

TIP Changes

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Session Topics

- TIP/STIP Amendment process
- Next TIP/STIP Update cycle
- Congressional Balancing



TIP/STIP Amendment Process

■ Why?

- Improve decision making capabilities
- Improve transparency; consistency and information sharing
- More project cost increases = more amendments

■ Background

- June 9, 2006: Existing & proposed processes sent to MPOs for review & comment
- August 14, 2006: Summary of MPOs comments & GDOT responses sent to MPOs, along with final revised process
- September 20, 2006: Flow chart providing quick-reference sent to MPOs at their request
- October 3, 2006: FHWA was sent MPO comments/GDOT responses along with copy of the new process



TIP/STIP Amendment Process

- **Administrative Adjustment**

- Project Phase cost $>$ \$5 M and cost increase $\leq 30\%$ and \leq \$20 M

-- or --

- Project Phase cost change \leq \$5 M

- **Minor Amendment**

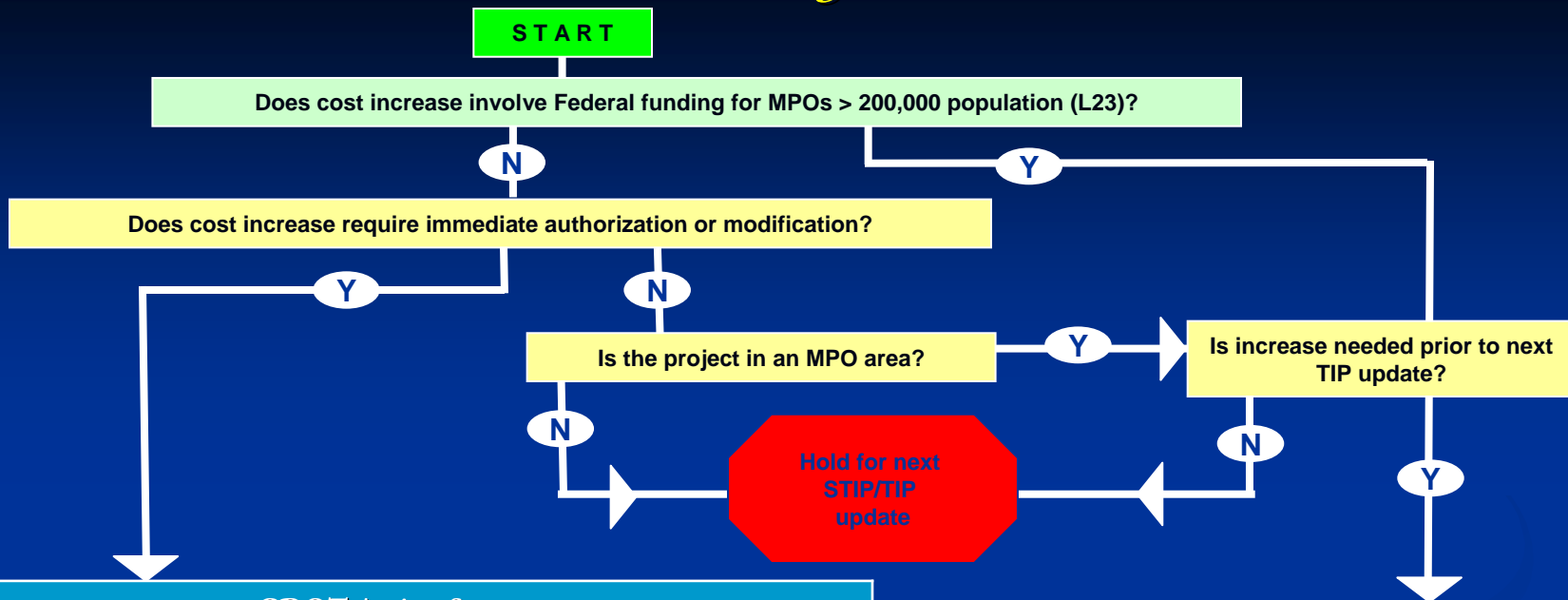
Project Phase cost $>$ \$5M and cost increase $> 30\%$ but $\leq 100\%$ or \leq \$20M

