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Transportation Investment Act (TIA) is Driving Progress in the Heart of Georgia Altamaha region and across Georgia

TENNILLE, Ga. – As elected officials across the nation struggle to secure funding for critical transportation infrastructure maintenance and improvements, communities in three of Georgia’s regions are reaping the benefits of the Transportation Investment Act (TIA), which voters passed through a referendum in July 2012. Citizens of these regions, which include River Valley, Heart of Georgia Altamaha, and Central Savannah River Area regions, are funding 871 transportation projects through a one cent sales tax collected over 10 years. The Georgia DOT is overseeing management of the budget, schedule, execution and delivery of all TIA projects, in collaboration with local and state agencies.

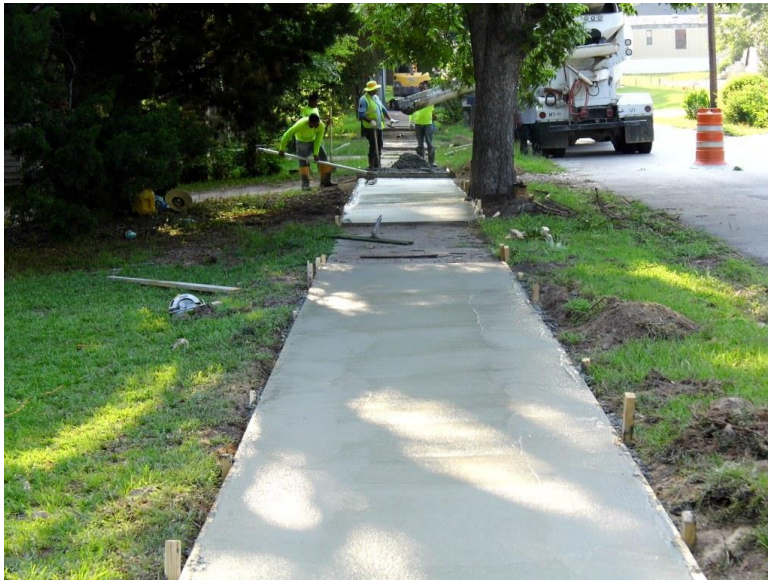
“The three regions that approved the Transportation Investment Act are starting to see the results of their investments,” said State TIA Administrator Mike Dover. “By voting to tax themselves and working together to identify and prioritize projects, citizens and public officials in these regions are addressing a variety of local transportation issues, from road maintenance to expansion and enhancement of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. These transportation system improvements will benefit residents and visitors in these regions for many years to come.”

Collections of this one cent sales tax began in January 2013 to fund projects in Band 1 (Jan. 2013 – Dec. 2015), which are scheduled to at least begin construction by the end of 2015. To date, more than \$328 million has been collected of the budgeted \$1.2 billion. This total includes \$68,737,178 collected of \$255,524,067 budgeted for 764 projects in the Heart of Georgia Altamaha region.



Resurfaced Brumby Street in Reidsville, GA

The Heart of Georgia Altamaha region has already completed 138 projects in Band 1, with another 46 projects in the construction phase. Most of the approved projects in this region involve roadway enhancements, as well as maintenance and resurfacing. Several bridge and sidewalk projects were also included in the region's Approved Investment List.



Sidewalk Repair work is ongoing in Johnson County

Sidewalk improvements are currently underway in the City of Wrightsville in Johnson County, which is a \$250,000 project entirely funded through the TIA program. This is a "Rapid Response" project, which helps to speed and streamline the bidding process for smaller infrastructure investments. In addition to providing better sidewalks in the city, this project will bring many of the pedestrian facilities, including curb ramps, into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Construction on this project is roughly one-fourth of the way complete, with many more improvements yet to come.

Another very important project was completed on June 11 when TIA officials cut the ribbon on a \$1.6 million renovation project for Adams Street (State Route 130) in Vidalia. In addition to resurfacing, the project scope included extensive work on the water, sewer, and stormwater drainage infrastructure along the corridor. The sidewalks along this road were also upgraded to bring them into compliance with the current ADA guidelines. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, State Senator Tommie Williams said, "the most important thing we did for transportation was helping the locals raise the money they needed for their own projects through the TIA tax." He went on to say that, as a result of the TIA "projects like this are being taken care of in these regions."



Officials Celebrate Completion of Adams Street Renovations

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 much public input. Seventy-five percent of revenues collected will be utilized for the construction of these roundtable pre-selected projects 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. Follow the Transportation Investment Act on Facebook (www.facebook.com/transportationinvestmentact) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/TIAatGDOT>). Also visit www.ga-tia.com for the latest TIA updates.

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