



Transportation Planning Board
A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dane County Mayors, Village Presidents, and Town Chairs
Dane County Executive
MATPB Technical Coordinating Committee Members (via email only)
Other Local Public Works Directors in Dane County (via email only)
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FROM: William Schaefer, Transportation Planning Manager

DATE: April 12, 2017

RE: Request for 2018-2022 Projects and STBG (formerly STP)-Urban Project Applications *by Monday, June 12* for Transportation Improvement Program Update

The Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MATPB) – A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), responsible for cooperative transportation planning and decision making for the Madison metropolitan planning area, is requesting state, county, and local units of government to submit transportation projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Madison Metropolitan Area and Dane County.

The MATPB updates the TIP annually. The TIP is the staged multi-year program of transportation improvements and includes specific projects proposed for implementation during the first four program years. The fifth year of projects is informational.

Since projects proposed to be implemented with federal or state funds and other regionally significant projects *must* be included in the TIP, it is imperative that every effort be made to have a comprehensive, coordinated listing of projects in accord with federal legislation and rules. To achieve this comprehensive listing, it is requested that *project listings* and other information be submitted via mail or email to the MATPB office *by Monday, June 12* to enable preparation of a coordinated listing of projects and allow for necessary inter-agency and public reviews prior to the MPO Policy Board’s consideration of action. The MATPB office address and email contact for the TIP are:

**Madison Area TPB, 121 S. Pinckney St., Suite 400
Madison, WI 53703
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The TIP implements the recommendations of the MATPB’s Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan, including mode-specific and strategic plans such as the [Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) and [Intelligent Transportation Systems \(ITS\) Strategic Plan](#). All TIP projects are evaluated to ensure inclusion (e.g., for major capacity expansion projects) or consistency with the recently adopted *Regional Transportation Plan 2050 for the Madison Metropolitan Area*.

The report entitled *2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for the Madison Metropolitan Area & Dane County*, approved in November 2016, is being updated. Project listings are found on pages 11-44. The same general format of separating “Madison Metropolitan Planning Area” projects from “Outer Area” projects will be used and the project listings will be organized by transportation mode including: ridesharing activities; parking facilities; bicycle and pedestrian facilities; transit capital projects; transit operating assistance; and streets and roadways, including bridges.

The MATPB is also requesting project applications for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) (formerly called Surface Transportation Program or STP) – Urban funding for the 2018-2022 program cycle. New projects approved in this cycle will in most cases be added to the schedule in 2021 and 2022,

but may be advanced to an earlier year if they can be ready and changes are needed to the schedule of approved projects in 2018-2020.

The STBG – Urban program provides a designated funding amount to the Madison urban area. The funding is flexible and can be used for wide variety of capital projects, including roadway improvements, transit vehicles and infrastructure, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) capital improvements. The MATPB coordinates and approves projects for funding under this STBG – Urban program. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) administers the program for the MPO. Only projects located within the Madison urban area boundary are eligible for STBG-Urban funding (see attached map). For roadway projects, the roadway must be functionally classified by the MPO as a regional arterial or collector to be eligible for funding. The roadway functional classification system map is on the MPO website (see Maps and GIS).

The MATPB's STBG – Urban program policies and project scoring criteria are outlined in Appendix A of the 2017-2021 TIP.

Downloadable electronic TIP forms are available on the MPO website on the TIP page. The forms include the TIP project listing form (Excel file), which is attached and should be used for all 2018-2022 projects, WisDOT's STP (now called STBG) – Urban application form (Word file), and the MPO's application form supplements (Word files). The supplemental form is intended to provide additional information to assist in evaluating and scoring applications. A second application form supplement applies only to bicycle/ pedestrian projects. These application forms are only needed for those projects for which STBG-Urban funding is being sought.

If you have any questions regarding this request, feel free to contact me at the MATPB office (Email: wschaefer@cityofmadison.com; Phone: 266-9115). Thank you in advance for your timely assistance.

Enclosures

Cc (via email):

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MATPB (MPO) Members