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## **Transportation Investment Act (TIA) honored with CMAA South Atlantic Chapter Project Achievement Award**

**ATLANTA, Ga.** – The Georgia DOT and TIA Program Management Team were recently honored by the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) South Atlantic Chapter with their 2015 Project Achievement Award for Transportation Program Management. The TIA program was selected to receive this award for demonstrating their commitment to citizens of the three regions that approved the TIA by delivering approved projects on time and within budget, despite revenue shortfalls.



**The TIA Program Management Team Accepting their Award**

Vinay Uchil, immediate Past President of the CMAA South Atlantic Chapter, explained why the Georgia DOT and TIA Program Management Team were selected for this award. “The TIA is a unique and pioneering effort by the State of Georgia to not only ease the strain on federal dollars for infrastructure improvement throughout the State, but also boost the economy with local funding. To earn the trust of citizens for future referendums, it is imperative that this program is efficiently delivered within its established budget and schedule, while providing transparent accountability to the taxpayers... GDOT has efficiently

managed the TIA program and exceeded the taxpayers’ expectations,” Uchil said. “CMAA South Atlantic Chapter is proud to honor the TIA Program Management team with the Project Achievement Award in the Transportation Program Management category. Congratulations to GDOT for this effort.”

The Transportation Investment Act (TIA) was passed by Georgia voters in the Central Savannah River Area, Heart of Georgia – Altamaha, and River Valley regions. Georgia DOT is responsible for managing

the budget, schedule, execution, and delivery of all projects contained in the Approved Investment Lists through coordination with local and state agencies to ensure timely delivery of TIA projects. The TIA program is focused on high-level project management, intergovernmental coordination, transparency, and successful program delivery. There are 871 projects representing all modes of transportation from roadways to airports, bike and pedestrian trails, and transit which are to be completed within the ten year TIA program. Projects vary from minor road resurfacing to major construction projects and vary in costs from tens of thousands to those in excess of one hundred million dollars.

The TIA Program Management Team has worked diligently to implement creative solutions that minimize costs and improve efficiencies for all TIA projects. According to TIA Administrator, Mike Dover, "To compensate for revenue shortfalls, the TIA Program Management Team developed a risk analysis and delivery process to bring construction budgets in line with current revenue forecasts and expected risks. This process helps to assure delivery of all projects on the Approved Investment List. We are committed to ensuring that citizens receive the greatest return on their investment in their regions."

As this recognition suggests, the unique approach that GDOT and the participating regional commissions have taken to fund and deliver local and regional transportation projects could serve as a model for other states and regions throughout the nation. The successes of the TIA in the three regions will continue to influence future referendums and similar legislation to generate additional funding for transportation infrastructure investment.

*Forty-six counties and their respective cities comprise the three regional districts that approved the TIA referendum in July 2012. Cumulatively, they are expected to self-generate approximately \$1.5 Billion in new revenue dedicated to local transportation improvements. Georgia DOT is responsible for the management of the budget, schedule, execution and delivery of all projects contained in the Approved Investment Lists, in collaboration with local and state agencies. All projects were selected by regional commission roundtables of local elected officials after significant public input. Seventy-five percent of revenues collected will be utilized for the construction of projects on the Approved Investment List while the remaining 25 percent will be disbursed to the regions' governments each month on a predetermined formula basis for discretionary use on local transportation-related efforts. For more information on the Georgia DOT, please visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov). Follow the Transportation Investment Act on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/transportationinvestmentact](https://www.facebook.com/transportationinvestmentact)) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/TIAatGDOT>). Also visit [www.ga-tia.com](http://www.ga-tia.com) for the latest TIA updates.*

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