- **Major Amendment**

Project Phase cost $>$ \$5M and cost increase $> 100\%$ or increase $>$ \$20 M



STIP / TIP Cost Only Amendment Process



GDOT Action Steps

Administrative Adjustment

- 1) Verifies that the set aside for cost increases will fund action.
- 2) Maintains fiscal constraint at all times.
- 3) Proceed with authorization or modification and notify FHWA or FTA by electronic transaction.
- 4) MPO notified by annual listing of authorizations.

Minor Amendment

- 1) Verifies that the set aside for cost increases will fund action.
- 2) Maintains fiscal constraint at all times.
- 3) MPO will receive e-mail from GDOT, 5 day comment/review.
- 4) Authorizations held for 5 day comment/ review period.
- 5) Project advertisement held until amendment process is complete.
- 6) Bid awards requiring an amendment will be deferred until process is complete.

Major Amendment

- 1) Verifies funding is available without shifting other projects.
- 2) MPO will receive notification requesting TIP amendment.
- 3) Authorizations held until MPO completes process and Planning transmits MPO resolution.
- 4) Project advertisement held until MPO completes process. Bid award deferred or rejected until process complete.

MPO Action Steps

Administrative Adjustment

- 1) Determine if Federal funds suballocated to areas >200K are available. If no,
- 2) Inquire to GDOT if funds are available from cost increase contingency funds.
- 3) If funds available, MPO notifies GDOT, FTA & FHWA by letter or e-mail of adjustment.

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Major Amendment

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- 2) Inquire to GDOT if funds are available from cost increase contingency funds.
- 3) If funds available, MPO proceeds with public involvement [and conformity determination if required.]

TIP/STIP Amendment

Examples

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING (PE)

- \$1 M cost increases to \$5.9 M, an administrative adjustment applies. (change < \$5 M)
- \$5 M cost increases to \$6.4 M, an administrative adjustment applies. (< 30%)
- \$5 M cost increases to \$6.6 M, a minor amendment applies before authorization approval. (> 30%)
- \$5 M cost increases to \$10.1 M, a major amendment applies before authorization approval. (>100%)

RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

- \$20 M cost increases to \$25.9 M, an administrative adjustment applies. (< 30%)
- \$20 M cost increases to \$26.1 M, a minor amendment applies before authorization approval. (> 30%)
- \$20 M cost increases to \$40.1 M, a major amendment applies before authorization approval. (> 100%)

CONSTRUCTION (CST)

- \$4.9 M cost increases to \$9.8 M, an administrative adjustment applies. (change < \$5 M)
- Modification increases \$9.8M to a bid amount of \$12.6M, administrative adjustment applies. (< 30%)
- Modification increases \$9.8 M to a bid amount of \$12.75 M, a minor amendment applies. (> 30%)
- Cost increases from \$9.8 M to a bid amount of \$19.7 M, requires a major amendment before award and cost modification. (>100%)
- Authorized to advertise \$225M, received bid w/increase >\$20M (8.9%), a major amendment applies.





Next TIP/STIP Update cycle

- Some SAFETEA-LU requirements:
 - Update at least every four years.
 - Covers four years minimum (Tier 1).
 - Include an annual listing of completed projects, including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities.
 - GDOT provides Fed/State projects..MPOS provide local projects.



