Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund Call for Projects

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2028-2032 Call for Projects

The Surface Transportation Program (STP) is a federally funded program which supports highways and bridges, transit capital improvements, as well as bike and pedestrian projects. The STP Shared Fund is programmed by the STP Project Selection Committee and administered by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) staff.

The STP Shared Fund supports a multimodal transportation system, promotes efficiency, ensures accessibility, and strengthens sustainability, while supporting the goals of 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and ON TO 2050.

Call for Projects (CFP) Timeline

CFP opens	Webinar	CFP closes	Staff recommended program	Public comment period	Project selection committee	Transportation committee	Final MPO Policy Committee Approval
October 19 2026	October 28, 2026	December 18 2026	April 2027				June 2027

Eligible project types

- Bicycle and pedestrian barrier elimination
- Bridge rehabilitation and reconstruction
- Bus speed improvements
- Corridor-level or small area safety improvements
- Highway/rail grade crossing improvements
- Roadway reconstructions and expansions
- Transit station, yard, or terminal improvements
- Truck route improvements

Eligibility requirements

Projects must be included in a locally-adopted plan.

Total project cost must be at least $5 million or the project must be a partnership of 3 or more eligible sponsors.

Eligible sponsors include any state agency or unit of government that can levy taxes (e.g., municipality, county, township, park district, forest preserve district, or transit agency)

All awarded STP funding requires a 20 percent local* match.**

Phase I engineering is ineligible for funding, exceptions.**

**Motor fuel tax, Rebuild Illinois bond funds, state and private funds can be used for local match*

***Local match and preliminary engineering eligibility requirements could be waived for Cohort 4 communities.*

Project scoring criteria

- **15%** Project readiness
- **50%** Transportation impact
- **30%** Planning factors
- **5%** Subregional priority

Individual scoring criteria are based on the project type. See the STP Shared Fund application workbook on the call for projects webpage for details.

For more information, visit the Call for Projects webpage: cmap.is/2026callforprojects

Please contact your Planning Liaison for project-specific questions or transportation@cmap.illinois.gov for general inquiries.

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