Brief History of TIA in Columbus

- **HB 277 – The Transportation Investment Act**
  - Approved by the Georgia Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2010
- Regional Roundtables were formed in 2011
  - Two representatives from each county
  - Roundtable – with public input – selected the projects
  - Projects were selected to reflect the projected revenue of $594 million
- 75% of the funds were to fund the final project list
- 25% to fund discretionary projects among the region’s local governments
Brief History of TIA in Columbus

On July 31, 2012

- Voters in three of the twelve regional planning commission areas adoption a regional Transportation Sales and Use Tax
- Never done before in the history of Georgia
- 16 counties banded together in the Columbus region (River Valley) to adopt a ten year transportation budget worth over $594 million dollars
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“Shall Muscogee County’s transportation system and the transportation network in this region and the state be improved by proving for a 1 percent special district transportation sales and use tax for the purpose of transportation projects and programs for a period of ten years?”

Region passed the TIA with 54% to 46%
River Valley

Congressional Districts: 2, 3, 8
GDOT Districts: 3, 4
Counties: 16
Population:
  ● 377,877
Annual Revenue:
  ● $50.7M

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23 Projects

*2011 Dollars
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- Two miles of abandoned rail line in south Columbus
- Will offer recreational opportunities for walking/running/biking
- Provides safe access connection to neighborhoods/schools
- Expected completion – Late Fall, 2017
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Riverwalk Completion

- Two sections of the Columbus Riverwalk to be completed:
  - Section at Bibb Mill
  - Section at City Mills
- Upon completion the Riverwalk will extend for 22 miles from the north part of the city to Ft Benning
- Completion of the project will allow
  - Runners/walkers/bikers new recreational opportunities
  - Scenic views of water
  - Interaction with whitewater activities
Aerial view of the proposed bridges at the Bibb Mill section of the Riverwalk
View looking north at proposed new bridges at Bibb Mill
View from inside the proposed bridges at Bibb Mill
Proposed Riverwalk through the Bibb Mill site
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Intercity Bus Improvements - METRA

Authorized $22.4 million in transit improvements

- Park & Ride sites
- Extend Night Service
- Improve transit service
- Establishes new routes/services to better serve our citizens
- Creates three park and ride areas
- Calls for new amenities/infrastructure
- Develops three mini-hubs for transfers
- Provides additional Dial-A-Ride service opportunities
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US 27/CUSTER ROAD INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION

- Project provides public access to landlocked property bounded by US 27 to the south, I-185 to the west, and Cusseta Road to the north and east, which is the western boundary of Fort Benning
- Land is located in a Tax Allocation District
- Site is proposed for development as a military business park
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Buena Vista Road/Spiderweb Concept

- Name comes from the intersection of several collector roadways into this one area
- Buena Vista Road is the major arterial serving east Columbus
- Construction calls for a new bridge over existing rail line
- Designed to have minimum impact on existing property owners
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Buena Vista Road Interchange/I-185

- Interchange and bridge improvements
  - Project was originally explored in 2001 with federal funds
    - Cost prohibited due to logical termini and ROW needs
- Highly congested interchange area at peak times
- Buena Vista is a major east/west arterial for the community
- Proposed to be developed as a Diversified Diamond Interchange (DDI)
  - DDI design should help lessen the need for additional ROW
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Cusseta/Old Cusseta Road Improvements

- This section of the community has no direct access to the interstate
- Project was originally proposed in late 1990’s/2000’s
- Proposal calls for the construction of a new interchange
- Potential to open the area of the community to new housing and job opportunities
- New high school and stadium complex is currently under construction in the area
DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

- 25% of the funds go to discretionary transportation projects
- Columbus has chosen to spend its money for:
  - Road Improvements
  - Bridge/Culvert Repair
  - Maintenance and Safety Improvement
  - Future Operations and Matching Funds
  - Alternative Transportation Projects
- Since 2013 Columbus has received $11,470,750
SUMMARY

• All 7 projects are either under construction or design today
• Anticipating that all projects will be either complete or under construction by 2022
• Without TIA, projects would still be in the LRTP or not funded at all
• $154,169,412 in construction dollars
• $11,000,000 in discretionary dollars