



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Technical Committee

**FROM:** Staff

**SUBJECT:** Call for Projects for 2050 LRTP

**DATE:** January 17, 2024

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## **Action Needed**

Submit projects for consideration in the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

## **Background**

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Greater Peoria Area, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (Tri-County or TCRPC) is responsible for developing and maintaining the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that guides the transportation decision making and funding decisions for the next 25 years.

A key step in developing and updating the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is to identify a list of priority transportation projects for the Greater Peoria Area. The development of this project list is a federal requirement and includes all projects that intend to use federal funding sources or regionally significant.

This planning process is undertaken by TCRPC staff every five years and includes a 25-year planning horizon, 2025 - 2050. The 2050 LRTP is scheduled for completion and approval by the Commission in March 2025.

## **Call for Projects**

Jurisdictions (cities, villages, counties, states) and transportation agencies are eligible to nominate transportation projects for consideration in the LRTP. Projects must be located within the Peoria-Pekin Metropolitan Planning Area. Please see the map in the attachment at the end of this document to determine if your project is eligible for consideration.

Eligible project types include construction of new roadways, improvements to existing roadways, transit projects, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and other transportation improvements. Any roadway projects are required to have a current or future functional classification as a Federal Aid Urban (FAU) route:

Minor Collector and above. Current roadway classifications can be found on IDOT's interactive map:

<https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/MapView/?config=RFCconfig.json>

Funds will not be distributed as a result of this solicitation. However, there are several reasons to nominate projects for the LRTP:

1. Identifying regional transportation priorities will direct the investment of federal funds.
2. Being listed in the LRTP will help communicate information to the public about projects planned for our region.
3. For some federal funding programs, only projects included in the LRTP are eligible for funds.
4. For some federal funding programs, projects receive extra consideration if they are included in the LRTP.

### **Submission Instructions**

To learn more about the LRTP 2050 Call for Projects and to access the application, please visit Tri-County's website: <https://tricountyrpc.org/transportation/lrtp/lrtp-2050/>. Please download and save the application to your computer and fill out a separate form for each project. Applications will be accepted digitally (preferred method) or mailed. Completed forms can be emailed to [lrtp@tricountyrpc.org](mailto:lrtp@tricountyrpc.org) or mailed to:

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission  
Attn: Michael Bruner  
456 Fulton Street, Suite 401  
Peoria, Illinois 61602

The deadline to submit project nominations is Thursday, February 29, 2024 by 3:30 p.m.

Please note that projects listed in the existing 2045 LRTP will not automatically be carried forward into the new plan, except for projects included in the Surface Transportation and Mass Transit Project Lists in the current 2024 -2027 Transportation Improvement Program. All other projects, new or old, must be nominated again due to the change in application to gather more project information.

### **Eligible Projects**

This Call for Projects is for transportation projects including roads and highways, bridges, non-motorized, and transit. The following links are provided as guidance regarding eligible activities for various federal and state funding programs.

#### **Bridge Formula Program (BFP)**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/bfp.cfm>

#### **Bridge Investment Program (BIP)**

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/bip\\_factsheet.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/bip_factsheet.cfm)

**Capital Investment Grants Program (Section 5309)**

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fact-sheet-capital-investment-grants-program>

**Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)**

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/crp\\_fact\\_sheet.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/crp_fact_sheet.cfm)

**Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/charging.cfm>

**Economic Development Program**

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/economic-development-program.html>

**Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310)**

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fact-sheet-enhanced-mobility-seniors-and-individuals-disabilities>

**Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/hsip.html>

**Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)**

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/itep.html>

**Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Savings Transportation (PROTECT)**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/promote.cfm>

**Railway-Highway Crossings Program (Section 130)**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/rhcp.cfm>

**Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program**

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/rcp\\_fact\\_sheet.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/rcp_fact_sheet.cfm)

**Safe Routes to School (SRTS)**

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/safe-routes-to-school.html>

**Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/ss4a\\_fact\\_sheet.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/ss4a_fact_sheet.cfm)

**Surface Transportation Black Grant (STBG or STU)**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/stbg.cfm>

**Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program (TA or TAP)**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/ta.cfm>

**Truck Access Route Program (TARP)**

<https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-programs/truck-access-route-program--tarp-.html>

**Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program (Section 5307)**

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fact-sheet-urbanized-area-formula-grants-program>

