FDOT incorporates public involvement in the development of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Work Program planning process as codified in 23 CFR 450.210 and 339.135, F.S. FDOT’s Work Program is a required State planning document that covers a five-year period (339.135, F.S.). The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a required Federal planning document that covers a four-year period (23 USC 135(g), 49 USC 5304(g), and 23 USC 135(g)). Projects in the STIP and Work Program are drawn from the same database of projects. As a result, the STIP is a 4-year subset of the projects from FDOT’s five-year Work Program.

The public involvement process begins at the District level (and Turnpike Enterprise for areas with Turnpike facilities) (339.135(4)(d), F.S.). Public involvement for the STIP/Work Program in Florida occurs at various agencies as shown below. Although somewhat separate, each plays an important role in the public involvement process in developing the annual STIP/Work Program.

**FDOT District Offices**

- Each year metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and counties not located within an MPO area, develop priorities for inclusion in the 5-Year Work Program (339.135(4)(c)(2), F.S. and 339.175(8)(b), F.S.)
- The board of county commissioners serve as the MPO in counties not located within an MPO area, and are involved in the development of the 5-Year Work Program to the same extent as MPOs (339.135(4)(c)(1), F.S.)
- Districts submit their draft Tentative 5-Year Work Program to FDOT Central Office (339.135(4), F.S.)
- MPOs can file an objection to changes in the draft Tentative 5-Year Work Program no later than 14 days after submittal of the draft Tentative 5-Year Work Program to FDOT Central Office (339.135(4)(c)(3), F.S.)
- Districts begin the development of the draft Tentative 5-Year Work Programs (339.135(4), F.S., and 339.175(8)(b), F.S.)
- MPOs can request the District Secretary to consider project(s) not adequately addressed in the draft Tentative 5-Year Work Program. The District Secretary reviews all requests prior to the submission of the draft District Tentative 5-Year Work Program to Central Office and forwards a copy of the request(s) to FDOT’s Secretary and to the FTC. (339.135(4)(d), F.S.)
- Districts begin the public involvement process by coordinating with MPOs and County Commissions (339.135(4)(c)(2), F.S.) and recognized Indian Tribes (23 C.F.R. 450.210; 36 C.F.R. 800; 267, F.S.; 872, F.S.; and 1A-44, F.A.C.)
- Districts provide MPOs with written justification for proposed changes to the Work Program that are part of the MPO’s TIP (339.135(4)(c)(3), F.S.)
- Districts forward suggested changes to the draft Tentative 5-Year Work Program to FDOT Central Office and the FTC (339.135(4)(d), F.S.)
- Districts present the draft Tentative 5-Year Work Program to each MPO policy board (339.135(4)(d), F.S.)

**Florida Transportation Commission (FTC)**

- FTC receives a copy of the Tentative 5-Year Work Program from FDOT Central Office for review at least 14 days prior to the start of the regular legislative session (339.135(4)(f), F.S.)
- FTC conducts a review of the statewide Tentative 5-Year Work Program (339.135(4)(g), F.S.)
- FTC advertises the statewide public hearing (339.135(4)(g), F.S.)
- The FTC conducts a statewide public hearing on the Tentative 5-Year Work Program (339.135(4)(g), F.S.)
- FTC reports their findings to the Governor and legislative appropriations committees (339.135(4)(g), F.S.)

**FDOT Central Office**

- FDOT Central Office receives the individual draft Tentative 5-Year Work Programs from the Districts (339.135(4)(e), F.S.)
- FDOT Central Office reviews the Districts draft Tentative 5-Year Work Programs for compliance with applicable laws and rules (339.135(4)(e), F.S.)
- FDOT Central Office develops the statewide Tentative 5-Year Work Program based on public input received from the Districts, MPOs and counties (339.135(4)(e), F.S., 120.525, F.S., 286.011, F.S. and 23 USC 128)
- FDOT Central Office submits a preliminary copy of the Tentative 5-Year Work Program to the Governor, legislative appropriations committees, FTC, and DEO for review 14 days prior to the regular legislative session (339.135(4)(f), F.S.)
- FDOT Central Office incorporates input from the FTC and submits the final Tentative 5-Year Work Program to the Governor and legislative appropriations committees no later than 14 days after the regular legislative session begins (339.135(4)(h), F.S.)
- FDOT Secretary adopts the Work Program prior to July 1st
- FDOT submits the STIP to FHWA for approval prior to September 30th