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December 13, 2013

The Honorable Casey Cagle  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Cagle:

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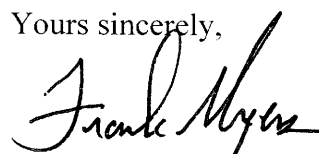
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Yours sincerely,



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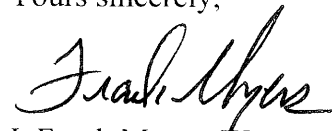
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## River Valley Area

Active Projects

Status as of 30Nov2013



Project ID	GDOT ID	Description	Current Phase	Construction Let By
RC08-000065	PI-431530-	Bridge Replacement SR 1/US 27 @ Ga/Ala RR	CST	GDOT
RC08-000054	PI-0011433	Columbus River Walk	PE/ROW	Local
RC08-000084	PI-0011438	Improvements to South Georgia Tech Parkway	PE/ROW	GDOT
RC08-000097	PI-0011440	Pobiddy Rd Resurfacing and Improvements	PE/ROW	GDOT
RC08-000058	PI-0012579	South Lumpkin Multi-Use Facility	PE/ROW	Local
RC08-000068	PI-422235-	SR 1/US 27 WIDENING FM CR 153/CARNEGIE VILULAH RD TO CUTHBERT BYPASS	CST	GDOT
RC08-000062	PI-0011437	US 27/Custer Road Interchange Reconstruction/Modification at Fort Benning	PE/ROW	GDOT
RC08-000017	PI-0011428	US 41 - Passing Lanes and Traffic Signals	PE/ROW	GDOT
RC08-000045	PI-0011432	Widening of East Railroad Street	PE/ROW	GDOT
RC08-000056	PI-0011435	Intercity Express Bus Park-N-Ride Service	OPS	Local
	PI-A000626	Program Administration	Admin	

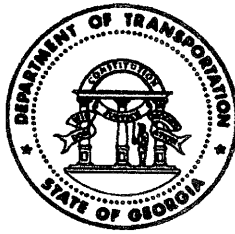


# River Valley Area

## Annual Report - TIA Funds Only

Report covers 01Jan2013 - 30Nov2013 (Audited Data through 30Jun2013)

Project ID	GOVT ID	Description	Original Estimated GOVT	Current Estimated GOVT	Amount Expended Prior Year	Amount Expended Current Year	Contract Action Required?	Comments
RC08-000065	PI-431530	Bridge Replacement SR 1/US 27 @ Galala RR	\$813,177	\$821,100	\$0	\$5,538	Yes	GDOT is actively managing the construction phase of this project. A Supplemental Agreement is in process to reduce costs and control cost variance.
RC08-000064	PI-0011433	Columbus River Walk	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$731	No	
RC08-000064	PI-0011438	Improvements to South Georgia Tech Parkway	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$37,418	No	
RC08-000097	PI-0011440	Pobiddy Rd Resurfacing and Improvements	\$3,325,000	\$3,325,000	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000058	PI-0012579	South Lumpkin Multi-Use Facility	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$124	No	
RC08-000068	PI-422235	SR 1/US 27 WIDENING FM CR 153/CARNEGIE VILLUHLA RD TO CUTHERBERT BYPASS	\$31,742,135	\$32,383,265	\$0	\$995,100	Yes	GDOT is actively managing the construction phase of this project. A Supplemental Agreement is in process to reduce costs and control cost variance.
RC08-000062	PI-0011437	US 27/Custer Road Interchange Reconstruction/Modification at Fort Benning	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$66,572	No	
RC08-000017	PI-0011428	US 41 - Passing Lanes and Traffic Signals	\$6,930,000	\$6,930,000	\$0	\$2,008	No	
RC08-000045	PI-0011432	Widening of East Railroad Street	\$209,424	\$209,424	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000102	PI-0011441	Bickey Rd. at Patsigiga Creek Tributary Bridge Replacement	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000052	PI-0012577	Buena Vista Road Interchange	\$47,670,000	\$47,670,000	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000091	PI-0011439	District Line Road Improvements	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000057	PI-0011436	Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network)	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000032	PI-0011431	Passing Lanes for State Route 224	\$6,875,000	\$6,875,000	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000035	PI-0007042	Replace the State Route 128 Bridge over Whitewater Creek	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	No	Blended Project - Total Budget \$5,500,000
RC08-000060	PI-0001812	SR 219 Passing Lanes from Luther Land Bridge to Happy Hollow Road Improvements	\$17,690,438	\$17,690,438	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000012	PI-0012578	US Hwy 280 Bridge Reconstruction over Lake Blackshear	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000015	PI-0011434	Cussetta and Old Cussetta Road Improvements	\$58,269,412	\$58,269,412	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000099	PI-0011429	SR 1/US 27 Northbound Passing Lane	\$2,950,973	\$2,950,973	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000021	PI-0006446	SR 1/US 27 Widening from Turnberry Lane/Muscogee to SR 315	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000022	PI-0011430	SR 103 passing lane from MP 1.8 to Troup County Line	\$4,479,598	\$4,479,598	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000010	PI-422470	U S 280 Widening from Cisp County Line to SR 300 Connector	\$32,899,573	\$32,899,573	\$0	\$0	No	
RC08-000056	PI-0011435	Intercity Express Bus Park-N-Ride Service	\$22,400,000	\$22,400,000	\$0	\$124	No	
	PI-A000626	Program Administration	\$5,676,751	\$5,676,751	\$0	\$423,596	No	
			\$33,833,424	\$33,833,424	\$0	\$1,124,224		



