**TO:** MPO Technical Committee

**FROM:** Staff

**SUBJECT:** Call for Projects: FYs 2025-2026 STBG Traditional Program

**DATE:** March 16, 2022

**Action needed by Technical Committee:**

None. Information item only.

**Background:**

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) 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 TCRPC to direct the use of STBG funds toward projects which have regional significance, and which will have benefit to the entire region, rather than projects which benefit only single communities or small parts of the urbanized area.

Approximately $8.2M will be programmed for the two fiscal years. For the FYs 2025-2026 Funding Years, the Preservation Set-Aside Program will continue to utilize 20% of the STBG funding pot. Therefore, $6.56M will be available for roadway improvement projects and new roadway projects, and $1.64M 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 2022.

Applications must be completed digitally and submitted to stbg@tricountyrpc.org by Friday, April 29, 2022, at 4:00pm. Digital copies of the form will be distributed via email to each Technical Committee member on March 16, 2022 but may also be requested from TCRPC staff. The FY 2025-26 STBG Traditional Program selection schedule is as follows:

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| **March 16, 2022** | Staff issues Call for Projects |
| **April 29, 2022** | Applications due to staff, staff reviews project submissions |
| **May 18, 2022** | Match resolutions due to staff |
| **May 18, 2022** | Presentations to Technical Committee |
| **June 2022** | Subcommittee assigns Regional Significance scores; staff assigns project Tiers |
| **July 2022** | Subcommittee makes recommendation to Technical Committee, Technical develops recommendation to Commission |
| **August 3, 2022** | Commission 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 MPO 20-Year Metropolitan Planning Area;
2. Roadways must have a Functional Classification of Minor Collector or above;
3. Projects must be listed in the *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 TCRPC are eligible to apply for funding; other local jurisdictions within the 20-Year Planning Boundary must be sponsored by a TCRPC member.