

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a 10-year funding document for bicycle, pedestrian, highway, rail, and public transportation projects. The TIP is divided into two five-year programs. The first of the TIP is referred to as the TIP and the second five years is referred to as the Development Program. Every two years, projects in the TIP are reprioritized. Any projects that have the right-of-way acquisition phase programmed within the first five years of the TIP are not subject to reprioritization. The list of reprioritized projects is submitted to NCDOT and the NCDOT produces the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). In developing the TIP, the MPO and NCDOT follow the priorities set forth by the Strategic Transportation Investment Law as well as the Regional Priorities List that the MPO adopts every two years in accordance with the MPO's Public Involvement Policy.

Transportation Improvement Program funds are initially divided among the 14 Highway Divisions in North Carolina. The DCHC-MPO is a part of both Division 5 and 7 with a small portion in Division 8 (Chatham County). Beyond highway funds, DCHC-MPO receives TIP funding for the three transit systems that operate in the urban area: Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA), Chapel Hill Transit, and the Triangle Transit Authority (TTA). These transit agencies receive capital and operating assistance through the TIP to expand and maintain their current fleet of buses, operating assistance for public transportation services, and planning assistance to critique and refine services.

Links to the State TIP and the MPO's TIP

- The NCDOT maintains a website with information about the STIP. The website address for the STIP is: <http://www.ncdot.gov/strategictransportationinvestments/>
- The NCDOT's STIP website also has information about the STI law and project prioritization/scoring process: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/ResourcesMPO-RPO.aspx>
- The DCHC MPO's adopted FY2012-2018 TIP is available on the DCHC MPO's website using this link: <http://www.dhcmpo.org/programs/improvement/2018tip/default.asp>
- When the DCHC MPO adopts the FY2016-2025 TIP, it will be available on the MPO website using this link: <http://www.dhcmpo.org/programs/improvement/default.asp>