The STIP is a document that identifies the funding and scheduling of transportation projects and programs. It includes projects on the federal, state, city, and county transportation systems, multimodal projects (highway, passenger rail, freight, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and projects in the National Parks. The goal of this STIP document is to describe a few fundamentals regarding the STIP as well as how to get involved.

What is the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?
The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a federally mandated 4-year funding and scheduling document for surface transportation projects (road, highway, pedestrian trails, bicycle facilities, bridge facilities and transit projects in Alabama). The STIP is important because federal and state money cannot be spent on projects unless they are listed in the STIP. The STIP must be financially constrained to the estimated federal apportionments. Only projects which construction and operating funds can reasonably be expected to be available are included in the STIP.

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) develops the STIP in accordance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and applicable federal regulations. Projects are developed in coordination with the state's metropolitan planning and rural planning organizations. Projects are listed in the STIP by county. The STIP verifies that transportation revenues are available and sufficient to finance the improvements. To view detailed information, visit the ALDOT web page at: https://cpmsapps.dot.state.al.us/OfficeEngineer/Plan/Statewide
When is the STIP Prepared?
The STIP is completely updated every four years. The process is very involved and must be coordinated with various partners; entities at the local, state, and federal levels; and must adhere to our public participation/involvement policy before approved. The update process can take up to 9-months. If needed, amendments are performed every 3 months and administration modifications are made as needed, for more information regarding changes see the Memorandum of Understanding on ALDOT web page.

Outreach and Public Involvement
Two-way information sharing and stakeholder involvement is critical to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) in the development of a STIP that best meets the ongoing transportation needs of the state. Public involvement provides Alabama a road map for assuring everyone’s voice is not only heard but, makes sure it makes a difference in moving the Yellowhammer State forward.