



TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

FROM FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS TO REGIONAL PRIORITIES

What is the TIP?

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a federally required, fiscally constrained, and dynamic document listing all transportation projects programmed over at least four years.

The TIP is the link between federal transportation programs and the projects communities see on the ground

The TIP includes all projects and programs receiving federal transportation funding, and all regionally significant transportation projects. This includes roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, freight, and maintenance projects. It may also list projects receiving local and state funding.

One Vision, One TIP, One Region

The TIP reflects regional priorities developed through a cooperative planning process involving MPO policy boards, state and local governments, transit providers, other stakeholders, and the public.

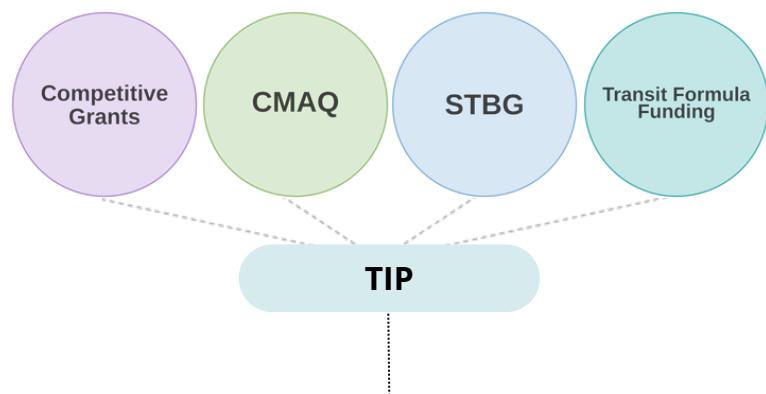
The Near Term Investment Program

The TIP identifies the transportation investments that will advance regional priorities over at least four years.

The MTP is the Long Term Vision

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) establishes a region's transportation vision, regional priorities, and an investment strategy for the next 20 years. **TIP programmed projects advance this long term vision.**

For local and state governments to use federal transportation funding, their projects must be in the TIP



This programs funding to:



Safety Improvements



Road Maintenance



Bridge Repair/Replacement



Roadway Improvements





HOW THE TIP TURNS FEDERAL FUNDING INTO REGIONAL ASSETS

1 Congress Reauthorizes

Every five years, Congress passes surface transportation reauthorization legislation, establishing funding levels, policy, and federal programs drawn from the Highway Trust Fund.

2 USDOT Administers

Federal agencies (FHWA, FTA, FMCSA, NHTSA, FRA, OST) apportion funding to states and develop regulations for how Congress's legislation will be implemented.

3 State DOTs Receive Funding

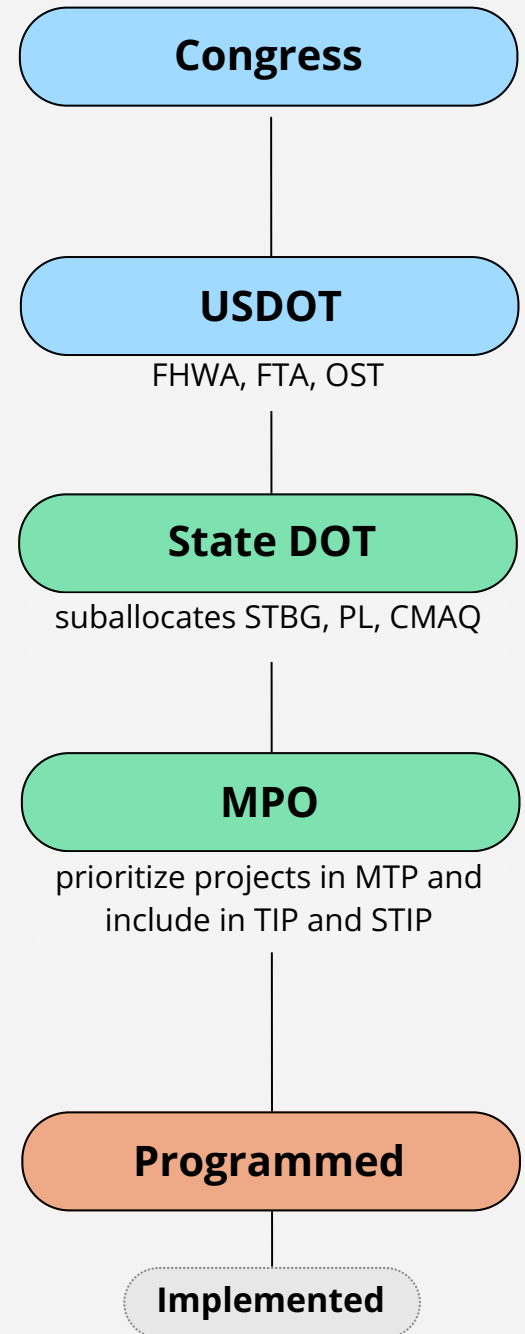
State Departments of Transportation receive federal funding based on apportionment tables and suballocate specific formula programs (STBG, PL, CMAQ) to MPOs.

4 MPOs Receive Suballocated Funding

MPOs serving Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) over 200,000 in population receive funding directly; smaller MPOs coordinate with their state DOT on where funding can be programmed. Ultimately, TIPs become a part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

5 Local Projects are Programmed

MPOs program submitted projects based on the MTP and regional priorities. With Policy Board approval, federal formula funds, discretionary grants, and state and local funding are integrated into the MPO's final TIP and programmed for implementation.



FEDERAL FORMULA DOLLARS PROGRAMMED THROUGH THE TIP LEAD TO REAL ASSETS AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Highway & Roadway: Road reconstruction, intersections, lane expansions, and bridges.

Public Transit: Buses/rail cars, facilities, and operations.

Active Transportation: Multi-use paths, sidewalks, and greenways.

Freight & Rail: Rail crossings, freight corridors, and port/aviation access.

Safety & Enhancements: Safety projects, landscaping, and environmental mitigation.