



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EST. 1958

## AGENDA

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 9:00am CST  
456 Fulton St, Suite 420  
Peoria, IL 61602

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes, February 15, 2023 Meeting
5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment
  - a. Project CL-24-04 Diesel Buses
  - b. Project CL-24-08 Refurbish 35' Diesel Buses
  - c. Project CL-24-09 New Farebox/Validators System
  - d. Project CL-24-10 A & E Services
6. Recommend to Commission Transit Asset Management Performance Measure – Attachment
7. Recommend to Commission FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Handout
8. Recommend to Commission Section 5310 Funding – Attachment
9. Discussion of FY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Program
10. Discussion of IDOT Statewide Planning & Research (SPR) Program – Attachment
11. Updates
  - a. Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside Reminder
  - b. IDOT
    - Local Roads
    - Central Office
  - c. FHWA
12. Other
  - a. Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2023
13. Adjournment

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## MINUTES

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 9:00am CST

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Peoria, IL 61602

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
<b>Amy McLaren,</b> Peoria County	X		<b>Dustin Sutton*</b> Peoria Heights		x
<b>Jeff Gilles,</b> Peoria County		X	<b>Dennis Carr</b> City of Washington	x	
<b>Mark Gilles*</b> Peoria County		X	<b>Jon Oliphant*</b> City of Washington	x	
<b>Paul Augspurger</b> Tazewell County	X		<b>Patrick Meyer</b> Village of Bartonville	x	
<b>Dan Parr</b> Tazewell County	X		<b>Terrisa Worsfold</b> IDOT-04	x	
<b>Conrad Moore</b> Woodford County	X		<b>Karen Dvorsky*</b> IDOT-04		x
<b>Alyssa Barnett,</b> City of Peoria	X		<b>Kinga Krider</b> City of West Peoria	x	
<b>VACANT</b> City of Peoria			<b>Charles Hess</b> City of West Peoria*		x
<b>Andrea Klopfenstein</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Craig Loudermilk</b> Village of Morton	x	
<b>Sie Maroon*</b> City of Peoria		x	<b>Frank Sturm</b> Village of Morton*		x
<b>Cindy Loos*</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Kenneth Coulter</b> City of Chillicothe		x
<b>Paola Mendez*</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>David Horton*</b> City of Chillicothe		x
<b>VACANT</b> City of Peoria			<b>Terry Keogel</b> Village of Creve Coeur	x	
<b>Josie Esker*</b> City of Pekin	x		<b>Nick Standefer*</b> Citylink		x
<b>Justin Reeise</b> City of Pekin		x	<b>Jamie Arbogast*</b> CityLink		x
<b>Ric Semonski</b> City of East Peoria	x		<b>Doug Roelfs,</b> Citylink		x
<b>Ty Livingston*</b> City of East Peoria	x		<b>Gene Olson*</b> MAAP		x
<b>Chris Chandler</b> Village of Peoria Heights		x	<b>Eric Miller</b> TCRPC	x	
<b>Wayne Aldrich*</b> Village of Peoria Heights		x	<b>Rich Brecklin</b> Village of Germantown Hills		x

Sraff: Debbie Ulrich, Ray Lees, Gabriel Guevara, and Logan Chapman. Brandon Geber- IDOT, Al Barrae-Shebib- IDOT, and Betsy Tracey, FHWA

3. Public Comment- none
4. Approval of Minutes, January 18, 2023 Meeting  
Conrad Moore moved to approve the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes and Patrick Meyer seconded. Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment
  - a. PH-24-01 Prospect Road Reconstruction Project
  - b. C-23-01 Chillicothe Trail Purple Route
  - c. C-23-02 Chillicothe Trail Green Route
  - d. S-23-13 Traffic Signals

Amy McLaren moved to approve a thru d TIP Amendments and Ric Semonski seconded.

