

2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program: Part 1 Executive Summary

■ 1.0 Introduction

The Fiscal Year 2011 Maryland Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a four-year, fiscally constrained, and prioritized set of transportation projects, compiled from statewide, local, and regional plans. The STIP is guided by the Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP), which establishes a long-term vision for Maryland's transportation network. The STIP contains Federally funded projects plus regionally significant State and local projects. All projects were identified as "high priority" through Maryland's planning process and qualify to receive available transportation funding.

This STIP is prepared by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) in accordance with 23 CFR § 450.216, and provisions of the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU). Maryland's STIP is developed through a collaborative effort between MDOT's five Modal Administrations (State Highway Administration, Maryland Transit Administration, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, Maryland Aviation Administration, Maryland Port Administration), the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA), the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the State's six Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), metropolitan and non-metropolitan local officials, and the general public. A key component of the STIP process is the Annual Consultation Process, known as the Fall Tour, which is a process stipulated by State law requiring the Secretary of Transportation to visit with, and present to each of the State's county jurisdictions and City of Baltimore, the annual draft of Maryland's six-year capital investment program known as the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). The CTP/STIP Fall Tour provides the opportunity for the coordination, cooperation, and consultation between all affected stakeholders, and effectively fulfills the intent of SAFETEA-LU legislation.

Maryland's 2011 STIP contains three parts.

- Part 1: Executive Summary – This section contains an overview of the STIP development process, demonstrates compliance with Federal and State law, and illustrates the vital role of public outreach and participation. This section also contains the Statewide Maryland Transit Administration projects.
- Part 2: Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) - This section presents each of the six MPOs TIPs without change as required by SAFETEA-LU. Please reference the appropriate TIP for all urban area transit and highway projects.
- Part 3: Highway Program Documentation – This section contains the Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), Maryland's six-year capital program for transportation projects. The STIP references the CTP information from the years 2011-2015 for the State Highway Administration projects.