



2027-2030 TIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Fiscal Constraint?

Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and State Transportation Improvement Programs (STIPs) are required to show fiscal constraint, meaning that funding is available to pay for projects within these plans. The bulk of funds allocated within the TIP are Federal, authorized by Congress and distributed through United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) to state departments of transportation (DOTs), and allocated to specific projects on STIPs and TIPs. Formula funds provided by US DOT typically require State or Local matching funds. The TIP and STIP demonstrate fiscal constraint by fund and year and identify non-federal matching dollars.

What is Air Quality Conformity?

“Conformity” is a requirement of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) Section 176(c) (42 U.S.C.7506(c)) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conformity regulations (40 CFR 93 Subpart A). These regulations require that each new Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and TIP be demonstrated to conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) before an MTP and TIP are approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or accepted by US DOT. This process ensures that transportation projects in the MTP and TIP are consistent with air quality goals and that progress is made toward achieving and maintaining Federal air quality standards. A conformity determination is undertaken to estimate emissions from a transportation system and demonstrate that those emissions are within the limits outlined in State air quality implementation plans.

Why can't I see all of the projects on the TIP Map?

Projects that are implemented Statewide, at a regional level, or at a maintenance district level are not shown on the map. Those projects are indicated only on the TIP project list.