MEMORANDUM

TO: PPUATS Technical Committee
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Call for Projects: FYs 2023-2024 STBG Traditional Program
DATE: February 19, 2020

Action needed by Technical Committee:
None. Information item only.

Background:
The Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Peoria/Pekin urbanized area. One of the responsibilities of the MPO is to program federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds allocated on an annual basis to the urbanized area through the Illinois Department of Transportation. It is the intent of PPUATS to direct the use of STBG funds toward projects which have regional significance and which will have benefit to the entire region as a whole, rather than projects which benefit only single communities or small parts of the urbanized area.

Approximately $7.8M will be programmed for the two fiscal years. For the FYs 2023-2024 Funding Years, PPUATS Policy has continued a Pilot Program to set aside 20% of the STU funds for resurfacing projects. Therefore, $6.2M will be available for roadway improvement projects and new roadway projects, and $1.6M will be available for resurfacing projects. This call for projects includes only new roadway and existing roadway projects, referred to as the “Traditional Program.” Resurfacing set-aside projects will be called for later in Calendar Year 2020.

Applications must be completed digitally and submitted to rharms@tricountyrpc.org by Friday, March 20, 2020 at 4:00pm. Digital copies of the form will be distributed via email to each PPUATS Technical Committee member on February 19, 2020 but may also be requested from TCRPC staff. The FY23-24 STBG Traditional Program selection schedule is as follows:

February 19, 2020 Staff issues Call for Projects
April 10, 2020 Applications due to staff, staff reviews project submissions
April 30, 2020 Match resolutions due to staff
April-May 2020 Presentations to Technical Committee
May 2020 Subcommittee assigns Regional Significance scores, staff assigns project Tiers
June 2020 Subcommittee makes recommendation to Technical Committee, Technical develops recommendation to Policy Committee
July 2020 Policy Committee makes final decision
Requirements for new roadway projects and existing roadway projects:

Eligible projects include:

1. Construction, reconstruction (defined as more than 50% removal and replacement), rehabilitation, or operational improvements of roadways.

2. Projects relating to intersections that have high accident rates and/or high levels of congestion.

3. Capital costs for transit projects eligible for assistance under Chapter 53 of Title 49,

4. Transportation alternatives, including recreational trails.

Furthermore, the following general requirements also apply:

1. Projects must be located in the PPUATS 20-Year Metropolitan Planning Area;

2. Roadways must have a Functional Classification of Minor Collector or above;

3. Projects must be listed in Envision HOI: Heart of Illinois Long Range Transportation Plan;

4. Projects must be ready to implement/construct by the programmed fiscal year;

5. The local match is 30%. The applicant must commit (through a resolution) to provide the local match according to the program schedule; and

6. Only dues-paying members of PPUATS are eligible to apply for funding; other local jurisdictions within the 20-Year Planning Boundary must be sponsored by a PPUATS member.