



## News Release

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### Call for Projects: Surface Transportation Block Grant

**ROCKFORD, IL** — Notice is hereby given that the Region 1 Planning Council (R1), 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 September 21, 2023 through November 3, 2023. Completed applications must be submitted to R1 no later than 5:00pm on Friday, November 3, 2023. The STBG funds available through this call for projects is \$4,457,107. Project application, listing of eligible project types and sponsors, and information on project matching funds requirements are available at <http://www.r1planning.org/tip>.

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#### About the Surface Transportation Block Grant

STBG funding is authorized by the recently passed 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. Submitted project applications will be reviewed and final determination on which project(s) will be awarded is made by elected officials within the Region such as Mayors and County Chairs.

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.

The 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.

For more information, visit [www.r1planning.org](http://www.r1planning.org).

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