

## **Chapter VIII Illustrative Projects**

The Transportation Improvement Program includes a priority list of proposed federally supported projects and strategies to be carried out within each three year period after the initial adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Improvement Program may include, for illustrative purposes, additional projects that would be included in the approved Transportation Improvement Program if reasonable additional resources beyond those identified in the financial plan were available.

In an effort to improve project implementation 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years will be added to the local Transportation Improvement Program. Adding these years will allow jurisdictions the opportunity to begin the lengthy process of project implementation up to two years earlier than was previously possible. This should help avoid projects falling behind schedule in regard to TIP funding. In addition, should a project programmed in the first three years of the TIP fall out or is completed utilizing other funding sources, projects from the illustrative years would be moved into the primary TIP to fill the void.

For the development of this TIP (FY2004 – 2006) the MPO encountered some challenges in an attempt to create two years worth of illustrative projects because this TIP still falls under the FY2025 LRTP. There was a shortage of expand and improve projects to choose from i.e.: EDF-C type projects. Once the FY2025 LRTP is updated to the FY2030 LRTP and new project lists are created the MPO will eventually develop an illustrative list of projects for FY2007 & 2008.