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- a. PH-24-01 Prospect Road Construction Project
  - o From War Memorial Drive to Kingman Road
  - o Design engineering
  - o Adding to FY 2024 Program as a result of federal funding for FY23 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriation.
- b. C-23-01 Chillicothe Trail Purple Route
  - o Various locations in the City of Chillicothe
  - o Removing project from TIP due to funds being returned to IDOT
- c. C-023-02 Chillicothe Trail Green Route
  - o Various locations in Chillicothe
  - o Removing project from TIP due to funds being returned to IDOT.
- d. S-23-13 Traffic Signals
  - o IL 29 (Adams St.) and Spring St in Peoria; IL78 and Vine, IL 78 and Ash in Canton
  - o Addition to IDOT District 4 Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Program. Project scheduled for June 2023 letting.

Motion carried.

6. Performance Measure: Pavement & Bridges (PM-2) and System Performance (PM-3) – Attached  
Amy McLaren moved to recommend to Commission Performance Measure: Pavement & Bridges (PM-2) and System Performance (PM-3) and Conrad Moore seconded.  
Michael Bruner updated on the following:
  - IDOT periodically sets performance measure targets for Pavement & Bridge condition (PM-2) and System Performance (PM-3)
  - TCRPC reviews IDOT's state targets for adoption

- MPO's have 180 days to accept or set their own performance measures from the date the State DOT sets their targets.
- Historically, TCRPC has elected to support the state's targets for PM-1, PM-2, and PM-3. Only states are assessed for significant progress made towards established targets, not MPO's.
- We are electing to support IDOT's targets once more.
- You can find the baseline data as well as projected data on page 2 of the memo.

Motion carried.

7. Call for Projects: Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside – Attachment

<https://tricityrpc.org/funding-programs/tap/>

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- As a MPO with an urbanized population over 200,000, TCRPC receives an annual allotment of these TA funds as a set-aside of the STBG program.
- TCRPC is opening a call for projects for the Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside- formerly known as TAP.
- Approximately \$1,458,565 is available from FYs 2021,2022, and 2023
- Maximum project award is \$486,188.
- Applications are due Friday, March 31, 2023
- Eligible projects:
  - A project must demonstrate a relationship to surface transportation and pedestrian and/or bike facilities.
  - Infrastructure projects to enhance non-driver access to public transportation.
  - Community improvement activities
  - Environmental mitigation related to stormwater.
- Non -eligible projects
  - Routine maintenance activities are not eligible.
  - Solely recreational projects are not eligible.
- Local match requirements
  - Preliminary engineering and construction are 80/20
  - Right-of-way and easement acquisitions are 50/50
  - Street lighting is 50/50- but if it is in a designated historic area, it may qualify at 80/20
- Timeline- see bottom of page 2 of the memo.
  - Applications due March 31 by 4p.m.
  - April 19- applicants will present their projects at Technical, and TA subcommittee is formed.
  - May 17- Technical committee will convene to consider the subcommittee's recommendation.
  - June 7- Commission programs TA funding

8. Call for Projects: Regional Priority – Active Transportation and Transit & Mobility – Attachment
- TCRPC is opening a call for projects for jurisdictions within the Peoria-Pekin urbanized area to submit projects to be considered in the **regional transportation project prioritization process** for  
(1) **Active Transportation**, and (2) **Transit & Mobility**
  - To submit projects for consideration, please mail a short project overview, no more than 2 pages, which includes.
    - The proposed project title.
    - Lead agency information
    - Project location/limits
    - Estimated budget.
    - Project description
    - Purpose/need
    - Desired outcome/benefits
    - **Deadline: Tuesday February 28**
  - This came out of the two Strategic Transportation Planning Sessions that TCRPC held last year.
    - We began the prioritization process for Highways, Streets, and Bridges (TCRPC is in the process of finalizing this list)
    - Now we are moving onto two more lists:
      - Active Transportation
      - Transit & Mobility
  - The goal of this process is to inventory regionally significant projects that improve or promote active transportation and transit usage.
9. Fiscal Year 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is one of the core MPO planning documents that is updated annually.
  - It serves as the budget for the metropolitan transportation planning process and directs the day-to-day work of the MPO. The document describes all transportation planning activities with a corresponding budget Tri-County proposes to undertake during the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).
  - Staff is in the beginning stages of developing the draft FY2024 UPWP and following the schedule listed in the memo:
    - Feb. 14: Draft Uniform Budget Template (UBT) and Programmatic Risk Assessment (PRA) submitted to IDOT
    - March 15: Technical Committee recommends UPWP to the Commission for approval.
    - April 5: Commission approves final UPWP & staff submits document to IDOT
    - July 1: IDOT accepts UPWP, work begins.

