STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program,** or **STIP,** is Virginia's federally required, four-year transportation improvement program that identifies those transit and highway construction and maintenance projects that will utilize federal funding, or for which federal approval will be required.

The **STIP** includes:

- all federally funded and all "regionally significant" transportation projects
- multimodal projects (highway, passenger rail, freight, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian), and
- projects on roadways in Virginia's National Parks, and National Forests.

The **STIP** must include all projects in an MPO TIP (Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program) as well as projects in non-MPO areas.

Federal regulations require each state to produce a **STIP** at least once every four years and must:

- demonstrate financial constraint – to show that a state is not scheduling more transportation projects for construction than it has funding to support; and
- certify that a state's transportation program conforms to federal air quality regulations.

Virginia's **STIP** is updated at least every four years and is based upon the state-required **Six-Year Improvement Program**, or **SYIP**, which is updated annually and must be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. All projects in the **SYIP** that are eligible for federal funding are included in the **STIP**.

Virginia provides many opportunities for the public to provide input on transportation projects and priorities as part of the continuing transportation planning process for the development of the **SYIP** and **STIP.** These opportunities include: federally required public involvement for each MPO's TIP, participation in Fall Transportation Meetings, and participation in state-required public hearings on the **SYIP** (held each spring).

Information on the *2012 - 2015* **STIP** and Draft 2015-2018 **STIP** may be viewed at http://www.virginiadot.org/about/stip.asp. Information on the Draft Revised *FY2015-2020* **SYIP** may be viewed at http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/syp-default.asp. Information on the transit portion of the SYIP and STIP can be found at http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/about/finance.aspx.