**Questions**

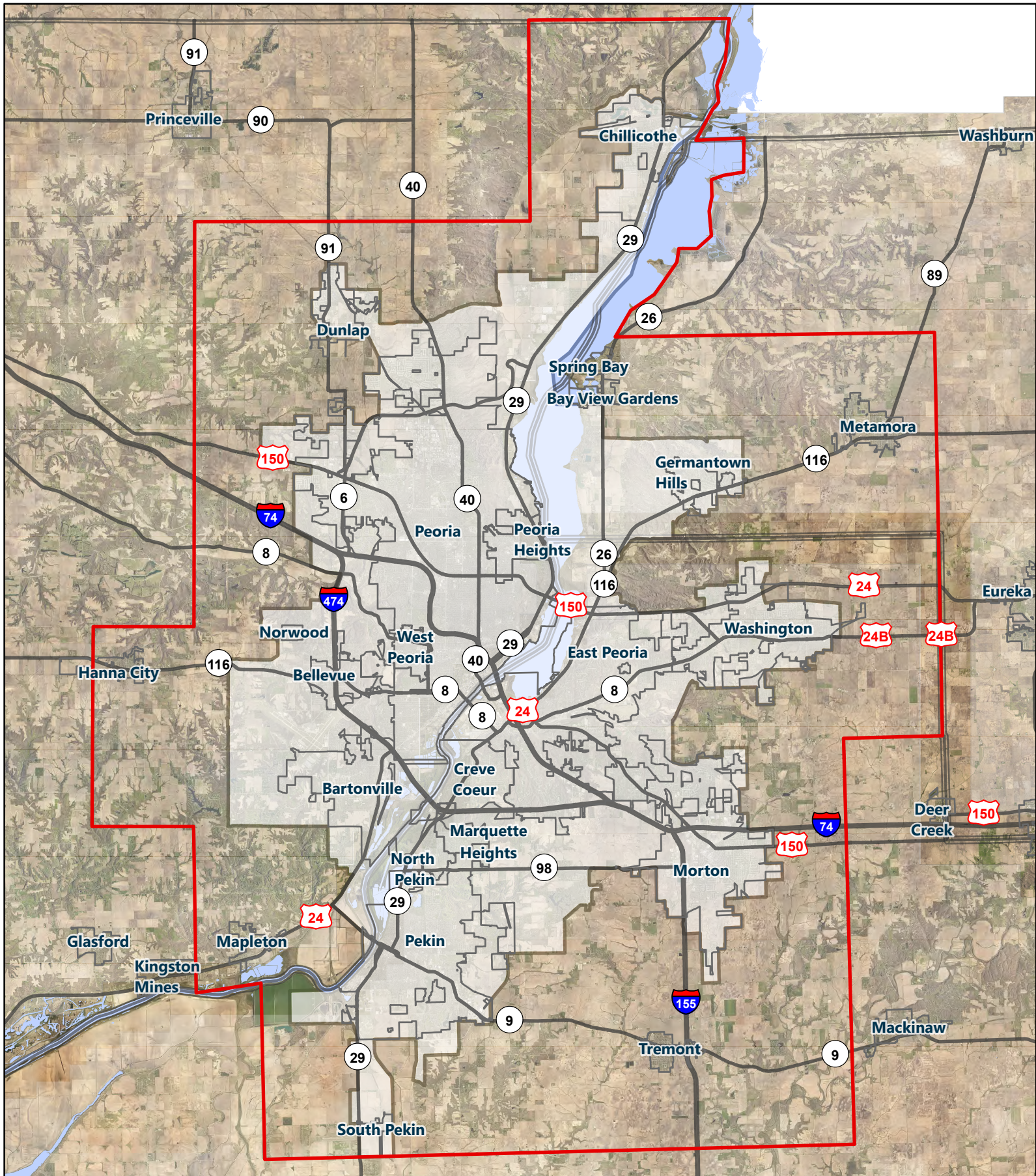
Tri-County staff are available to answer questions concerning the project/program eligibility and application submittal. Tri-County staff can provide application assistance but cannot complete an application for a jurisdiction.

**Attachments**

The next page is a map of the draft 2020 Greater Peoria MPO boundary. All projects within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), which is illustrated as the red line on the map, are eligible for consideration. An interactive map showing the MPA is also available at the following link:

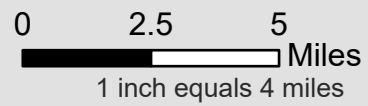
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# Peoria/Pekin Urban Area

## 2020 Draft



 Metropolitan Planning Area

 DRAFT Adjusted Urban Area 2020

