

## **STI Process Update – Feb 21, 2014**

As part of the transition to the new Strategic Transportation Investment law, the North Carolina Department of Transportation plans to release preliminary highway project scores by March 31st. These preliminary scores will be for the nearly 1,400 existing highway projects previously submitted and reviewed in the database. Because this is the first time for the process under the new STI law, we are taking additional time to carefully review data calculated through NCDOT's new scoring tool. The updated timeline for release allows our team to refine the first preliminary data set under the new scoring formula. We want to ensure the most complete data analysis is available before releasing the preliminary results for review and feedback from our Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Planning Organizations.

It is important to note that the preliminary scores for all projects released in March will not be considered final. As part of implementing STI, NCDOT will continue reviewing the initial scores and collect feedback from our key planning partners to make additional refinements as needed.

New candidate projects are continuing to be submitted daily and nearly 400 additional projects have already been entered into the database.

The scores for projects of statewide significance (both existing and newly submitted) are scheduled to be released in May.

We appreciate your help and support as we implement the new law and scoring formula that will better leverage existing funds to enhance the state's infrastructure, providing greater opportunity for economic growth.

If you have questions about project scores or data used to determine these preliminary project scores please contact the Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation at [SPOT@ncdot.gov](mailto:SPOT@ncdot.gov).