December 5, 2013

Citizen's Review Panel Members  
Mr. J. Frank Myers, III, Chairman  
River Valley Special District

RE: Transportation Investment Act (TIA) of 2010

Dear Citizen's Review Panel Members:

The Georgia Department of Transportation presents an attached update on the TIA 2010 for the River Valley Special District. The total River Valley Special District's collections through October 31, 2013 for projects on the approved investment list is \$27,379,431.87.

There have been four agreements executed between the Department and Columbus/Muscogee County for local delivery of band 1 projects totaling \$55,900,000. The Department has let to construction two projects in June 2013; US 27 widening and bridge construction in Randolph County for a total estimated cost of \$33,204,365. The Department is currently performing Preliminary Engineering activities on the remaining band 1 projects within the region. No projects have been completed at this time.

This update is provided to you for your information. Please let me know if you need further information regarding the TIA 2010 Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Dover". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mike Dover, P.E.  
TIA Administrator

cc: Diana Pope, Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission  
Patti Cullen, River Valley Regional Commission

## **River Valley CRP (CITIZENS REVIEW PANEL)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 3/15/13

**Location:** 4499 Riverside Drive  
Macon, Ga. 31210

**Attendees:** Buddy Leger, G. Sanders Griffith III, Frank Myers, Anthony Murray, Jerry Carney.

**Agenda:** Initial Joint Meeting of all regional CRP Boards, DOT Administrator and Staff, GSFIC, and Georgia Attorney General Office.

Meeting was opened at 10:00 am with regional boards hearing from various officials from DOT and GSFIC on the administration of TSPLOT. A power point was presented on the explanation of the various bands that TSPLOT will be rolled out under. GSFIC discussed how the sales tax revenue will be collected and drawn down from the accounts. DOT personnel gave a brief overview on how projects will be completed and the program's sunset by 2018 or the max amount of \$ 18 billion in collections is reached.

Discussion was also presented on the duties of the regional boards pertaining to the CRP duties and responsibilities.

After presentation the regional boards broke off into their respective groups.

River Valley CRP board was called to order by board member G. Sanders Griffith.

After calling the meeting to order board member G. Sanders Griffith made the motion that board member Frank Myers serve as board Chairman. Motion was seconded by Anthony Murray. The vote was called with all 5 members voting in the affirmative to have Frank Myers serve as committee chair.

Motion was next made by G. Sanders Griffith to have Anthony Murray serve as board secretary. All board members voting in the affirmative.

