

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP)

WHAT'S ELIGIBLE?

For cities whose population was 5,000 or greater as of the 2000 census, these funds can be used for any type of highway construction. They can also be used for ridesharing, vanpooling, intelligent transportation systems, and incident management, and any activity also eligible for transportation enhancement funding.

In areas of 50,000 population or greater, the projects are selected by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and must be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

HOW'S IT FUNDED?

STP funding pays 80% of project costs unless the project is for signalization, striping, signing, ridesharing, vanpooling (not marketing) or other safety-related work which can be funded with 100% federal funds.

If the project selected is on the State system of highways, TDOT will provide the matching 20%. If the project selected is on the Local system, the local government will pay the matching 20%. TDOT does not match federal funding for sidewalk construction, roadway lighting, or any transportation enhancement project.

HOW DO I APPLY?

For cities whose population is between 5,000 and 50,000, the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) should be informed of the project. At the same time, a letter should be submitted to the Manager of Local Program Development. It is TDOT's policy that all projects funded with locally controlled federal funds on local roads be managed by the local agency. Similarly, local agencies may manage HBRRP projects, LIC projects and SIA projects at their request. Local Program Development will prepare the documents necessary to initiate the project and will advise the local agency when it is safe to begin project development.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES PROCEED WITH ANY PHASE OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT A NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR THAT PHASE. A separate notice to proceed will be sent for each phase of project development (Preliminary Engineering, Land Acquisition and Construction). **EXPENSES INCURRED ON THESE PHASES WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROCEED HAS BEEN SENT BEFORE THEY ARE INITIATED.**