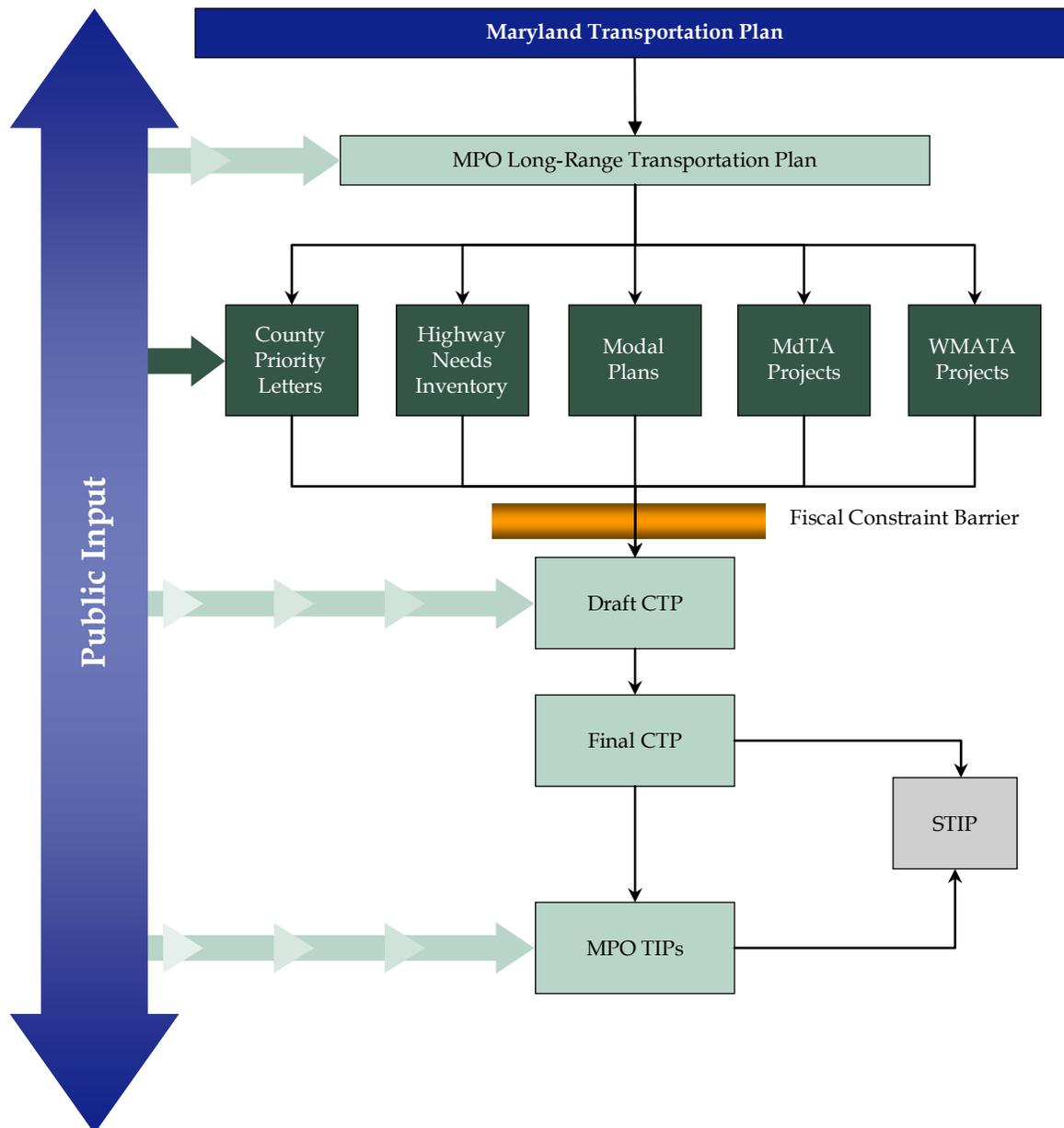


county. In more heavily populated and densely developed counties, there is a stronger focus on public transportation and improving access to public transportation from roadway networks. Counties with smaller populations and lower densities tend to focus on highway and arterial improvements, although most counties request some element of transit funding.

Figure 4.1 STIP Development Process



Priority letters are typically received in the spring-summer as the draft CTP/STIP is developed. All recent priority letters can be found on the MDOT website: http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/Planning/County_Priority_Letters/Index.html. MDOT conducts several meetings with county staff, MPOs, and SHA district engineers to discuss