10. Updates

a. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Announcement

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A433) discretionary program.
- Included \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years
- Tri-County's submitted the grant on September 15, 2022
- Received Notice of Award on January 31, 2023
- **Project Name:** Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties in Central Illinois
- **Grant Type:** Action Plan
- **SS4A Grant Funding Amount \$400,000**
- **SS4A Required Local Match: \$100,000**
  - Original plan is to have the three county's fund the required match based off of population distribution
  - Looking at other funding sources
- **Estimated Total Project Costs:** \$500,000
- **Project Description:** The award will be used by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.
- **SS4A** supports the
  - National Roadway Safety Strategy and
  - USDOT's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadway
- Eligible activities within the SS4A grant program include.
  - Developing or updating a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), or
  - Conducting supplemental planning activities for a CSAP, or
  - Implementing projects identified in a CSAP.
  - The grant program is 80/20
- Eric Miller asked what is feeling of committee is to share match among communities.
- Amy McLaren mentioned that state and locals help would be beneficial
- Eric Miller asked to talk to electives to get more ideas how to raise \$100,000

b. COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation – Attachment

- Disaster Proclamation is slated to end on May 11, 2023
- This result in the need of in-person quorums
- Bringing this to your attention and we will let you know if anything changes,

c. IDOT

- Local Roads
  - Al Barra Shebib talked about the STU allotment over FY24 is \$4M.

- IDOT Special Projects will have a 2 day conference for upcoming ITEP grants. They will come to each district. When they have dates and venue he will announce.
- Thanked everyone for the Multiyear FY23-27 Publication which will be out soon.
- FY23 letting is in June.
- New Bridge and Way book is online.
- Terrisa Worsfold mentioned due to the electrical fire in parking garage our offices are still closed in the Becker building Hope to be back in by April.
- Central Office  
Brandon Geber mentioned the Roadways & Bridge book  
FHWA- outlines progress and goals
- d. FHWA  
Betsy Tracey congratulated on the award for Planning grant.

11. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2023-ok.

12. Adjournment

Eric Miller moved to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. and Patrick Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded and transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Adopted July 6, 2022, as amended

TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM

DATE		AMENDING TIP DOCUMENT		AGENCY REQUESTING AMENDMENT(S)					
3/15/2023		From 2023	To 2026	CityLink					

PROJECT INFORMATION									
PROJECT TITLE	PPUATS TIP NUMBER	PROJECT CONTRACT NUMBER	PROJECT NUMBER (PPS#)	PROJECT SECTION NUMBER	IMPROVEMENT LOCATION	ACTION	FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING SHARE (%)	TOTAL COST
Diesel Buses	CL-24-04					Purchase new Diesel Buses	FTA 5307	80%	\$ 2,200,000
							TDC	20%	\$ 550,000
							State		\$ -
							Local		\$ -
							Total		\$ 2,750,000
Reason for Amendment: Adding additional FTA 5307 funding and Transit Transportation Development Credit (TDC) funding									
Refurbish 35' Diesel Buses	CL-24-08					Refurbish existing vehicles that has met useful life	FTA 5307	80%	\$ 6,000,000
							TDC	20%	\$ 1,500,000
							State		\$ -
							Local		\$ -
							Total		\$ 7,500,000
Reason for Amendment: Adding to FY 2024 Program									
New Farebox/Validators System	CL-24-09					New Fixed Route/Paratransit/Rural Farebox/Validators System	FTA 5307	80%	\$ 1,600,000
							TDC	20%	\$ 400,000
							State		\$ -
							Local		\$ -
							Total		\$ 2,000,000
Reason for Amendment: Adding to FY 2024 Program									
A & E Services	CL-24-10					Architecture and Engineering Services for Jefferson location	FTA 5307	80%	\$ 160,000
							TDC	20%	\$ 40,000
							State		
							Local		
							Total		\$ 200,000
Reason for Amendment: Adding to FY 2024 Program									
							State		
							Local		
							Total		\$ -
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Technical		IDOT District 4 Local Roads		
Commission			IDOT District 4 Programming	
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# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MPO Technical Committee

