



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

"Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options"



STAFF MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2015
From: Keith Wilson, MPO Senior Planner
To: Eligible Agencies for National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding
Re: **Federal Fiscal Years 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program – Call for Projects**

The Santa Fe MPO is soliciting applications for projects to be considered for funding in the development of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program within the MPO Planning Area (See the Planning Area Map on the Website). The development of the TIP is done in cooperation with NMDOT District 5. At this time District 5 has indicated that the earliest funding would be available is in the Planning Years of FFY2020 and FFY2021 when \$5 to \$15 million could be available to allocate to projects.

This Call for Projects covers projects eligible for National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. This Call for Projects **does not** include applications for funding under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) Program as these funds are awarded under separate processes.

Funding Eligibility

- NHPP provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS), for the construction of new facilities on the NHS, and to ensure that investments of Federal-aid funds in highway construction are directed to support progress toward the achievement of performance targets established in a State's asset management plan for the NHS. (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/factsheets/nhpp.cfm>)
- STP provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway (Collector and above), bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals. (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/factsheets/stp.cfm>)

Both funding programs have a 14.56% match requirement.

Projects must be included in, or consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2010-2035 (http://santafempo.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Final-MTP-Documents-12-16-10-Amended-09-08-11_02-09-12.pdf) or Bicycle Master Plan (<http://santafempo.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Bicycle-Master-Plan-Approved-April2012-Final.pdf>). If you have project that you do not see listed in these two sources, please contact MPO Staff to discuss if the project can become eligible.

Project Applications **must** be made by completing a Project Identification Form (PIF) and ITS Project Checklist (Download: <http://santafempo.org/documents/tip/>). Projects listed in the Unfunded Project List (Appendix B) of the FFY2014-2017 TIP must be resubmitted by completing a PIF if you wish them to be considered in this process. The deadline to submit project applications is **5:00PM on April 10th, 2015**. MPO staff is available to meet or assist with the completion of the Project Applications.

MPO Staff will review the eligibility of submitted projects and create an initial ranking using the Regional Roadway System Rating Criteria outlined in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Figure 6-1). The list of projects will be presented to the TCC for discussion at the April 20th Meeting (additional meetings will be held if necessary).

NMDOT District 5 in consultation with MPO Staff will review the needs for their whole district in determining the level of funding that will be available for projects in the Santa Fe MPO TIP. The funding allocated to the Santa Fe MPO area will be allocated based on the finalized prioritized list of projects approved by the TCC. A draft TIP will be developed and presented to the TCC at the May 18th Meeting for approval to release for a 30-day Public Review.

A yet to be scheduled Public Input Meeting will be held during this 30-day period to solicit public input.

The TCC will review public input and make a recommendation on the FFY2016-2021 TIP to the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) at the June 22nd Meeting.

The TPB will hold a Public Hearing before taking action on the FFY2016-2021 TIP at the June 25th, 2015 Meeting.

All forms and support documents are available at the links below and on the MPO Website

Support Documents

- [Project Identification Form \(PIF\)](#)
- [ITS Checklist](#)
- [TIP Development Schedule](#)
- [MPO Planning Area Map](#)
- [National Highway Performance Program \(NHPP\) Fact Sheet](#)
- [Surface Transportation Program \(STP\) Fact Sheet](#)
- [Santa Fe MPO Public Participation Plan](#)
- [FFY2014-2017 TIP Appendix B – Unfunded Project List](#)
- [Metropolitan Transportation Plan Table 7-2, Future Financially Constrained Plan](#)
- [Metropolitan Transportation Plan Figure 6-1, Regional Roadway System Rating Criteria](#)
- [Bicycle Master Plan Tables 8 through 12, Recommended Improvements](#)

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