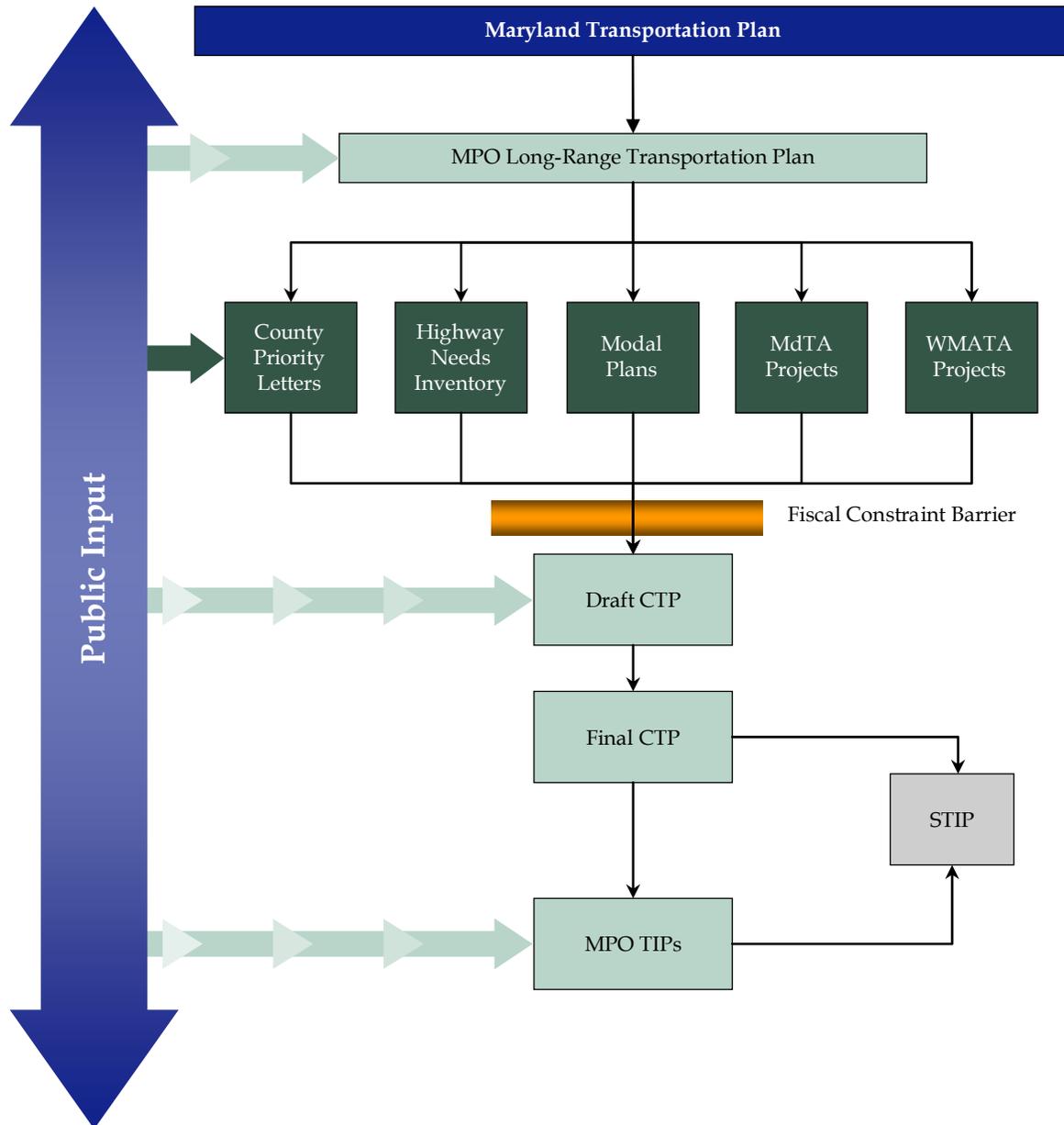


Figure 4.1 STIP Development Process



Priority letters are typically received in the spring-summer as the draft CTP/STIP is developed. MDOT conducts several meetings with county staff, MPOs, and SHA district engineers to discuss the priorities listed. At the end of the summer, MDOT meets with local officials at the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) conference to continue discussions about priority projects.

Once the official draft CTP/STIP is complete, MDOT conducts the Annual Consultation Process, also known as the Fall Tour where the Secretary of Transportation and the Modal Administrators visit each of the State's 23 counties and Baltimore City to present and solicit input on the draft CTP/STIP. In preparation for the Tour, MDOT conducts staff