



DATE: March 16, 2017
TO: Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: Draft FY 2018 - 2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Public Review and Comment

Purpose

To share information with the Transportation Commission regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) development methodology to comply with federal planning regulations and how the development of the Draft FY2018 - FY2021 STIP allows CDOT to maintain compliance and implement cash management principles. Also, staff will review the upcoming schedule of STIP milestones and request that the Commission release the Draft STIP for public review and comment as requested on the March Consent Agenda.

Action Requested

Department staff requests the Commission release the Draft FY2018 - FY2021 STIP for public review and comment as part of the March Consent Agenda.

Background

The STIP is a statewide prioritized listing/program of transportation projects covering a period of four years that is consistent with the long-range statewide transportation plan, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), and is required for projects to be eligible for funding under both Title 23 and Title 49, Chapter 53, of the US Code.

Federal regulations require that the STIP be updated at least every four years. The current FY2017 to FY2020 STIP was adopted by the Transportation Commission (TC) in May 2016, and became effective on July 1, 2016. As part of CDOT's continuing implementation of cash management, an updated four year STIP must be approved by the TC and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) no later than June 30, 2017. This updated STIP will maintain CDOT's flexibility of funding projects with a full four year plan approved by FHWA and FTA. The updated STIP is also required to be subject to a minimum 30 day public review and comment period, and is also subject to a public hearing. The intent of Department Staff is to release the Draft FY2018 - FY2021 STIP for public review and comment beginning on March 17, 2017 and continuing through April 28, 2017. A public hearing will be held on April 20, 2017 with a request for TC adoption of the STIP anticipated in May 2017.

The Draft FY2018 - FY2021 STIP documentation will be available at <https://www.codot.gov/business/budget> beginning March 17.

Details

Public notice of the review and comment period is provided through a variety of means, including through the CDOT website, e-mail announcement, and GovDelivery. Hard copies of the Draft FY2018 - FY2020 STIP will also be available at CDOT Region and HQ offices, FHWA Colorado Division and FTA Region 8 offices, Transportation Planning Region offices, and at Colorado Depository Libraries.

Key Benefits

Public review and comment of the Draft FY2018 - FY2021 STIP aligns CDOT with federal requirements and provides an important level of transparency.

Options and Recommendations

1. Approve the release of the draft STIP for public review and comment (Staff recommendation).
2. Request clarification to the draft STIP materials.
3. Do not approve release, and provide Department staff with further guidance.

Next Steps

Public Hearing with TC for Draft FY2018 - FY2021 STIP (April 2017)
TC adoption of the FY2018-2021 STIP (May 2017)
FHWA/FTA approval of the FY 2018-2021 STIP (June 2017)





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Overview of the STIP Development Process and the Annual STIP Update

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Workshop Objectives

- **Provide an overview of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the planning process.**
- **Provide detail on the purpose and content of the Annual STIP Update.**
- **Identify upcoming tasks for STIP review and adoption.**



Background on STIP

- **The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):**
 1. Is a Federally Required document (23 U.S.C. 134, 135 and 450, and 23 CFR, Part 450);
 2. Is fiscally constrained;
 3. Contains a statewide listing/program of transportation projects;
 4. Is developed every four years in concurrence with the Long-Range Statewide Plan, and is updated annually to maintain four federally recognized years of programming; and
 5. Maintains consistency with the Long-Range Statewide Plan, regional transportation plans, and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs).





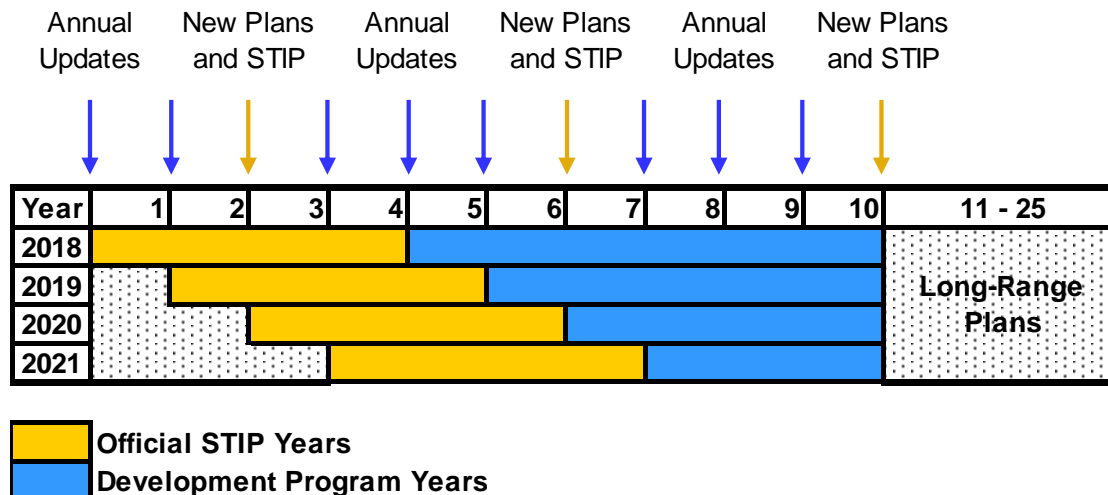
STIP Development Process / 4P

- **The STIP is developed through the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive statewide multimodal transportation planning process CDOT carries out with the 15 TPRs.**
- **The process includes:**
 - Identification of transportation conditions and needs, forecasted revenues, performance objectives, and policies;
 - The development of long-range multimodal Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs);
 - The development of the long-range multimodal Statewide Transportation Plan (SWP); and
 - The Project Priority Programming Process (4P).
- **This process provides the foundation for the creation of the STIP.**



What is the Annual STIP

- **What is the Annual STIP:**
 - STIP updated once per year to maintain official four years of programming recognized by FHWA and FTA;
 - Full update (4P process) once every four years to coincide with development of the long-range Statewide Transportation Plan and Program Distribution;
 - STIP amendment schedule semi-annually;
 - Administrative modifications will be conducted more often and as needed.
 - Expenditure-based as opposed to the budget-based.





The Draft FY2018 – FY2021 STIP

- **What is included in the Draft FY2018 – FY2021 STIP:**
 - Regionally Significant Projects that may continue into, or are scheduled to begin in, FY2021;
 - RPP projects that may continue into, or are scheduled to begin in, FY2021;
 - Funding allocations for various Asset Management programs, such as Surface Treatment, Bridge, and FASTER Safety, will be reflected in Regional STIP Program Pools;
 - Asset Management project lists for FY2021 will be approved during the summer of CY2017 and amended into the STIP at that time.



The Draft FY2018 – FY2021 STIP

- **What is requested of the Transportation Commission regarding the Draft FY2018 – FY2021 STIP:**
 - Release the Draft FY2018 – FY2021 STIP for public review and comment.
 - This item is included on the Consent Agenda for March.



STIP Approval Timeline and Next Steps

Timeline:

- March - Review Draft STIP and approve release for public comment period
- March / April – Minimum 30-day public comment period
- April - STIP Public Hearing with Transportation Commission
- May - Transportation Commission approval of STIP
- June - FHWA / FTA Approval of STIP
- July 1 - FY2018 – FY2021 STIP effective