Board Chairman Frank Myers moved that the Chairman position be a rotating position with all board members serving as chairman over the life of the TSPLOT. All were in favor. None opposed. Term length to be established at the next meeting.

Motion was made to have the next board meeting in Americus or Buena Vista. All members were in favor of the Americus location with none opposed. Time and date will be determined at a later date via email.

The board next discussed briefly the procedure for getting per diem and travel expenses signed by the chairman. Board member G. Sanders Griffith said he would decline all per diem and travel expenses.

Board Chairman Frank Myers after more discussion said it would be better for him to sign per diem and travel reports after the meeting, upon which he would sign, scan and email each board member their reports via email.

**Other Discussion:** Secretary Anthony Murray and Chairman Frank Myers spoke briefly with the Attorney General office about if meeting minutes were needed for this initial meeting. Attorney General office affirmed that meeting minutes should be generated and published within 3 business days.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

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**River Valley CRP (CITIZENS REVIEW PANEL)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 8/8/2013

**Location:** South Georgia Technical College  
John M. Pope Technology Center  
Americus, Ga.

**Attendees:** G. Sanders Griffith III, Frank Myers, Anthony Murray, Jerry Carney.

**Agenda:** Second scheduled Meeting of Citizens Review Panel

Meeting was opened at 10:00 am with Review Panel Chairman Frank Myers calling for meeting minutes from the first meeting to be approved.

Panel member Buddy Leger not present, attending funeral.

Motion was made by G. Sanders Griffith to accept and approve meeting minutes. All members voting yes to approve minutes.

Mike Dover TIA Administrator and staff next presented a report along with power point presentation highlighting the collection of funds since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mike Dover gave updates on projects concerning the River Valley Region:

- A. Reported how funds are allocated with 75% going to projects and 25% going directly to local governments to use at their discretion.
- B. South Georgia Parkway Project is on track and should be completed by 2015.
- C. 23 other projects within the region are in the 1<sup>st</sup> band and on track.
- D. Hwy 27 project in Randolph County has been award and is set to roll out September 4, 2013.
- E. City of Columbus has 4 projects in Band #1, all on track.

Tony Singer of DOT staff gave overview and PowerPoint presentation on how DOT has performed with 6 months into the program.

After DOT presentation, Chairman Frank Myers opened the floor up for the Question and Answers section of the meeting.



Steve Davis from the Concrete Paving Association voiced concerns as to if DOT has reviewed the feasibility of using concrete versus asphalt on T-Splost projects around the State.

Randy Howard asked next and voiced concerns about Band 3 projects. If revenues take a downward turn how would Band three projects be assured to happen? Mike Dover had earlier mention that revenues were down 12% to start with but said he was sure all projects would be completed.

Discussion next came from the floor concerning the 25% that goes to local government to be used as they pleased. DOT staff made note that these funds are not being monitored by DOT and that the local government can use those funds for the local improvement projects they choose.

Randy Howard said he would take pictures of today’s meeting and post them to the college’s website.

Motion was made by G. Sanders Griffith that meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Anthony Murray.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25.

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## **River Valley CRP (CITIZENS REVIEW PANEL)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 12/11/13

**Location:** 1428 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Columbus Ga.  
10:00 a.m.

**Attendees:** Buddy Leger, G. Sanders Griffith III, Frank Myers, Anthony Murray, Jerry Carney.

### **Agenda: Presentation of Benefits Review Report along with Question & Answers. 3rd schedule meeting of CRP 2013.**

Meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. with first order of business being presentation and approval of the minutes from the August 8, 2013 meeting. Motion was made by G.Sanders Griffith and seconded by Buddy Ledger to accept and approve meetings.

Chairman Frank Myers next mentioned that the primary focus of today's meeting would be to satisfy the required 3 meetings per year and to focus on the Benefit Review Report that has to be submitted to the Governor, General Assembly and Speaker of the House.

Mike Dover of DOT began by introduction DOT staff in attendance. Tony Singer the Program Manager, and Kevin Miller TIA Program Manager.

