

What is an MPO? A Metropolitan Planning Organization is federally designated to areas that have an urbanized population of 50,000 or greater. The MPO serves as a forum for local units of government and other stakeholders to identify transportation needs and ultimately determine the short and long term policies and improvements to address these needs through a collaborative process involving elected leaders, planners, engineers, and most importantly citizens of the community.

How does an MPO function? The MPO is made up of three committees that develop policies, goals and objections, plans programs and oversee the transportation planning process. A Transportation Planner coordinates the planning activities, meetings or daily administration. These committees are the:

- Policy Committee
- Technical Coordinating Committee
- Citizen's Advisory Committee

Why should I get involved? Public involvement is essential to the transportation planning process. You can play a great role in influencing the types of plans or projects that are developed, which affect the quality of life in your community.

When do plans get developed? The MPO produces a Transportation Improvement Program on an annual basis and outlines at minimum the next four years of projects which are carried forward from the Long Range Transportation Plan which is updated every five years.

Who pays for these projects? We all pay when we pump gas into our vehicles. The federal gas tax collected is distributed back to each state and MPO areas based on a formula grant program that is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Where can I find information about plans? The MPO and DOT have projects listed at specific web pages, and host public meetings throughout the year. The Valdosta-Lowndes MPO has the TIP and LRTP posted at:

www.sgrc.us/transportation



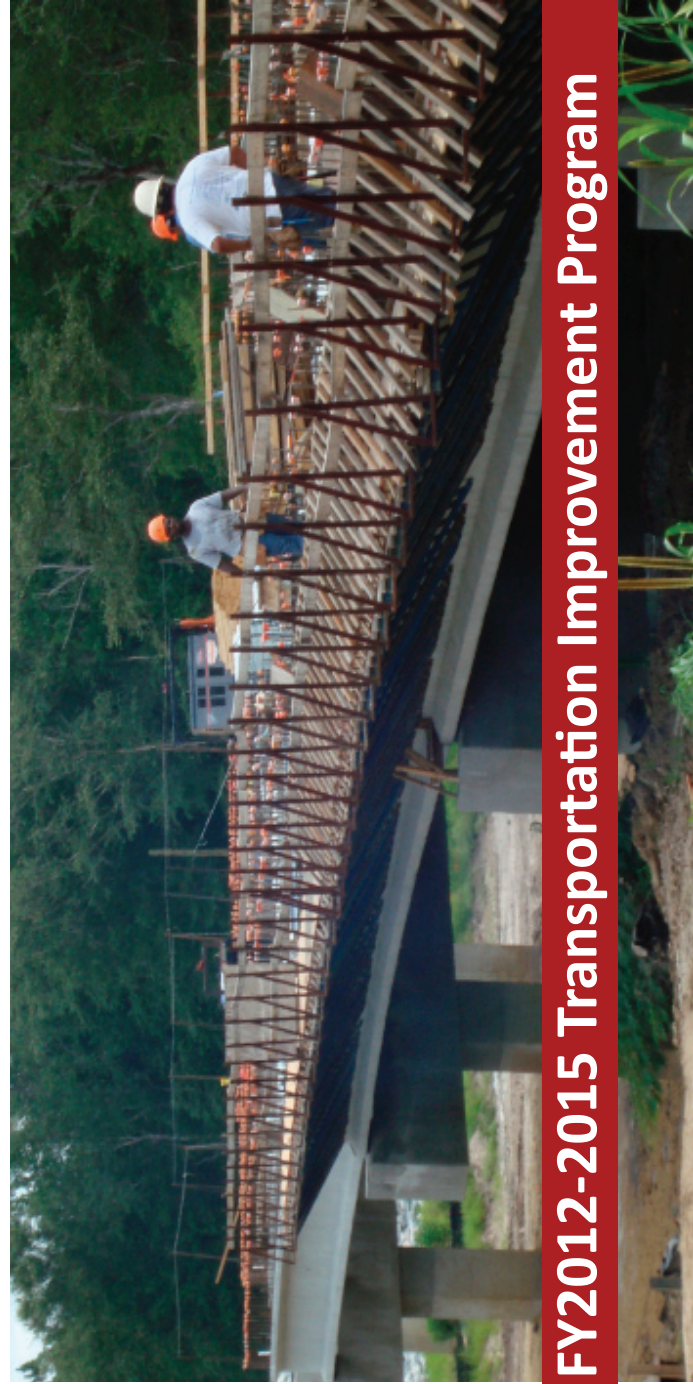
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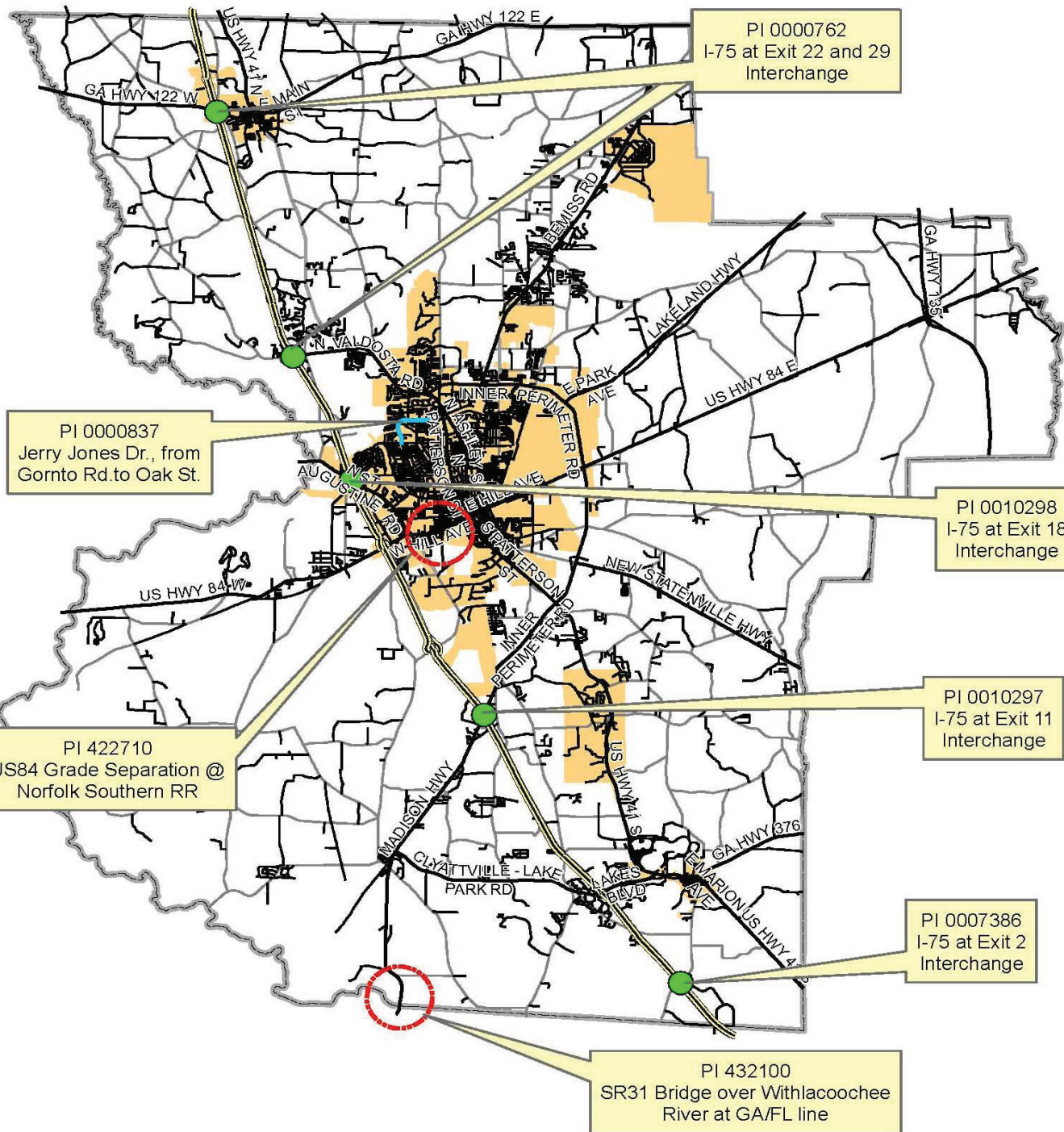


FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program

What is a Transportation Improvement Program or TIP?

The purpose of the TIP is to list transportation projects for which federal funding will be sought over a four-year period. The TIP should reflect the region's priorities, represent a consensus among state and regional officials, show a direct relationship to the regional transportation plan, and be financially constrained. Finally, the TIP must be subjected to thorough public review during development and prior to adoption.

Selected Projects in the FY12-15 TIP



- I-75 at Exits 22 & 29
Interchange Improvement
Right-of-Way FY2012

\$14,399,136	Federal
\$ 3,599,784	State
\$17,998,920	Total
- I-75 at Exit 11
Interchange Improvement
Design FY2012

\$1,241,952	Federal
\$ 310,488	State
\$1,552,440	Total
- I-75 at Exit 18 Southbound Ramp
Interchange Improvement
Design FY2012

\$1,241,952	Federal
\$ 310,488	State
\$1,552,440	Total
- US 84 Grade Separation @ NS RR
Grade Separation
Utility & Construction FY2013

\$10,436,555	Federal
\$ 2,609,139	State
\$ 121,264	Local
\$13,166,957	Total
- SR 31 Bridge over Withlacoochee River
Bridge Replacement
Construction FY2013

\$5,069,505	Federal
\$1,267,376	State
\$6,336,881	Total
- Jerry Jones Dr., from Gornto Rd. to Oak St.
Widening
Construction FY2015

\$ 1,400,000	Federal
\$ 9,400,735	Local
\$10,800,735	Total
- I-75 at Exit 2
Interchange Improvement
Right-of-Way FY2015

\$21,562,049	Federal
\$ 5,390,512	State
\$26,952,561	Total
- US 84 at Clay Road and Hollywood St.
Intersection Improvement
Construction

\$1,352,000	Total (Lump Sum)
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