

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
MEMBER-DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE**

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1. Is this project located in the Fourth District of Alabama?

**Yes**

**No**

2. Will other Members of Congress be submitting project requests supporting the project?

**Yes**

**No**

If **Yes**, please list the other Member names:

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3. What type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? (select one)

**Federal-aid Highway**

**Public Transit**

**Rail**

Note: The Committee will not accept requests for non-surface transportation projects, such as transportation museums, horse trails, or historic battlefields, as part of the High Priority Projects program.

If you selected **Federal-aid Highway** for question #3, select one of eight options below and complete the other sub-questions:

- Highway/Road**
- Bridge**
- Tunnel**
- Bicycle/Pedestrian project**
- Intelligent Transportation System (Technology) project**
- Ferry Boats or Ferry Boat Facilities**
- Intermodal Freight Facility**
- Other**

**Located on a Federal-aid highway?**

Yes

No

If **Yes**, located on the National Highway System?

Yes

No

If **Yes**, located on the Interstate System?

Yes

No

If you selected **Public Transit** for question #3, select one of the six options below and complete the other sub-questions:

(Public transit refers to transportation services provided to the general public via a variety of vehicle modes, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, monorail, passenger ferry boats, transit van pools, streetcars, inclined railways, and paratransit vehicles. Public transit does not include school bus or charter bus services, nor intercity passenger rail (such as Amtrak), high-speed rail, or private rail operations. For these types of rail projects, please proceed to the **Rail** section of the form.)

**Passenger Vehicles** (if applicable, check one below)

Transit Bus or Van

Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars

Transit Ferry

**Transit Facilities** (if applicable, check one below)

Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility

Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals

**Transit Rights-of-Way** (if applicable, check one below)

Property Acquisition

Corridor Development

Rail Track Construction or Maintenance

Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance

**Transit Equipment** (if applicable, check one below)

Vehicle-related Equipment

System-related Equipment

**New Start Project** (A New Start project is a major new fixed guideway capital project seeking more than \$75 million in Federal funds.)

**Small Start Project** (A Small Start project is a new fixed guideway capital project seeking less than \$75 million in Federal funds and with a total estimated net capital cost of less than \$250 million.)

If you selected **Public Transit** for question #3, complete the section below:

Intercity Passenger Rail (Intercity rail passenger transportation means rail passenger transportation, except commuter rail passenger transportation. Commuter rail passenger transportation means short-haul rail passenger transportation in metropolitan and suburban areas usually having reduced fare, multiple-ride, and commuter tickets and morning and evening peak period operations. Intercity rail passenger transportation projects are not commuter rail projects. Funds for commuter rail projects should be requested under public transit, not under intercity passenger rail.)

**Located within a corridor previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to section 104(d)(2) of Title 23, United States Code, or the Northeast Corridor?**

Yes

No

If Yes, select one below:

California Corridor

Chicago Hub Network

Empire Corridor

Florida Corridor

Gulf Coast Corridor

Keystone Corridor

Northeast Corridor

Northern New England Corridor

Pacific Northwest Corridor

South Central Corridor

Southeast Corridor

▪ If Freight Rail, select one:

Class I Freight Rail

Class II or Class III Freight Rail

▪ If Research, select one:

University Transportation Center  Other

4. Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation,<sup>1</sup> or public transit agency confirm that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code?

**Yes**

**No**

- If **Yes**, which entity confirmed the project eligibility? (select one and complete other information)

**Federal Highway Administration**

**Federal Transit Administration:**

**State Department of Transportation:**

**Public Transit Agency:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- According to the entity, is the project eligible under Title 23, Title 49, or both Titles 23 and title 49? (select one)

**Title 23 (Highways)**

**Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit)**

**Both Title 23 and Chapter 53 of Title 49**

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<sup>1</sup> All references to “State Departments of Transportation” include Washington, DC, and Territories.

5. Please identify the state, regional, or local governmental entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds. (check one of the three options and complete the other applicable information)

**Highways**

List State Department of Transportation (DOTs); only 1 State DOT may be listed): \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Transit** (if applicable, check one)

**State DOT**

List State Department of Transportation (DOTs); only 1 State DOT may be listed):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Local Government** (if applicable, select one and complete)

**Metropolitan Planning Organization "MPO"**

**Transit Agency**

**City**

**County**

**Federally-recognized tribe**

**Other**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rail**

List State Department of Transportation (DOTs); only 1 State DOT may be listed):  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Note: If a project is a multi-state project, please select the state, regional, or local governmental entity which will serve as the lead agency for the project.)

