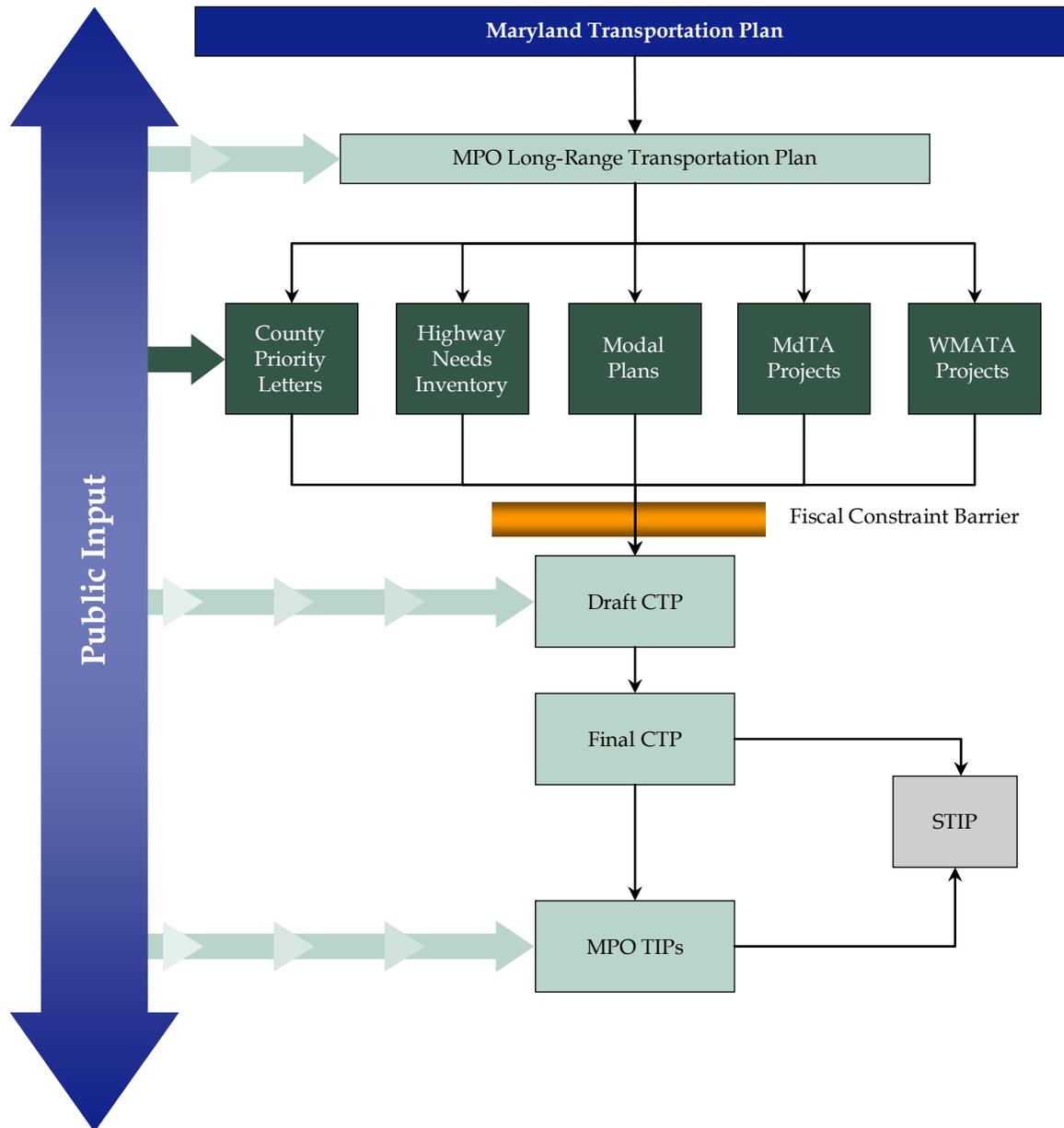


and arterial improvements, although most counties request some element of transit funding.

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/Office%20of%20Planning%20and%20Capital%20Program ming/County_Priority_Letters/Letters.html](http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/Office%20of%20Planning%20and%20Capital%20Program%20ming/County_Priority_Letters/Letters.html) . 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.