramps, and big trucks wasted no time in trying them out. Teams continue laying asphalt topping on SR 31 and finishing the roundabouts' brick islands.





## Pierce County: Golf Course Road Realignment, Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements

Teams are finishing paving, asphalt topping and striping operations and have started building shoulders and slopes. Drivers may feel like they can drive faster on the straightened roadway, but they should continue to follow posted limits and stay alert to crews and conditions.



## Ware County: US 84 Bridges Replacement at the Satilla River

This past quarter, contractors poured the concrete deck for the new west end bridge. Crews continue concrete work on the new east end bridge, as well as demolishing and removing the old bridge's substructure.

## Projects in Preconstruction

Charlton County - SR 40 from SR 40 CONN to east of May Bluff Road

- Design and environmental planning underway

Lowndes County - St. Augustine Road RR Grade Separation (Overpass)

- Preliminary design work underway

Coffee County - West Green Highway (SR 135/US 221) Sidewalk Improvements

- Design plans under review

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

With hundreds of projects in planning or construction stages throughout Southern Georgia, 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.

[Click here](#) for the 'On the Road with TIA' web page, and the top post will take you to the video.



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