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Dear Constituent,

As I join my colleagues in Congress in beginning work on a new multi-year federal surface transportation funding bill, I am writing to inform you about the congressional guidelines for submitting project requests to my office. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is crafting a new surface transportation authorization legislation to replace the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L. 109-59), which expires on September 30, 2009.

This legislation will transform our surface transportation programs by strengthening the current Federal-state-local partnership, ensuring that programs meet specific performance-based metrics and providing for greater transparency and accountability for Federal, state and local decision-making.

The new authorization legislation will include a strong focus on performance and accountability, and these same high standards will be applied throughout the submission and selection process.

Please submit the following to be reviewed by our office. Submissions are due **NO LATER THAN 6PM EST, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009. (ABSOLUTELY NO EXEPTIONS)**

Local Surface Transportation Project Request Guidelines – Brief Overview:

- All applications must be received by **Wednesday, May 6, 2009**
- Please carefully and thoroughly review the enclosed documents
- ALL projects must meet eligibility criteria under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code; non-surface transportation projects, such as transportation museums, horse trails, historic battlefields, and other non-transportation projects, will not be considered
- ALL applications must be fully completed; failure to do so will impact consideration of the request
- Applications must provide at least one letter of support for the project from the state Department of Transportation or affected local government or governmental agency

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- Applicants must note if the project is in the 7th Congressional District and any other Members will be requesting funds for the project
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit no more than three (3) project requests
- Applicants must submit applications via email to yul.edwards@mail.house.gov to ensure delivery
- Any questions should be directed to Yul Edwards at 202.225.5006.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff with any questions or concerns at 202-225-5006.

Sincerely,



Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE SUBCOMMITTEE FORM BELOW FOR
SUBMISSION**

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

Name and Address of Organization Requesting Funding:

1. 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? 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.
 - Federal-aid Highway
 - Highway/road
 - Located on a Federal-aid highway?
 - Yes
 - Located on the National Highway System?
 - Yes
 - Located on the Interstate System?
 - Yes
 - No
 - No
 - No
 - Bridge
 - Located on a Federal-aid highway?
 - Yes
 - Located on the National Highway System?
 - Yes
 - Located on the Interstate System?
 - Yes
 - No
 - No
 - No
 - Tunnel
 - Located on a Federal-aid highway?
 - Yes
 - Located on the National Highway System?
 - Yes
 - Located on the Interstate System?
 - Yes
 - No
 - No
 - No
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian project
 - Located on a Federal-aid highway?
 - Yes
 - Located on the National Highway System?
 - Yes

- Public Transit (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
 - Transit Bus or Van
 - Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars
 - Transit Ferry
 - Transit Facilities
 - Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility
 - Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals
 - Transit Rights-of-Way
 - Property Acquisition
 - Corridor Development
 - Rail Track Construction or Maintenance
 - Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance
 - Transit Equipment
 - 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.)
- Rail
 - 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
 - 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
 - No
 - Freight Rail
 - Class I Freight Rail
 - Class II or Class III Freight Rail
 - Research
 - University Transportation Center
 - Other
2. Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation,¹ 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
 - Which entity confirmed the project eligibility?
 - Federal Highway Administration Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - Federal Transit Administration Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - State Department of Transportation Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - Public Transit Agency Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - According to the entity, is the project eligible under Title 23, Title 49, or both Titles 23 and title 49?
 - Title 23 (Highways)
 - Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit)
 - Both Title 23 and Chapter 53 of Title 49
 - No
3. Please identify the state, regional, or local governmental entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds.
- Highways
(State Departments of Transportation (DOT))
 - Public Transit
 - State DOT
(State Departments of Transportation (DOT))
 - Local Government
(Only one entity may be selected)
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization “MPO” (write in name and address)
 - Transit Agency (write in name and address)
 - City (write in name and address)
 - County (write in name and address)
 - Federally-recognized tribe (write in name and address)
 - Other (write in name and address)

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

- Rail
(Amtrak / State DOT)
4. 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 preselected options of activities: 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
5. 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
6. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?
- 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
 - No
7. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?
- 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
 - No

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

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

- Current status
 - Federal-aid Highway projects:
 - In Planning
 - In Environmental Review
 - In Final Design
 - In Right-of-Way Acquisition
 - Under Construction
 - Public Transit projects:
 - In Planning
 - In Alternatives Analysis
 - In Preliminary Engineering
 - In Final Design
 - Under Construction or Procurement
 - Rail projects:
 - In Planning
 - In Environmental Review
 - In Preliminary Engineering
 - In Design
 - Under Construction
 - Research:
 - Under Research
 - Under Development
 - Under Demonstration
 - Under Deployment
- What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?

10. Please provide a letter of support from a state, regional, or local governmental official 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. Please use **boldface font** to highlight these statements in the letter.

- Attached letter
11. 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
 - Please describe the regional or national significance of the project. Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).
 - No
12. 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).
13. Has the project previously received any Federal funding?
- Yes
 - surface transportation authorization act(s)
 - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L.109-59)
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated
 - Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) (P.L. 105-178)
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated
 - National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act) (P.L. 104-59)
 - Section Project Number
 - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated
 - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (P.L. 102-240)

