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Call for Projects: Surface Transportation Block Grant

ROCKFORD, IL — Notice is hereby given that 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).

This call for projects is from August 22, 2022 through October 7, 2022. Completed applications must be submitted to RPC no later than 5:00pm on Friday, October 7, 2022. Project application, listing of eligible project types and sponsors, and information on project matching funds requirements are available at <http://www.r1planning.org/tip>.

Questions may be submitted by email, telephone, or mailed to: Sydney Turner, 127 N Wyman St., Suite 100, Rockford, IL 61101, Phone: 815-319-4185 | Email: sturner@r1planning.org

About the Surface Transportation Block Grant

STBG funding is authorized by the recently passed federal transportation bill Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), signed into law on November 15, 2021. 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 IIJA Act and coordinates publicly funded transportation planning and transportation improvements among the various jurisdictions in Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties.

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