- Comment period ended Sept. 7, 2006



Federal Register

Friday,
June 9, 2006

Part II

Department of Transportation

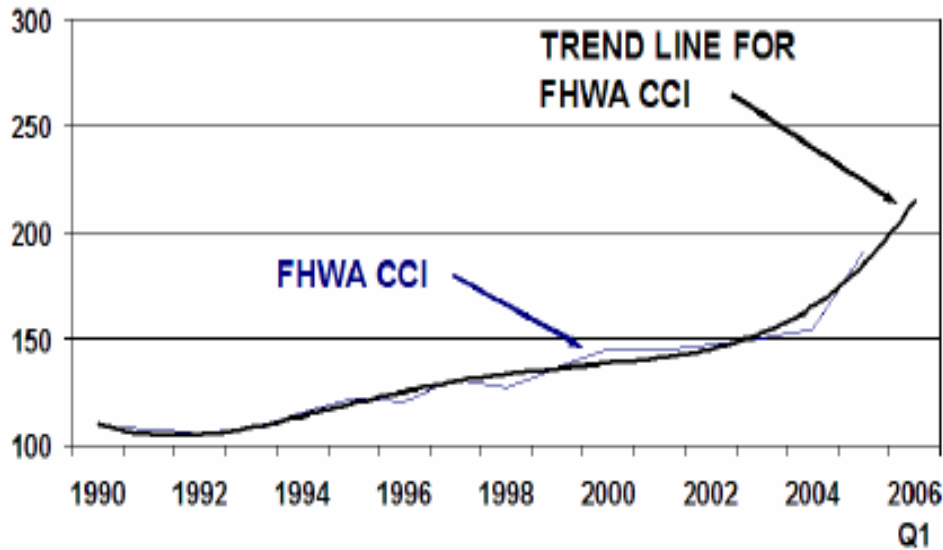
Federal Highway Administration
23 CFR Parts 450 and 500
Federal Transit Administration
49 CFR Part 613

Statewide Transportation Planning;
Metropolitan Transportation Planning;
Proposed Rule

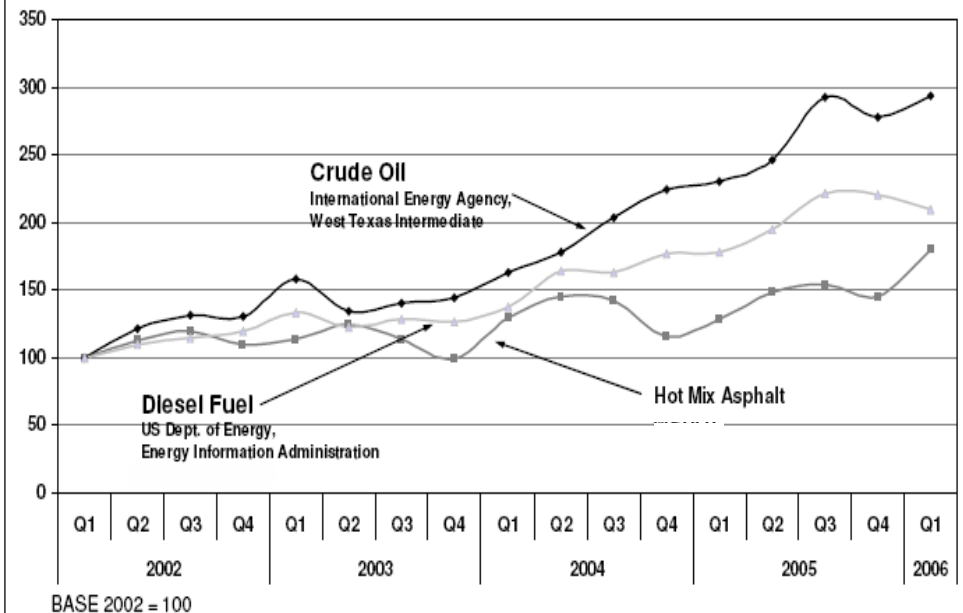
Next TIP/STIP Update cycle

- Funding constraints
 - Extreme project cost increases

FHWA CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX



Hot Mix Asphalt, Crude Oil & Diesel Fuel Indices



Next TIP/STIP Update cycle

- **Revenue changes forthcoming???**
 - “Twelve metro ATL Chambers of Commerce team up to push regional sales tax“
 - “Georgians for Better Transportation's idea to eliminate the state gas tax and replace it with a 1% statewide sales tax for transportation”



