Anyone can propose a transportation project based on an identified need.

Transportation Planners and Engineers will determine how these projects benefit the regional transportation network.

Projects need to be sponsored by agencies authorized under federal law. These include county and municipal governments, GDOT, METRA, GRTA, and private, non-profit or civic organizations that can coordinate with a government agency.

Public Involvement dictates regional strategies to determine how the region transportation network will look in the future. Projects are further prioritized based on what the public says.

These strategies are incorporated into the regional priority list by the C-PCTS to being the regional planning process and create the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan (LRTP).

These local sponsors will prioritize strategies or projects according to the goals set forth for their respective jurisdiction.

Once the LRTP is drafted, it goes before the C-PCTS committees for consideration and adoption.

The draft LRTP is released for a 30 day comment period. The C-PCTS responds to comments which are available to the public.

High priority projects are further evaluated and ranked for inclusion in the Four Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The TIP goes to state and federal authorities for approval.

The Draft TIP is released for a 30 day comment period. The C-PCTS responds to comments which are available to the public.

Funds flow to project sponsors to begin preliminary engineering and right of way acquisition.

Construction begins.