

Local Agencies,

WATS is pleased to announce the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program call for projects. The creation of a new TIP is an opportunity to develop a financially constrained program that looks to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan vision approved by the WATS Policy Committee.

The Federal Highway Administration requires that projects list cost by Year of Expenditure. To accomplish this, adjust project costs at a rate of four percent per year. The project cost is where inflation will be factored in. The Federal Highway Administration calls this Year of Expenditure (YOE) adjustment. YOE adjustment is required under federal rules for TIP preparation.

WATS would like to encourage eligible agencies to apply for all projects that they believe will align with the goals and vision of the LRP.

CALL REQUIREMENTS

1. Only Michigan Act 51 agencies which include transit, cities, villages, and road commissions are eligible to apply for projects as part of this process
2. All agencies must complete the required application materials for the fund source that they are applying for (found below).
3. Applications are due back to Suzann Flowers on **September 24, 2021**.
4. **WATS Funding Policies**
 - a. [Urban and Rural Program Eligibility](#)
 - b. [Urban and Rural Program Guidance](#)
5. [Conflict of Interest Matrix](#)
6. [TIP Development Timeline](#)

FEDERAL FUND SOURCES

1. Surface Transportation Program Block Grant - Urban (STP-U) and National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)

- WATS is requesting applications for FY 2024-2026 federal urban program
- Urban funds application can be downloaded [here](#)
- Transit funds application can be downloaded [here](#)
- Please use the resources provided here to assist you with developing your application:

- [2045 LRP](#)
- [2045 LRP Policy Bins](#)
- [WATS Performance Measures](#)
- [2045 LRP Public Comments](#)

Maps

- [Urban area map](#)
- [WATS Environmental Justice and Opportunity Index](#)

2. Surface Transportation Program Block Grant - Rural (STP-R) and Transportation Economic Development State D Funds (State D).

- WATS is requesting applications for FY 2024-2026 federal rural program and State D funds
- WATS rural funds application can be downloaded [here](#)
- WATS transit funds application can be downloaded [here](#)
- Please use the resources provided here to assist you with developing your application:
 - a. [MDOT Rural Task Force](#)
 - b. [2045 LRP](#)
 - c. [2045 LRP Policy Bins](#)
 - d. [WATS Performance Measures](#)
 - e. [2045 LRP Public Comments](#)

Maps

- [All season road map](#)
- [WATS Environmental Justice and Opportunity Index](#)

3. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

- WATS is requesting applications for FY 2024-2026 for transit and non-transit projects
- All CMAQ forms, emissions calculator tools can be found at [MDOT CMAQ website](#)
 - [SEMCOG CMAQ Application Form](#)
- *Helpful Resources:* [CMAQ program guidance](#), [Typically eligible and ineligible CMAQ projects](#), [additional items needed for eligibility determination](#)
- When completing your application be sure to provide all materials back to WATS to program into JobNet. This includes the CMAQ Emission Forms and SEMCOG CMAQ Application.
- * *Diesel Engine Retrofits* - Given the challenges in completing these projects, SEMCOG is encouraging agencies to look at other types of projects that would be competitive with this funding source.

- ***Please note that additional forms may be required when SEMCOG issues their formal call for CMAQ projects*

Key Dates for CMAQ Applicants

Aug – Nov 30, 2021	Project Selection: All agencies should coordinate with the appropriate MPO or RPA to select projects for submission. Agencies should also coordinate with the appropriate MDOT Region and/or TSC.
December 1, 2021	Project Draft Job Submittal Deadline
January 2022	CMAQ Sub-Committee Review of Projects: Applicants will be advised of project eligibility and, if necessary, asked to provide additional information.
February 2022	Final Subcommittee Review and Approval.

4. Small Urban

The MDOT Small Urban program communities in Washtenaw County are the Chelsea and Milan small urban areas. Projects have been selected through FY 2023. The next opportunity for funding will be in FY 2025. WATS staff will work with these partners to identify a specific date for these meetings where projects are reviewed by voting members.

Conclusion

Thank you for your participation in the FY 2023-2026 TIP development process. Should you have any questions please contact Suzann Flowers at flowerss@miwats.org or by phone at 269-206-2652.