

Grouped Projects Overview

In a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), projects/phases may be included individually or by grouped project. Projects not considered to be of appropriate scale for individual identification in a given program year may be grouped by function, work type, and/or geographic area. [Reference Title 23 CFR 450.218(j) for the Statewide TIP (STIP) and Title 23 CFR 450.326(h) for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) TIPs]. Specifically, grouped projects (or statewide line items (SLI) as ODOT previously referenced them) should be:

Non-Controversial	Air Quality Status of Exempt	Minimal Environmental Impact (D1 or below)	Not Regionally Significant	Non-Capacity Adding	Consistent with Long Range Transportation Plan
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Additionally, unless otherwise identified, the following projects will not be included in the STIP by a group:

- MPO or SIB funded highway projects
- Projects exceeding \$30,000,000

S/TIP Groups

Eligible projects will be listed in Ohio S/TIPs using the following groups:

Highway Groups			Transit Groups
• Discretionary/Earmark	• MPO Capital	• Rec Trails	• Transit 5310
• Emergency	• National Highway Freight	• Safety	• Transit 5311
• FLAP	• Other	• State	• Transit 5339
• Local Programs	• Preservation		• State
• Major Programs	• Rail		

Process

- Projects are programmed and updated in Ellis (Ohio's internal project planning and management program).
- A monthly report analyzes all projects in Ellis and identifies the following for grouped projects:
 - Project that are new or updated that meet eligibility for inclusion in S/TIPs by a group or groups.
 - Projects in groups with updated information (project, phase, funding, scope, etc.).
 - Projects in groups which no longer meet eligibility that need administratively modified or amended to be identified individually.
 - Projects in groups that need removed from current S/TIP.
- The monthly grouped projects report is coordinated between ODOT, MPOs, and RTPOs for inclusion into the S/TIPs by administrative modification.
 - ODOT, MPOs, RTPOs may elect to identify a project individually verses by group.
- New and updated grouped projects are incorporated into the STIP by administrative modification in accordance with the STIP Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures.

Note: Projects that meet group eligibility may be coordinated on an as needed basis between ODOT, MPOs, and RTPOs for inclusion into the S/TIP by administrative modification.

Revisions

In accordance to the STIP Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures, major revisions to groups will be completed by an amendment while minor revisions to groups will be completed by an administrative modification. Projects in groups will be revised by administrative modifications.

Fiscal Constraint

ODOT will ensure the STIP remains reasonably fiscally constrained on a statewide level in accordance to the STIP Amendment and Administrative Modification Procedures.

Public Involvement

Groups are coordinated with the public as part of the initial S/TIP. The monthly grouped project report provides an update on projects contained in the groups.