**FROM:** Staff

**SUBJECT:** Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measures

**DATE:** March 15, 2023

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**Action needed:**

Recommend to Commission to adopt Tier 2 Group Plan Transit Asset Management Performance Measures.

**Background:**

In 2012, Congress passed the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), mandating all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to develop a performance-based transportation planning and programming approach. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 and the current transportation funding law, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, continued the requirements for a performance-based approach.

The intent of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is to use this systematic data as a strategic approach to make transportation investment and policy decisions that benefit the national goals. The focus areas for collecting this data and setting targets are Safety (PM-1), Pavement & Bridge Condition (PM-2), Congestion Reduction (PM-3), System Reliability (PM-3), Freight Movement and Economic Vitality (PM-3), Environmental Sustainability, and Reduced Project Delivery Delay.

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) is the MPO for the Peoria-Pekin urbanized area and reviews IDOT's state targets for adoption. MPOs have 180 days to accept or set their own performance measures from the date the State DOT sets their targets. Historically, TCRPC has elected to support the State's targets. Please note, only states are assessed for significant progress made towards established targets, not MPOs.

**Transit Asset Management:**

The National Transit Asset Management System Final Rule (49 U.S.C. 625) requires all agencies that receive federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 and own, operate, or manage capital assets used in the provision of public transportation to create a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan. Agencies can meet this requirement either through an Individual or Group TAM Plan. Group TAM Plans are meant to collect TAM information about groups (typically small subrecipients of 5311 or 5310 grant programs) that do not have a direct financial relationship with FTA.

IDOT, the Illinois Public Transit Association (IPTA), and the Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC) cooperatively supported the development of the Illinois' Group TAM Plan for all Tier 2 agencies. This state-

level plan includes the four required elements for MAP-21 compliance, leveraging the current and historic CNA (Capital Needs Assessment) work to develop:

1. An inventory of capital assets, including all assets already reported through the CNA annual survey process.
2. A condition assessment, including conditions estimated by the existing CNA model and new facility condition assessments being done by grantees
3. A decision support tool, through modification of the existing CNA model
4. Investment prioritization that utilizes grantee input, updated data from the annual CNA process, and the improved CNA Model

#### FTA Performance Measure Definitions:

Asset Type	Definition
Facilities	The percentage of inspected facilities within an asset class and for which agencies have capital rehab and replacement responsibility, rated below condition 3 on the FTA Transit Economic Requirement Model (TERM) five-point scale
Revenue Vehicles (Rolling Stock)	The percentage of active, dedicated revenue vehicles by asset class that either meet or exceed their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)
Service Vehicles (Equipment)	The percentage of non-revenue, support-service, and maintenance vehicles that either meet or exceed their ULB

