

SECTION 1: BALANCING PROCESS

The SAFETEA-LU requires that the STIP be fiscally constrained by year. The budgetary projections, established through a systematic evaluation of the Department's anticipated Federal-Aid and State revenues and expenditures, as well as previously unobligated balances in funding categories, earmarks and other mandatory programs, are utilized to assure this. In addition, the Federal-Aid amount includes a 7.5% projection overstatement to avoid any potential loss of future Federal Aid funds due to under programming. Projections were performed for Federal Fiscal Years 2011 - 2014 with the Federal Fiscal Year defined as beginning October 1st and ending on September 30th. If federal funding received varies from original estimates, the number of projects included in any one year will be revised accordingly.