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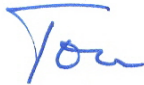
Welcome to the *Future Projects Report*. A joint effort produced by TranspoLink and the Tom Warne Report, we are pleased to offer this useful tool to our industry partners as an invaluable resource for understanding what projects and programs lie ahead. Regardless of your market or specialty, you will be better prepared to plan and execute your work using the information provided in the *Future Projects Report*.

Some of the key features of the *Future Projects Report* are:

- It contains over 36,000 projects
- Data is available in an .xls or .csv format
- 20-30 data elements are provided per project
- Enhanced sort and search capabilities are available

The *Future Projects Report* is created through exhaustive research using sophisticated electronic methods as well as the personal contacts of TranspoLink and the Tom Warne Report. You will find it to be more than just a recitation of data or information. Rather, the *Future Projects Report* takes the information provided by the states and other owners and brings context and perspective to it. It is a one of a kind product that will make your firm more competitive and profitable.

We are confident you will find the *Future Projects Report* to be a helpful tool in planning your work into the future. We welcome your feedback and comments at [twarne@tomwarne.com](mailto:twarne@tomwarne.com)



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## How to Use This Report

The *Futures Projects Report* is a flexible tool designed to be useful to our customers in a variety of formats. It is available as a .xls or .csv file that can be downloaded for use as a stand-alone database or imported into an existing business development or planning software system. The following descriptions will help a new user understand the content of a typical state file. At the end of this section there are three sample state files which have been abbreviated to illustrate some of the features of the *Future Projects Report*.

Data in the *Future Projects Report* is captured directly from the state DOT's planning documents. In most cases these are called their Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) document. Data from these STIPs is stored in an electronic format that can be sorted or searched like no other project database in the industry. Occasionally, we utilize other documents or data files that seem more appropriate for providing the users of the *Future Projects Report* with the best information possible.

The *Future Projects Report* is stored and available as series of state files. Each file contains the projects from a state's STIP including 20-30 data points per project depending on how the state formats and populates their STIP database. As each state STIP differs from others, so do the electronic files vary from one another in a similar manner. The good news for users of the *Future Projects Report* is that formatting of the data and other value added features make its use easy and cost effective to work from state to state and combine the data for analysis and use.

### Typical Project Data Elements

There are from 20-30 fields of information for each project contained in a typical state file. Where data has been added, enhanced or otherwise improved for users of the *Future Projects Report* this value added feature is noted. The following descriptions will be useful in understanding the content in **some** of the data fields in a typical state file:

**Agency** - The agency responsible for the project

### VALUE ADDED FEATURE

**Letting Date** - The projected bid date. Data provided by the states varies in format and specificity. In many cases it renders the databases nearly impossible to sort or combine. All dates in the *Futures Projects Report* are provided in a 01-Apr-07 format. When states list just a fiscal year then the date in this field is shown as 01-Apr-07. If a month and year are given but not the specific day of the month the letting date shown is always the first day of the month (e.g. May 2007 becomes 01-May-07). The dates listed in this field are sometimes referred to as the advertisement or bid date.

**Project ID** - A unique number assigned by the state to the project. Useful when tracking changes and seeking further information from a Project Manager. Some states include multiple Project IDs. The *Future Projects Report* includes them all.



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## VALUE ADDED FEATURE

**Project Type** - Using the short and long description fields a project type has been assigned to assist users in sorting the projects based on the type of work involved. A complete listing of project type codes is found at the end of this description of data elements.\*

**Short Description/ Long Description** - Some states provide a short and/or a long description of their projects. Data is provided without editing as presented in the state documents. Note that not all states provide both.

**Project District** - Where available, information on which engineering district the project is located in is provided.

## VALUE ADDED FEATURE

**Engineers Estimate** - The estimated project cost. State formatting of project cost estimates varies and is often provided in such a way as to make it impossible to sort or search effectively. The *Future Projects Report* takes project estimates and converts the formats into uniform dollar formats without ranges or other features that make it nearly impossible to analyze STIP data in an efficient manner.

**Delivery Method** - Based on information provided by the states a delivery method is identified such as DBB (design-bid-build) or DB (design-build).

**PPP** - Identifies projects known to be public-private-ventures.

**Project Manager** - The name of the project manager for some projects is provided as available from the states.

**Phone** - The project manager's phone number where available.

**Comments** - Unique insights, specific observations or other useful information for additional background or context on the project

## VALUE ADDED FEATURE

**Project Phases**-Where provided in the state STIPs the project phases are noted as separate data fields by year and by dollar amount. Users of the *Future Projects Report* can analyze project data by year, by phase or dollar amount in a multi-dimensional view of upcoming work not possible without using this report.

### \*Project Type Codes

The long and short descriptions of the projects are nearly impossible to sort within a state or among several states due to the lack of uniformity in approach and content. In order to assist users of the *Future Projects Report* a uniform project type has been assigned based on our expert analysis of the project descriptions found in the state STIPs. A listing of the project type codes used in the *Future Projects Report* is found below:



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<b>AIR</b>	Airports, aprons, runways
<b>B</b>	Bridge work of any kind like repairs, new bridges, etc., includes traffic interchanges which could be listed as TI's
<b>BRT</b>	Bus rapid transit
<b>CR</b>	Commuter Rail
<b>CS</b>	Inspection, testing, contract administration, construction services
<b>E</b>	Environmental studies
<b>FIN</b>	Finance
<b>INT</b>	Intersection or interchange improvements
<b>ITS</b>	Cameras, fiber optics, variable message signs, traffic control centers
<b>M</b>	Miscellaneous
<b>L</b>	Landscaping
<b>LRT</b>	Light rail transit
<b>P</b>	Planning
<b>PE</b>	Engineering (sometimes called preliminary engineering)
<b>PP</b>	Pavement preservation (overlays, new pavement)
<b>R</b>	Research
<b>RA</b>	Rest areas (new or rehabilitation)
<b>S</b>	Studies
<b>RD</b>	Roadway-non interstate
<b>ROW</b>	Right of way acquisition
<b>SAF</b>	Safety, rail improvements, rail crossings
<b>SIG</b>	Signal upgrades, new signals
<b>T</b>	Misc. transit (buying buses, paying for para-transit)

## Disclaimer

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Please click on the 'attachments' tab in the bottom left hand corner of this window below to view three states which demonstrate some of the available search criteria in the Report. We welcome your feedback at [twarne@tomwarne.com](mailto:twarne@tomwarne.com).

Thanks,

**\*Files may be modified or reduced in size to facilitate this demonstration.**



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