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Call for Projects: Surface Transportation Block Grant

ROCKFORD, IL — Notice is hereby given that the Region 1 Planning Council (RPC), the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Urban and Metropolitan Area, is seeking eligible projects for the programming of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.

The STBG call for projects is from January 21, 2021, through February 22, 2021. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, February 22, 2021. The STBG funds available through this call for projects is approximately \$9,680,305. Project application, listing of eligible project types and sponsors, and information on project matching funds requirements are available at <http://www.r1planning.org/tip>.

STBG funding is authorized by the federal transportation bill Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, signed into law on December 4, 2015. This program funding may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, pedestrian, and bicycle infrastructure, transit capital, planning projects, and intercity passenger projects. The goal of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding is to support the implementation of the MTP, *2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region*, by enhancing the transportation system to provide mobility, social, and environmental improvements.

Region 1 Planning Council, in its capacity as the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Region, is responsible for programming various federal and state transportation funding programs. The RPC MPO is the recipient of direct sub-allocations of federal funds for STBG projects, via the FAST Act and coordinates publicly funded transportation planning and transportation improvements among the various jurisdictions in Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties.

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