6. Please identify the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested. The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either (1) the amount requested by the Member; or (2) the amount requested by the Member and other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources.

- **Project description** (include the specific terminus points of the project or activity, as appropriate; include in your description words from this list of activity choices that may apply to your description: construct, plan, design, engineer, conduct environmental review, acquire right-of-way, conduct alternatives analysis, research, develop, demonstrate, deploy, reconstruct, rehabilitate, replace, retrofit, install, mitigate, implement, realign)

- **Total estimated cost** (please write out in numeral form (e.g., \$2,000,000, not \$2 million))

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

- **Request amount** (please write out in numeral form (e.g., \$1,600,000, not \$1.6 million))

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Percentage of total estimated cost: % \_\_\_\_\_**

(If the percentage is less than 80 percent, the Member must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent.)

- **Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Amount of Funding:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.

- **Project description** (please limit your response to 3-4 sentences; up to 500 characters)

- **Total estimated cost** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

▪ **Date of approval** (MM/YYYY) : \_\_\_\_\_

▪ **Title of the plan:**

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

Yes

No

If **Yes**, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).

**Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

▪ Date of approval (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

▪ Title of the Program: \_\_\_\_\_

**State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

▪ Date of approval (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

▪ Title of the Program: \_\_\_\_\_

10. If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?

**Yes**

- If **Yes**, please provide the date on which the Governor approved the most recent version of the plan, and the title of the plan.

- **Date of approval** (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

- **Title of the plan:** \_\_\_\_\_

**No**

**Not Applicable**

11. Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.

- Current status: (check one of four options below)

**Federal-aid Highway projects:** (if applicable, check one below)

In Planning

In Environmental Review

In Final Design

In Right-of-Way Acquisition

Under Construction

**Public Transit projects** (if applicable, check one below)

In Planning

In Alternatives Analysis

In Preliminary Engineering

In Final Design

Under Construction or Procurement

**Rail projects** (if applicable, check one below)

In Planning

In Environmental Review

In Preliminary Engineering

In Design

Under Construction

**Research** (if applicable, check one below)

Under Research

Under Development

Under Demonstration

Under Deployment

- What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?

2010     2011     2012     2013     2014     2015

2016     2017     2018     2019     2020

12. Does the project have regional or national significance? (A project of regional and national significance is typically a high-cost transportation infrastructure facility that often includes multiple levels of government, agencies, modes of transportation, and transportation goals and planning processes that are not easily addressed or funded within existing surface transportation program categories. These projects have national and/or regional benefits, including improving economic productivity by facilitating international trade, relieving congestion, and improving transportation safety by facilitating passenger and freight movement.)

Yes

No

- If **Yes**, Please describe the regional or national significance of the project. Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

13. Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.

- **Safety Benefits**

- Please describe the safety benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences (500 characters).

- **Economic Development Benefits**

- Please describe the economic development benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences (500 characters).

- **Mobility Benefits**

- Please describe the mobility benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences (500 characters).

- **Environmental Benefits**

- Please describe the environmental benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences (500 characters).

14. Has the project previously received any Federal funding?

Yes

No

- If **Yes**, surface transportation authorization act(s): (select one and complete)

**Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L.109-59)**

**Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA 21) (P.L. 105-178)**

**National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act) (P.L. 104-59)**

**Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (P.L. 102-240)**

- Section: \_\_\_\_\_

- Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- Amount of Funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Amount Obligated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Appropriations Act(s)**

- Public Law Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Law Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Section: \_\_\_\_\_
- Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount of Funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount Obligated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Legislation**

- Public Law Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Law Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Section: \_\_\_\_\_
- Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount of Funding: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount Obligated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

15. Has the project received any prior funding from a State, local, or private source?

**Yes**

**No**

**If Yes:**

**Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Funding:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Obligated:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



16. Please provide proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill. Please note that project line items carry the force of law, and can only be amended through subsequent public laws. If Congressional intent (as established through answers listed on this form, or in letters to the Committee) is different from the legislative text, the entity administering the project is required to adhere to the statutory language.) Note: My staff may edit this text for clarity, accuracy, and length.

(Use these action verbs to include activities which will be a part of the project: construct, plan, design, engineer, conduct environmental review, acquire right-of-way, conduct alternatives analysis, research, develop, demonstrate, deploy, reconstruct, rehabilitate, replace, retrofit, install, mitigate, implement, realign)

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\*\*\*Please provide letters of support from state, regional, or local (county, city) governmental officials specifically supporting the project request. This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state, or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase. **This letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if the Member is requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost.**

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