

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

I. What is the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

1. With the passage of SAFEEA-LU, the STIP is now a four-year programming implementation document that identifies STATE and COUNTY transportation projects, statewide, to be funded, in part, with Federal Highway and Transit funds
2. Regionally significant projects requiring an action by the Federal Highway Administration or the Federal Transit Administration should be included in the STIP, even when Federal Highway or Transit funds are not used.
3. The STIP must be updated at least every three years and may be amended as necessary.

We are presenting a DRAFT of a new STIP to cover federal fiscal years (begins on October 1) 2008 to 2011. Also included are two “illustrative” years (2012 – 2013). The “illustrative” years will not be financially constrained but projects listed in these years will act as a guideline/place holder for near future efforts. Funding for projects in the “illustrative” years is not guaranteed or approved by FHWA and FTA.

II. Financial Constraint of the STIP

There is a limited supply of funds that we receive from the Federal Government that we can program into the STIP, therefore there can only be a limited amount of projects programmed. STIP funds are needed statewide.

Because of this, priorities need to be established to financially constrain the STIP (see project prioritization guidelines). Based on previous year’s funding levels, we anticipate that federal highway funding levels for the 08-11 (+2) STIP will be approximately as follows:

2008 - \$140 million
2009 - \$145 million
2010 - \$165 million (anticipated new Transportation act succeeding SAFETEA-LU)
2011 - \$170 million

Illustrative Years

2012 - \$175 million
2013 - \$180 million

Some money is available outside the financial limit, however, most of it needs to be obtained by our US Congressmen.

Example: Hawaii, Saddle Road Improvements