#### FY 2023 Tier 2 Group Plan State Targets – Facilities, Revenue Vehicles, and Service Vehicles:

Facility Type	Facilities Rated Below 3.0	Total Facilities	% Rated Below 3.0	FY23 Target
Admin/Maintenance	10	62	16%	10%
Passenger/Parking	2	27	7%	7%
Total	12	89	13%	9%
Revenue Vehicle (Rolling Stock) Type	# of Vehicles At/Beyond ULB	Total Vehicles	% Vehicles At/Beyond ULB	FY23 Target
Articulated bus	8	18	44%	22%
Automobile	4	5	80%	80%
Bus	133	508	26%	32%
Cutaway	307	967	32%	35%
Ferryboat	3	3	100%	100%
Minivan	161	229	70%	74%
Van	13	47	28%	71%
Total	883	1827	48%	59%
Service Vehicle (Equipment) Type	# of Vehicles At/Beyond ULB	Total Vehicles	% Vehicles At/Beyond ULB	FY23 Target
Automobile	13	46	28%	27%
Other rubber tire vehicles	38	134	28%	26%
Total	51	180	28%	26%

**Tri-County Providers – Facilities Benchmarks**

Agency	Facility Group	Facilities Rated Below 3.0	Total Facilities	% Rated Below 3.0
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Admin/Maintenance	3	3	100.0%
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Passenger/Parking	0	1	0.0%
Tazewell County	Admin/Maintenance	0	1	0.0%

**Tri-County Providers – Revenue Vehicles Useful Life Benchmarks**

Agency	Type	ULB	# of Vehicles At/Beyond ULB	Total Vehicles	% Vehicles At/Beyond ULB	FY23 Target
Peoria County - Rural	Cutaway	8	0	7	0.00%	71%
Peoria County - Rural	Cutaway	10	0	5	0.00%	0%
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Bus	12	2	55	3.64%	51%
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Cutaway	8	3	34	8.82%	9%
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Cutaway	10	0	2	0.00%	0%
Tazewell County	Cutaway	8	5	15	33.33%	67%
Tazewell County	Cutaway	10	0	2	0.00%	0%
Woodford County	Cutaway	7	1	1	100.00%	100%
Woodford County	Cutaway	8	3	6	50.00%	50%
Woodford County	Cutaway	10	0	2	0.00%	0%

**Tri-County Providers – Service Vehicles Useful Life Benchmarks**

Agency	Type	ULB	# of Vehicles At/Beyond ULB	Total Vehicles	% Vehicles At/Beyond ULB	FY23 Target
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Automobile	8	3	4	75.0%	75%
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Other rubber tire vehicles	14	0	16	0.0%	6%



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MPO Technical Committee  
**FROM:** Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Section 5310 Project Application Information  
**DATE:** March 15, 2023

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**Action needed:**

Recommend to Commission to approve the Section 5310 funding for the City of East Peoria's submitted project and pass along expiring 2021 funds to IDOT.

**Background:**

Section 5310 is an urban funding stream from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) aimed at increasing mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities, and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission receives an apportionment every year. It is Tri-County's responsibility to either distribute these funds throughout the urbanized area or pass the funds along to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP) program. TCRPC has followed both routes at different times in the past. This round, TCRPC recommends doing a combination of both.

**Tri-County's 5310 Call for Project Applications**

Tri-County opened a 45-day call for projects for these 5310 funds and received one application. As a courtesy to entities who may not have submitted in time, TCRPC staff extended the deadline by two days and received no additional applications. A summary of the submitted project is below:

East Peoria Pedestrian Crossing Engineering Phase I

The City of East Peoria submitted for Phase I Engineering for a pedestrian crossing at IL-116/Main Street and Mariners Way (near Jonah's Seafood House & EastPort Marina). There are currently no pedestrian signalized crossings or crosswalks here, and this is a busy intersection near a Route #20 ICC Express CityLink bus stop. The funding request is \$20,000 federal, with a \$5,000 local match (80%/20%).

**Available Funds**

Under Section 5310, Eligible Activities are broken down by the FTA into two categories: Traditional Section 5310 Projects and Other Section 5310 Projects. Traditional Section 5310 Projects for the Peoria-Pekin urbanized area (55% of the full FTA appropriation) are programmed by the state through IDOT's CVP program. TCRPC only programs Other Section 5310 Projects (45% of the full appropriation), activities that were eligible under the New Freedom program (Section 5317) which was rolled into Section 5310 under MAP-21.

