



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Capital Area Regional Transportation Study (CARTS) Technical Committee  
From: Andrea Strach, Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator  
Date: September 5, 2018  
Re: Call for FY 2020 – FY 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Projects

This memo constitutes the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's (TCRPC) call for federally funded transportation projects in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. Attached, please find TCRPC's Project Submittal Form and Project Prioritization Scoring. Proposed project information should be submitted to TCRPC by **September 28, 2018, by 5:00 p.m.**

The **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** is the region's four-year capital improvements program for road projects, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit, and other transportation enhancements in mid-Michigan's Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. The TIP is the short-range planning element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and each TIP project must comply with the goals and objectives listed in the Plan. We work with the State of Michigan and public transit providers to develop a comprehensive plan for projects in the region.

### **Schedule for the FY 2020 – FY 2023 Transportation Improvement Program**

TIP Call for Projects	September 5, 2018
TIP Nominated Projects Due	September 28, 2018
TIP Nominated Projects Scored	October 24, 2018
TIP Revenue Estimates Available	October 31, 2018
Preliminary TIP Project Selection by CARTS*	November 6, 2018
TCRPC Board Endorsement of TIP Projects*	November 28, 2018
Draft TIP Document Reviewed and Approved by CARTS*	May 7, 2019
TIP Final Document Adopted by Board of Commissioners*	May 22, 2019

\*Opportunity for Public Comment

After Preliminary TIP Project Selection is completed by the Commission, local agencies will need to provide additional information to have projects successfully programmed. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program Projects will be submitted to myself to program. Transportation Alternative Program Projects must have a complete application through Michigan Grant System.

For more information regarding Project Nomination Submissions, please contact me at [astrach@mitcrpc.org](mailto:astrach@mitcrpc.org) or 517-393-0342 ext. 29. More information can also be found at [MovingMidMichigan.org](http://MovingMidMichigan.org)

I look forward to reviewing nominated projects. Please find a list of Federal Funding Sources to follow.

# FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

## CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ)

The CMAQ program helps meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Funding is available to reduce congestion and improve air quality for areas that do not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter (nonattainment areas) and for former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance (maintenance areas).

Eligible activities include traffic monitoring, signal upgrades to improve traffic flow, and non-motorized transportation facilities.

## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

The Surface Transportation Program provides flexible funding that may be used by States and local jurisdictions for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.

Eligible activities include: Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, preservation, or operational improvements for highways.

SL	Surface Transportation Program (STP) - Any Area
STUL	Surface Transportation Program (STP) - Local
STP	Surface Transportation Program (STP) - Urban Areas >200,000 Population
STRP	Surface Transportation Program (STP) - Railroad Crossings
STUL	Surface Transportation Program (STP) - Urban Areas 5,000/200,000 Population
TAU	Transportation Alternatives Urban Areas > 200K Population

## TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Funding for non-motorized transportation is provided by the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and the Transportation Alternatives Urban Areas (greater than 200,000 population) (TAU.)

Eligible Activities include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

## TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

### 5307 Funds– Urbanized Area Grants

Provides funding urbanized areas. Eligible activities include: planning, engineering, design and evaluation of transit projects and other technical transportation—related studies; capital investments in bus and bus-related activities such as replacement, overhaul and rebuilding of buses, crime prevention and security equipment and construction of maintenance and passenger facilities; and capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems including rolling stock, overhaul and rebuilding of vehicles, track, signals, communications, and computer hardware and software. In addition, associated transit improvements and certain expenses associated with mobility management programs are eligible under the program. All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit service costs are considered capital costs.

### **5310 Funds– Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**

The program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas – large urbanized (over 200,000), small urbanized (50,000-200,000), and rural (under 50,000). Eligible projects include both “traditional” capital investment and “nontraditional” investment beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

### **5311 Funds– Formula Grants for Rural Areas**

The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program

### **5339 Funds– Buses and Bus Facilities Program**

The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities program (49 U.S.C. 5339) makes federal resources available to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants. A sub-program, the Low- or No-Emission Vehicle Program, provides competitive grants for bus and bus facility projects that support low and zero-emission vehicles.