Source: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 12-1-06



Congressional Balancing

- Funding must be balanced
 - State Law
 - by Congressional District
 - exceptions



STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



Congressional Balancing

- 1999 State law; Code section 32-5-30
- 80% of transportation funds divided equally among the congressional districts over five-year timeframe
 - Five-year timeframe: “commenced at redistricting”
 - **Exempt projects:** Congressional earmarks, GRIP, GRTA, MARTA and Ports Authority projects



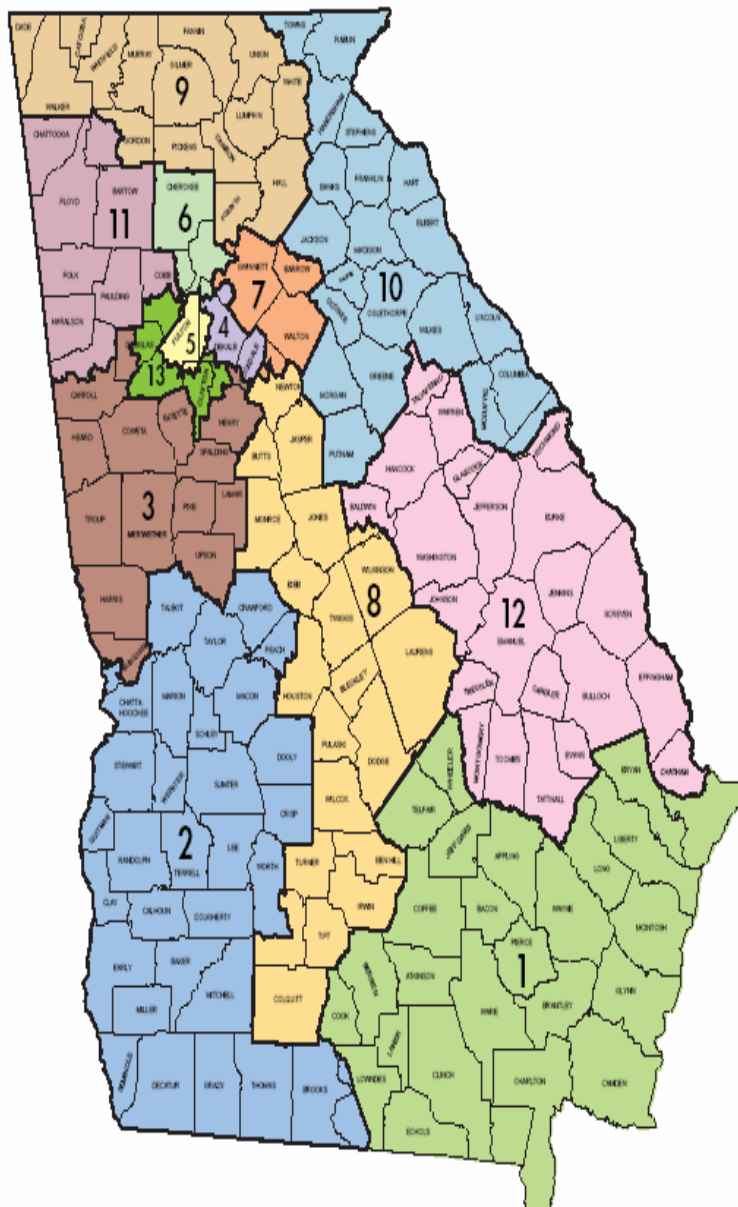
Congressional Balancing (cont'd.)

- 2/3 vote of State Transportation Board to reduce the share for a congressional district
 - Would apply to a congressional district not having sufficient projects



Georgia Congressional Districts

Effective 2006



Congressional Balancing (cont'd.)

- Most recent developments
 - 1999: law stated 85%
 - 2005: law amended to the current 80%
 - State Senate Bill 4 failed in the 2005 session...would have added Interstates to “exempted” category



Questions?

