

Federal Highway Administration  
**Every Day Counts**  
Innovation Initiative



### **Alabama's State Transportation Innovation Council Charter**

The State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) is a cooperative effort between the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and other stakeholders in the transportation industry with an interest in delivering timely and cost effective transportation services.

State DOT's, Local Public Agencies and other transportation agencies nationwide own the system and make key decisions on how to deliver projects, as well as what techniques and technologies to use for the operation and safety of our transportation system. The STIC brings together stakeholders who are committed to working together to explore, evaluate and recommend innovations in the State transportation program that will lead to accelerated technology deployment and shortened project delivery.

#### **Purpose**

This Charter establishes the STIC and defines its mission, scope and responsibility, membership, and administration.

#### **Vision**

The STIC will foster a collaborative culture for rapid implementation of meaningful innovations to efficiently deliver a modern, high quality transportation system to the public.

#### **Mission**

To explore, evaluate and recommend technologies, tactics and techniques that will contribute to smart, efficient investments in Alabama's transportation infrastructure.

#### **Scope and Responsibility**

The STIC shall provide multi-stakeholder leadership to facilitate the deployment of innovation in Alabama. The objectives and duties of the STIC shall be to identify and recommend ways to streamline project delivery and apply innovation to effectively and efficiently achieve desired outcomes. The STIC will act as a catalyst for rapid deployment of technologies, techniques and tactics that have been demonstrated in "real world" applications and can offer improved performance/effectiveness in Alabama.

- The STIC shall provide a means of ensuring regular contact between the State DOT, Local Public Agencies, and transportation stakeholders.
- The STIC shall provide leadership to explore, evaluate and recommend technologies, tactics and techniques. Monitoring the performance of recommended initiatives shall be included in this process.
- The STIC shall provide a forum for discussing Every Day Counts (EDC) initiatives and proposing solutions to transportation-related problems.
- The STIC members shall act as liaisons to their stakeholders.
- The STIC will develop a process to select technologies, tactics and techniques in order to focus implementation efforts.
- The STIC shall identify champions within the State who are committed to the deployment of chosen technologies, tactics and techniques.

## Membership

The STIC membership reflects the diversity of the Alabama transportation industry by including a cross-section as noted below:

- State DOT – Director, Chief Engineer, Assistant, Chief Engineer – Preconstruction, Assistant Chief Engineer Construction Assistant Chief Engineer - Policy & Planning; Assistant Chief Engineer - Administration
- FHWA – Division Administrator, plus 2 AL Division Representatives
- LTAP/TTAP Representative
- State Historic Preservation Organization
- Local Public Agencies (APWA Alabama Chapter, ACEA County Engineer Representative.)
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations – MPO Representative
- Contractors – Roadbuilders Association Representative
- Consultants – ACEC Representative
- University Transportation Center for Alabama

Subject matter experts (SMEs) and other advisory members may be invited to attend STIC meetings. The STIC shall be co-chaired by the ALDOT Director and the FHWA Division Administrator. State DOT and FHWA STIC members will identify and invite non-State DOT, non-FHWA members to serve on the STIC for 2-year renewable terms.

## Meetings

The STIC shall meet at a time and place set by the Co-Chairs. Initially the STIC is expected to meet every other month.

Members are expected to attend all meetings. Attendance may be in person or by any interactive communications. If necessary, a member may be represented by a designated alternate.

Items presented for STIC review shall be circulated electronically for members' review far enough in advance of the meeting to allow members time to review the documents in a meaningful way.

## Subcommittees

The STIC may establish subcommittees as necessary for the implementation of the EDC initiatives.