

# Transforming Transportation Investment Act

Combines current powers of SRTIA & GRTA into a new State Transportation Authority (and mirror State Transportation Agency with the same board & staff as the Authority), creates a framework for fund allocation formula, applies appropriations process to Motor Fuel Funds, adopts renewable strategic transportation policy directives in state law, sets forth planning activities, and enables the new Authority to ensure implementation of transportation plans on-time and within budget.

**State Transportation Authority/Agency**

- Every 4 Years:**
- Develops long- and short-range fiscally-constrained state-wide strategic multi-modal transportation plans in collaboration with Metro Planning Organizations (first draft due April 2010 for review and input by Governor & General Assembly)
  - Assembles data on population, employment, paved & unpaved lane miles, and vehicle-miles traveled
  - Defines distribution criteria for the allocation formula in accordance with the plans and within the parameters of the Transforming Transportation Investment Act
- Every 2 Years:**
- Updates short-range transportation plan and Governor & General Assembly review plans in collaboration with Metro Planning Organizations
- Every Year:**
- Makes budget request to Governor & General Assembly for appropriations to support the plans and formula

Board of State Transportation Authority & Agency will be comprised of 11 members:  
 5 appointed by Governor  
 3 appointed by Lt. Governor (ratified by all Senators)  
 3 appointed by Speaker (ratified by all Representatives)  
 Members' terms are coterminous with appointers' terms, are a maximum of 4 years long, and limited to two terms of service. Governor appoints the Chief Executive (Secretary of Transportation).

*Note: Membership to the State Transportation Board is not amended.*

Governor

Makes budget recommendations including appropriations to formula and a limited project list in the State Asset Improvement program (see below).

General Assembly

Appropriates from the State and Federal Transportation Trust Funds the Motor Fuel Funds, State General Funds, and Federal funds; authorizes GO Bonds; and revises investment policies every four years (if necessary).

**State Transportation Authority/Agency**

State Asset Management

For operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation of existing transportation infrastructure. Also for administrative overhead of the State Transportation Authority/Agency and GDOT. Other than being dependent upon appropriation by the General Assembly, no further restrictions or requirements prescribed in law for fund distribution.

GDOT  
(or other entity if necessary)

State Asset Improvement

For new road & transit capacity and safety improvements. Based on current & future population, employment, and other factors such as projected economic development. Project selection by Governor & General Assembly (limited to an amount totaling 10% of the sum of all 3 funding lump-sum appropriations for other capacity projects chosen by the Authority.

GDOT  
(or other entity if necessary)

Local Grants

Based on lane miles and vehicle-miles traveled data. A minimum of 25% of the State Motor Fuel Funds collected annually are allocated to this program. Grants can be used on any road or bridge project. Local government may be required to meet standards for road conditions, accounting, and planning. Local match may be required. Additional funds may be appropriated.

Local Gov't  
(can contract with GDOT or other entity for implementation)