



FY 2023 – 2026 TIP Call for Projects – STBG and STBG-TA Funds

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is currently developing the Fiscal Year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is updated on a three-year cycle and covers a period of four years. Therefore, the current FY 2020-2023 TIP will transition to a new FY 2023-2026 TIP. This call for projects allows jurisdictions to apply for new projects, or roll over and update unobligated phases of projects currently programmed in the FY 2020-2023 TIP.

Project Eligibility: Projects to improve roadway safety, capacity, operations, or other conditions must be located facilities identified on the federal functional classification system as an Urban Minor Collector or higher. Bicycle/Pedestrian and other multimodal projects (e.g., sidewalks, greenways, transit) are not required to be on the federal functional classification system.

In addition, projects should be included in the fiscally constrained project list of the Knoxville TPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (*Mobility Plan 2045*). In some instances, projects not individually listed, yet consistent with Mobility Plan 2045, may be eligible to proceed. Projects not currently included in the Mobility Plan fiscally constrained project list should be considered for the TIP only when new funds have been identified to advance the project.

If you have questions regarding project eligibility, please contact TPO staff to discuss.

Funding Available:

TPO staff has identified an un-obligated local Surface Transportation Block Grant (L-STBG) federal fund balance of approximately \$56 million in FY 2023 available to program projects rolled over from the current TIP, cover funding shortfalls in rollover projects and fund new projects. Fiscal years 2024 through 2026 are projected to have approximately \$14.5 million available annually.

This Call for Projects will also cover applications for FY 2023 and later local Surface Transportation Block Grant Transportation Alternatives Program (STBG-TA) funds. Approximately \$1.2M is available to program projects rolled over from the current TIP, cover funding shortfalls in rollover projects and fund new projects in FY 2023. Fiscal years 2024 through 2026 are projected to have approximately \$900,000 available annually.

Final revenue amounts will be determined by authorizations from the federal transportation bill. Carryover funds may be impacted by cost increases within the current TIP program.



Fiscal Year 2023-2026 L-STBG Forecast (Federal Amounts)					
TPO STBG Funds	Opening Balance	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Annual Allocation		\$14,000,000	\$14,308,000	\$14,622,776	\$14,944,477
Allocation + Balance Carry Over	\$42,201,230	\$56,201,230	\$45,299,584	\$49,357,947	\$59,752,964
Projected Rollover Programming		\$25,209,646	\$10,564,413	\$4,549,460	\$0
Balance		\$30,991,584	\$34,735,171	\$44,808,487	\$59,752,964

Fiscal Year 2023-2026 L-STBG-TA Forecast (Federal Amounts)					
TPO STBG-TA Funds	Opening Balance	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Annual Allocation		\$900,000	\$919,800	\$940,036	\$960,716
Allocation + Balance Carry Over	\$309,312	\$1,209,312	\$1,371,112	\$2,311,148	\$3,271,864
Projected Rollover Programming		\$758,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Balance		\$451,312	\$1,371,112	\$2,311,148	\$3,271,864

Project Cost Estimates:

Construction phase estimates must include an appropriate contingency factor, as well as construction engineering & inspection and TDOT oversight costs.

Project costs are programmed in the TIP in year of expenditure dollars. Please apply an appropriate inflation rate to project a current year cost to a future year. The current TDOT project cost estimator tool will be provided with the application materials. A standard inflation rate of 5% is recommended in cases where professional judgment/advice does not suggest otherwise.

Project cost totals should reflect previously obligated costs.



Application Process:

- **Timeline –**

Begin Call for Projects – January 14, 2022

End Call for Projects – Friday, February 25, 2022

TPO Staff Scoring and Project Selection Recommendation – March, 2022

Draft TIP to Technical Committee/Executive Board for Review – June, 2022

Final TIP Technical Committee Recommendation/Executive Board Adoption – September, 2022

- **Application Forms** – New projects (those not rolled over from FY 2020-2023 TIP) will submit a full application form. Projects programmed in the current TIP (and eligible for rollover programming, as determined by TIP Policies) will submit a simplified project rollover/update form. Please contact TPO staff for any questions about the application forms, or to verify which form to complete.
- **Evaluation Criteria** – New projects will be scored based on the goals and factors developed as part of the Mobility Plan 2045 and identified on the Application Form as well as included as part of this information supplement.