Next Mike Dover updated CRP board on the following:

- A. Revenue transfer from state collection has gone well and is running seamless with no problems.
- B. DOT staff met with state officials/state economist and discussed 10 year projection model. It was determined that moving to a 3 year rolling projection plan would be more beneficial and provide better more realistic numbers.
- C. Over 100 million has been collected to date, however collections are still running about 13% under previous projections.
- D. DOT staff is actively monitoring projections and making adjustments to deliver all projects on time and on budget.

Mike Dover also reported that the first year has showed not a lot of money going out because staff was busy setting up a Procurement system to begin receiving and paying invoices coming in.

Mike assures that a satisfactory system is now in place and next year money would begin flowing out to satisfy invoices coming in from contractors.

Mike Dover also said DOT will be implementing a program of taking before and after photos of projects especially the projects being completed with the 25% discretionary funds to show progress and communicate to the public how projects are coming along.

DOT staff will be rolling out a survey to the local governments that is being developed to judge how TIA is doing on getting projects completed.

DOT staff reported they are working with the Department of Corrections to get signs made to post on site Projects. Signs are expected to cost less than \$50.

Board Member Jerry Carney next ask DOT staff to speak on the exact language in the TIA act that speaks to readjustments in proposed projects that will need to be made due to Revenue shortfall.

Mike Dover went on to discuss that the River Valley Region has shown to be in the best shape overall out of all regions when it comes to collections, implementing projects and on track projects.

DOT staff made note that they have been holding internal meetings with their lawyers to make sure DOT is operating within the law of the Act.

Mike Dover final point of discussion was to review of River Valley's Area Annual Report of TIA funds and River Valley Area's Active Projects status as of November 2013. The Report highlighted that total collections show \$27,379,431.87 with \$33,204,365 needing to be expensed. This would normally mean that projects were over budget but DOT staff is closely managing cash flow to insure cash on hand meets obligations needing to be paid out.

Board member Jerry Carney asked if implementing completion date/cut over dates would help better management of funds to show a more precise picture of funds collected versus fund needing to be in the bank to pay for projects. Mike Dover said that would be something that they could start doing.

Discussion was next focused on the legal requirements of the CRP per the TIA act. The requirements are to be Report to the General Assembly, Governor, and Speaker of the House the Current Status of projects, overall summary of activities of CRP with meeting minutes. Also, needing to be submitted would be a Benefits report concerning projects; however no projects are complete to date to report on.

Chairman Frank Myers next raised the question to DOT staff concerning updates by the state Economist on projected Revenue. Mike Dover highlighted that the staff has been meeting with the TIA Economist and will be implementing a new 3 year rolling projection format to get more current figures to factor into the projections instead of using the previous 10 year format. Mike also mentions that the TIA act actually allocates funding for this state funding projection. The State is using a professor currently at Georgia State University to work projections for revenue.

Motion was next made by G.Sanders Griffith to have Jerry Carney as 2014 Board Chairman and Anthony Murray as Board Secretary. Motion was seconded by Frank Myers.

Board next discussed setting the first meeting of 2014 in March. Chairman elect J.Carney will follow up with Mike Dover to set up meeting.

Webster County commissioner in attendance next gave brief discussion on how Webster County is greatly benefiting from T-splost funding to help with road improvements that might not have been able to be done. Webster County has been able to double the amount of miles they are able to resurface by utilizing T-Splost money. \$28,000 est. is received from TIA per month helping with road improvements.

Mike Dover next explained a new procedure he and his staff have developed to Change Bands. Mike highlighted that Macon County has sent a request to change a project to a later band. This project has been 75% completed with use of Federal Money. This band change will be presented to the CRP board in 2014 for review.

Final discussion was briefly concerning the Intercity Express Park-n-Ride project for Columbus Ga. The City of Columbus and DOT have been meeting to discuss and reevaluate this project. Columbus has initiated a Route study of this project. CRP will most likely need to review Stated Benefit after study is completed in 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

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