The amount of funds advertised in the Call for Projects was \$335,187. This sum consists of the following funding years and types within the FTA Section 5310 Program:

<b>Federal Fiscal Year/ Type</b>	<b>Full Appropriation</b>	<b>TCRPC Portion (45% of non-COVID funds)</b>	<b>Requested funding</b>	<b>Remaining Funding</b>
2021	\$255,217	\$114,847		\$114,847
2022	\$365,681	\$164,556		\$164,556
CRRSAA	\$43,892	\$43,892	\$13,108	\$30,784
ARPA	\$11,892*	\$11,892	\$11,892	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$335,187</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	

\* This is the remaining funding leftover from the initial ARPA appropriation of \$43,892

*ARPA = American Rescue Plan Act of 2021*

*CRRSAA = Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021*

Regular Section 5310 funds require a local cost match. Note that while ARPA and CRRSAA funds do not require a local match, they cannot be used as a match for other federal projects.

**TCRPC Staff Recommendation**

Within the total \$335,187 available, there is a combined sum of \$55,784 in CRRSAA and ARPA COVID relief funds available. These COVID funds allow up to 100% federal (0% local match). Since this East Peoria project is below that threshold, at \$25,000, TCRPC staff recommends requesting 100% federal funding for this project.

Additionally, the deadline to obligate Section 5310 Funds is two years after the appropriation year. Since the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 appropriation funds will expire this year, TCRPC staff recommends passing these funds (\$114,847) to IDOT's CVP Program. This is a statewide competitive program in which nonprofit and public agencies can apply for and receive vehicles to transport seniors, people with disabilities, and other such populations.



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Bureau of Local Roads & Streets  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Room 205 / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

February 24, 2023

## CIRCULAR LETTER 2023-07

### STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RESEARCH FUNDS (SPR) Call for Projects

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS / MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS / METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS / TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS / CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) provided a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on February 23, 2023. The Funding Opportunity Number is 23-1439-01. This program is listed in the Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) as 494-00-1439.

Program guidance can be found here at the Department's [Planning Website](#)

Statewide Planning and Research Program (SPR) funds are federal funds for planning and research activities. The funds are used to establish a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions and to carryout transportation research activities throughout the State. The funding available for this program in FY 2024 is approximately \$7 Million. A 20 percent non-federal match is required for these federal funds except in certain circumstances including if the project benefits a disadvantaged/economically distressed community.

All proposed projects should be related to studying or implementing a goal, strategy or objective within the state's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) or one of its associated plans, implementing performance-based program development, implementing asset management or benefiting a disadvantaged/economically distressed community. IDOT will evaluate proposed projects based on those criteria.

The program schedule is as follows, which importantly includes a link for registration and attendance for an Informational Webinar:

- **February 24, 2023** - Call for Projects Opened
- **March 15, 2023** – Informational Webex 10:00-12:00 p.m. [Webinar Link](#)
- **March 30, 2023** - Applications due 11:59:59 CDT
- **Summer 2023** - Awards Announced

Any updates or changes to the schedule will be officially announced through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website via the NOFO. Further details on this program are available on the program's website.

If you have any questions regarding this Circular Letter or any questions related to this opportunity, please contact Michael Vanderhoof at (217-782-8080) or [Michael.Vanderhoof@illinois.gov](mailto:Michael.Vanderhoof@illinois.gov).

Sincerely,



George A. Tapas, P.E., S.E.  
Bureau Chief of Local Roads and Streets



Michael Vanderhoof  
Bureau Chief of Planning

cc:

Shane Schneider, Illinois Association of County Engineers

Brad Cole, Illinois Municipal League

Jerry Crabtree, Township Officials of Illinois

Arnie Vegter, Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois

David Snyder, FHWA – Illinois Division

Holly Bieneman, OP&P – Illinois Department of Transportation