



Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

III. STIP DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

1. Title 23 CFR §450 requires that:
 - “The State shall develop a Statewide Transportation Program (STIP) for all areas of the State.”
 - The portion of the STIP in a metropolitan planning area shall be developed in cooperation with the MPO.\
 - Metropolitan planning area TIPs shall be included without modification in the STIP, directly or by reference, once approved by the MPO and the Governor and after needed conformity findings are made.
 - The STIP shall cover a period of 4 years, but at State discretion, may cover a longer period. If the STIP covers more than 4 years, the projects in the additional years will be considered by the FHWA and/or the FTA only as informational.

2. The STIP, in West Virginia, shall be updated/amended as deemed necessary or desirable by the WVDOT in cooperation with the MPOs and consistent with state/local consultation procedures

3. The proposed STIP and/or updates/amendments shall be made available for a public review/comment period. Legal advertisements announcing the availability of such STIP amendments are placed in the Charleston daily newspapers (distributed statewide); additionally, press releases are mailed to all general circulation newspapers throughout the State.

4. Copies of the STIP and/or updates/amendments are available for public review at:
 - The WVDOT’s headquarters in Charleston, West Virginia (Program Planning and Administration Division).
 - The ten regional WVDOH District offices (see *List of Contacts*, Section 3).
 - Each MPO (see *List of Contacts*, Section 3).
 - Each of the eleven Regional Planning and Development Offices, statewide (see *List of Contacts*, Section 3).
 - Each County Commission.
 - On the web at www.wvdot.com



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- Each main County Library.
5. Comments should be made in writing and mailed to: Robert L. Pennington, P. E., Acting Director, Program Planning and Administration Division, West Virginia Division of Highways; Building 5, Room A-816; 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East; Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0430.
6. After comments generated in the review period are considered, a finalized STIP is prepared and forwarded to the FHWA and/or the FTA for review/approval.