
Public Meetings

July 31 – August 31, 2017

What is the State Transportation Improvement Program?

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies the construction funding and scheduling of transportation projects at the state level over a 10-year period. Although federal law requires the plan to be updated every four years, the N.C. Department of Transportation proactively updates it every two years to ensure it accurately reflects the state's current financial situation.

What is the purpose of the meetings?

In the coming weeks, each of NCDOT's 14 transportation divisions will submit their new transportation project proposals, which will compete for funding with other transportation improvements across the state. Each division is asking the public for input on projects during a 30-day public comment period that runs **July 31, 2017, until Aug. 31, 2017.**

Meeting Format

Local residents can visit their local division office, hours are generally from 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the dates [listed](#); however, please check the exact time for your division. Participants can drop in anytime during these hours. There will not be a formal presentation. The sessions provide citizens an opportunity to talk one-on-one with a local engineer and review project information and provide us feedback on the top- priority transportation projects they think should be submitted to compete with other transportation improvements across the state for funding in the next STIP. Anyone who cannot attend a session in person can also submit comments through an interactive survey tool called MetroQuest, via email, mail or by phone. For more information, please visit the [STIP Development Webpage](#).

Next Steps

Projects submitted from the divisions and local planning organizations to be evaluated for funding will be scored and ranked based on approved criteria such as safety, congestion and cost-benefit. These scores are scheduled to be released in March 2018 and will ultimately be used to determine whether a project receives funding.

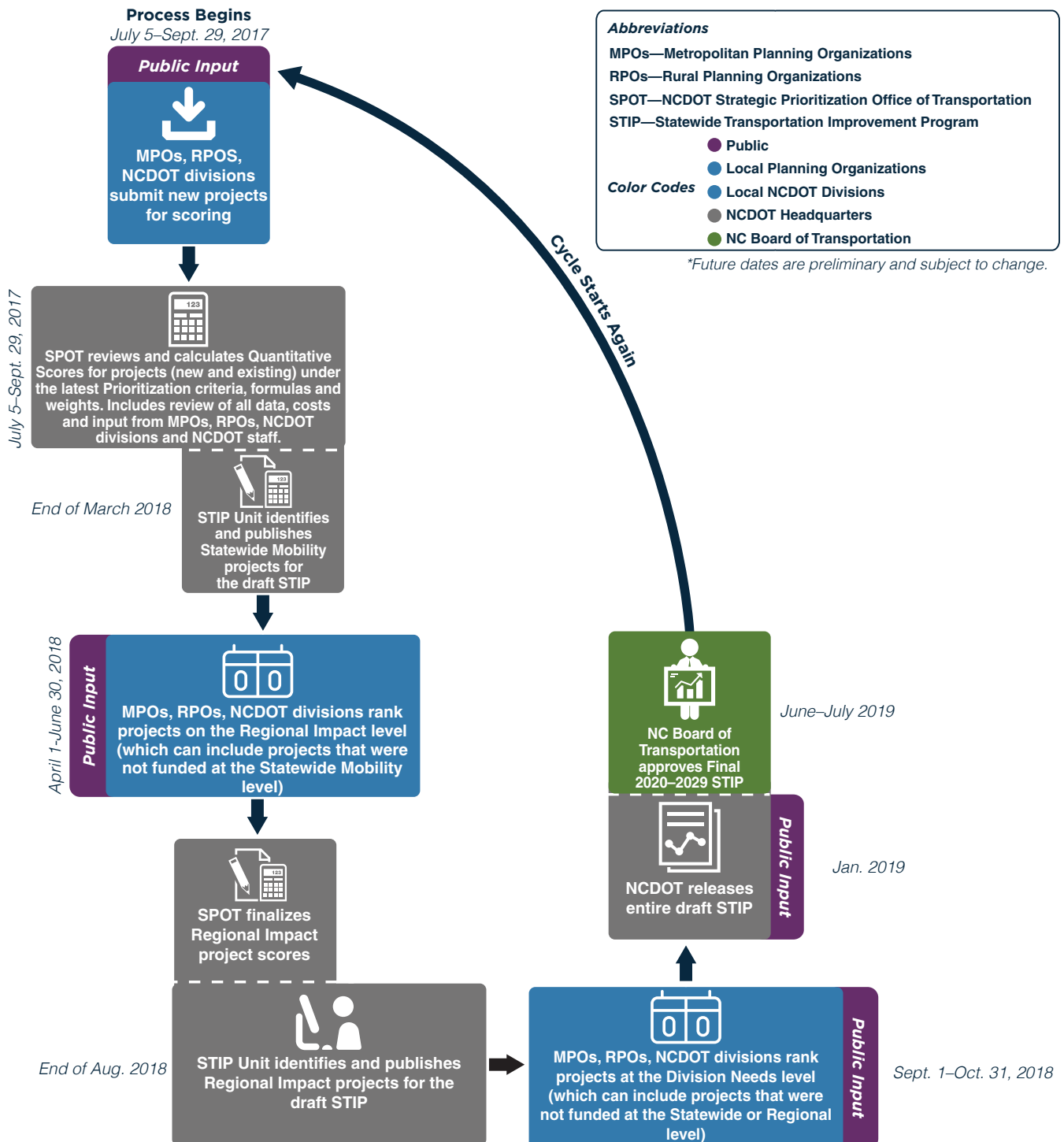
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STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) 10-year construction schedule for projects. The schedule is updated every two years based on a data-driven process called Prioritization, as well as the latest state and federal financial situation, and the status of preconstruction activities. Schedule development must adhere to the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law, which mandates ongoing evaluation and improvement to ensure the process continues to be responsive to North Carolina's diverse needs. Developing a STIP is accomplished through ongoing collaboration with our regional planning partners—metropolitan and rural planning organizations—and public input is a key component.



STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS LAW

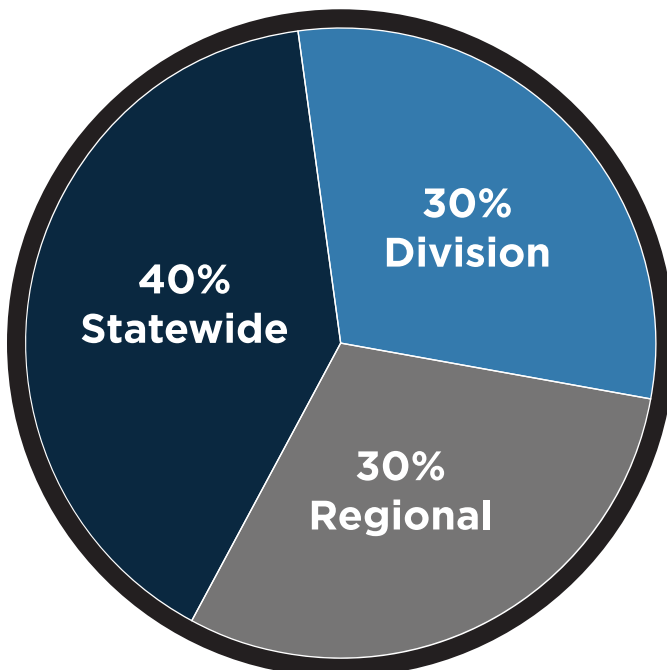
Passed in 2013, the Strategic Transportation Investments Law (STI) allows NCDOT to use its funding more efficiently and effectively to enhance the state's infrastructure, while supporting economic growth, job creation and a higher quality of life. This process encourages thinking from a statewide and regional perspective, while also providing flexibility to address local needs.

STI established the Strategic Mobility Formula, which allocates available revenues based on data-driven scoring and local input. It was used for the first time to develop the 2016–2025 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which schedules the projects that will be funded during a 10-year period. While federal law requires it to be updated at least every four years, NCDOT updates the STIP every two years.

PRIORITIZATION

NCDOT uses a transparent, data-driven method for prioritizing transportation investment decisions. Through the process, called Prioritization, potential transportation improvement projects are submitted to NCDOT to be scored and ranked through the Strategic Mobility Formula at the statewide, regional and division levels, based on approved criteria such as safety, congestion, benefit-cost and local priorities. These scores and other factors are used to determine whether a project receives funding. Project prioritization occurs every two years. The current round of Prioritization is referred to as P5.0, because it is the fourth iteration of this process.

REVENUE DISTRIBUTION



HOW THE STRATEGIC MOBILITY FORMULA WORKS

The Strategic Mobility Formula funds projects in three categories:

- Division Needs
- Regional Impact
- Statewide Mobility

Division Needs

Projects in this category receive 30 percent of the available revenue, shared equally over NCDOT's 14 transportation divisions, which are groupings of local counties. Project scores are based 50 percent on data and 50 percent on rankings by local planning organizations and the NCDOT transportation divisions.

Highway projects in this category are analyzed according to five criteria:

- Congestion (15 percent)
- Benefit/cost (15 percent)
- Safety (10 percent)
- Freight and military) (5 percent)
- Accessibility/Connectivity (5 percent)

Regional Impact

Projects in this category receive 30 percent of available revenue. Projects on this level compete within regions made up of two NCDOT transportation divisions, with funding divided among the regions based on population. Data makes up 70 percent of the project scores in this category. Local rankings account for the remaining 30 percent.

Regional Impact projects are analyzed according to five criteria:

- Congestion (20 percent)
- Benefit/cost (20 percent)
- Safety (10 percent)
- Accessibility/connectivity (10 percent)
- Freight and military (10 percent)

Statewide Mobility

Projects in this category receive 40 percent of available revenue. The project selection process is based 100 percent on data.

Statewide Mobility projects are analyzed according to six criteria:

- Congestion (30 percent)
- Benefit/cost (25 percent)
- Economic competitiveness (10 percent)
- Safety (15 percent)
- Multimodal and military (5 percent)
- Freight and mobility (15 percent)

Alternate Criteria

To provide more flexibility, STI allows regions and divisions to develop alternate criteria tailored to their individual needs. To do so, the metropolitan and rural planning organizations, and the NCDOT divisions within the region must unanimously agree on the criteria.

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Comments Sheet

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

1. What are the most important transportation priorities and needs across the state? _____

2. What are the most important transportation priorities and needs throughout your region?

3. Would you like to provide any additional feedback? _____

4. Do you have any comments to improve this process? _____

Comments may be mailed by August 31, 2017 to:

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Meeting Type: Local Input Points STIP Public Information Session 2017	Date: _____
Location (City): _____	
Project Description: State Transportation Improvement Program 2018-2027.	

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Zip Code: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Street Name: (i.e. Main Street) _____	Age: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 and older <input type="checkbox"/> 30-44
Total Household Income: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$12,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$47,000 – \$69,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$12,000 – \$19,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 – \$93,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 – \$30,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$94,000 – \$117,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$31,000 – \$46,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$118,000 or greater	Have a Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Race/Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____	National Origin: (if born outside the U.S.) <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Central American: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> South American: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____

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Thank you for your participation!



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