

Federal Highway Administration
Every Day Counts
Innovation Initiative



Mississippi - State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Charter

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Purpose

This Charter establishes the State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) and defines its mission, scope and responsibility, membership, and administration.

Vision

The State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) will foster a collaborative culture for rapid implementation of meaningful innovations to efficiently deliver the public a modern, high quality highway system.

Mission

Facilitate the rapid implementation of technology, tactics and techniques among transportation program delivery professionals at all levels of state government and throughout the private and non-profit sector to ensure smart, efficient investment in their State's highway infrastructure.

Scope and Responsibility

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The STIC shall provide multi-stakeholder leadership to perpetuate the deployment of innovation in each state. The objectives and duties of the STIC shall be to identify and recommend ways to ensure that the State responds to key issues and challenges that impact their highway program. The STICs will act as a catalyst for rapid deployment of those nationally identified technologies, techniques and tactics that have been demonstrated in "real world" applications and can offer improved performance/effectiveness in their state.

- The STIC shall advise the Mississippi Department of Transportation Executive Director who provides a means of ensuring regular contact between the State DOT, Local Public Agencies, and highway sector.
- The STIC shall advise the Mississippi Department of Transportation Executive Director on the implementation of the *Every Day Counts* Initiative and related matters.
- The STIC shall provide leadership to promote and support rapid deployment of selected technologies, tactics and techniques.
- The STIC shall provide a forum for discussing and proposing solutions to transportation-related problems.
- The STIC shall act as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership, and may provide a forum for those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the transportation sector.
- The STIC will develop a process to select technologies, tactics and techniques on which to focus implementation efforts.
- The STIC shall identify and mobilize champions within the state who are committed to the deployment of chosen technologies, tactics and techniques.
- The STIC will monitor performance metrics to ensure priority initiatives move into standard practice.
- The STIC will share information with all state stakeholders through meetings, workshops and conferences.

Membership

The STIC's membership shall reflect the diversity of the highway industry in the state by representing a balanced cross-section, including entities from various geographic locations and agencies of varying size. At a minimum, membership should represent the following:

- State DOT
- FHWA
- LTAP/TTAP
- Local Public Agencies (APWA, NACE, NACO, etc...)
- MPOs
- Contractors
- Consultants
- Federal Resource Agency
- University Transportation Center

In addition, subject matter experts (SMEs) and other advisory members may be invited to attend STIC meetings as non-voting members with the concurrence of the Mississippi Department of Transportation Executive Director and FHWA Mississippi Division Administrator.

The STIC shall be co-chaired by the Mississippi Department of Transportation Executive Director and the FHWA Mississippi Division Administrator and composed of approximately twenty members. All members who are not State and Federal employees will serve as Representatives and will be appointed for a 2-year term, with each member eligible to be reappointed for a successive 2-year term.

Meetings

The STIC shall meet regularly at a time and place set by the Co-Chairs. In addition, the STIC may be convened in an emergency session to address time-critical topics as deemed necessary by the Co-Chairs.

Members are expected to attend all meetings. Attendance may be in person or any two-way, interactive communications means, such as conference call or video conference. If necessary, a member may be represented by a designated alternate. A majority of voting members, one of whom is a Co-Chair, must attend the meetings to establish a quorum.

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 subordinate committees as it considers necessary for the implementation of the Every Day Counts initiatives.

