

## **NCDOT Draft Statewide Program**

NCDOT's Draft Statewide Program is a preliminary estimate of the schedule for the projects that would be included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program. The STIP is a 10-year document that the N.C. Board of Transportation will approve in 2015.

The projects included in the draft are the highest scoring eligible projects in the Statewide category ONLY. The order of the scores does not correspond with when work is set to start on the projects. For example, a project with a high score may not necessary start right-of-way (ROW) acquisition or construction until the end of the 10-year period.

There are a number of issues that can affect the year when a project appears in the document, including whether the project has the environmental approval for planning to be done. In addition, sufficient engineering is required to determine ROW needs, prior to moving a project to the property acquisition stage.

There are additional constraints related to caps on spending within a corridor, which were included in HB817; restrictions concerning implementation of projects that include user fees; scheduling of nearby or related projects that may delay work that could otherwise be scheduled; and restrictions on overall funding available in any given year. Restrictions also exist for specific types of projects under Federal rules, which may affect a project's start date.

This document shows an estimate of when the projects would be scheduled and allows the reader to see some of the restrictions projects face. Changes will be made to this document as Regional and Division category projects are included, which will impact the schedule. Additional issues may also arise, affecting the schedule during the preparation of the Draft STIP. The document will include all categories of projects and the best projection of dates available at the time.