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**DATE:** July 7, 2010

**TO:** Elected Officials, Professional Staff of Jurisdictions and Transportation Agencies

**FROM:** David A. Warm, Executive Director

**RE: **FY 2013–2014 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND BRIDGE PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS****  
**DEADLINE: AUGUST 20, 2010**

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is soliciting project proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 2013–2014 Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (BR) funds in its role as metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Greater Kansas City.

#### **PROJECTS TO SUPPORT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION GOALS**

On June 29, 2010, the MARC Board of Directors adopted *Transportation Outlook 2040*, a new long-range transportation plan based on collaboration between local, regional and state leaders and citizens. It describes how our region can achieve a transportation vision that results in a “safe, regional, balanced multimodal transportation system that integrates land-use planning, supports equitable access to opportunities and protects the environment” and ensures our transportation investments contribute toward the broader vision of Greater Kansas City as “a sustainable region that enhances the vitality of our society, economy and environment for current residents and future generations.”

In order to make the most progress toward our regional and transportation visions, the broad policy goals identified in *Transportation Outlook 2040* will serve as a guide for regional transportation investments during this call for projects. Project proposals submitted for consideration will be evaluated based on how closely they align with the policy goals of the plan. In particular, MARC encourages potential applicants to consider submitting projects that address public transit and other alternative modes in addition to more traditional roadway construction projects.

#### **ANTICIPATED FUNDING**

Since these funding years are beyond the term of current federal transportation legislation, some uncertainty remains about the level of funding available for programming by MARC. In light of this, MARC will look to recent levels of funding to provide a reasonable estimate of the resources available for programming purposes. For this project solicitation, MARC anticipates the following two-year funding targets; however, these estimates may be subject to change:

**Kansas:** Approximately \$27 million      **Missouri:** Approximately \$34 million

Both the STP and Bridge programs are reimbursement programs and require a 20 percent local match for federal funds.

#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND USES**

Jurisdictions and transportation agencies located within MARC’s MPO boundary (Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties in Kansas, and Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri) may submit projects for consideration.

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Flexibility and a broad range of eligible activities are hallmarks of STP funds. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, capital investments in:

- Bicycle/pedestrian, livable communities pilot projects and other projects
- Public transportation projects
- Bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects
- Roadway capacity projects
- Transportation operations and management projects
- Transportation safety projects

Projects eligible for Bridge funds include, but are not limited to:

- Construction of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane structures on a public bridge
- Culverts of minimum size that constitute a public bridge
- Reconstruction, replacement, rehabilitation, repair and restoration of deficient highway bridges
- Widening of bridges or viaducts to relieve congestion on a public bridge

Eligibility for STP and Bridge funds is also related to the Federal Roadway Functional Classification system as documented on the MARC website. A link to the Functional Classification System map is provided below. STP funds can be used within the Kansas City MPO boundary on all facilities functionally classified as urban collector or higher. Bridge funds may be used in Kansas on any public road not classified as local on the Federal Functional Classification network. In Missouri, Bridge funds may be used on any public road not classified as local or rural minor collectors on the Federal Functional Classification network.

Finally, in order to demonstrate greater financial commitment by project applicants and to maximize the distribution of these funds for project implementation activities, STP and Bridge funds may not be used for design or preliminary engineering activities. In Kansas, utility adjustments or right-of-way acquisition for any project are also not eligible uses of STP and Bridge funds. More information is available on the websites for the Kansas and Missouri STP/BR Priorities committees. Links to the websites are provided below.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**The application deadline for this project solicitation is 4 p.m. on Aug. 20, 2010.** As in previous years, the STP/BR application process will be completed using an Internet-based database and submittal form. The application instructions, resources, maps, and online form will be accessible at the following Internet location:

[www.marc.org/transportation/STP-BR](http://www.marc.org/transportation/STP-BR)

## **PRE-APPLICATION WORKSHOP**

On Tuesday, July 20, MARC staff will conduct a pre-application workshop and will be available to answer questions regarding the application procedures and form. This workshop will be held in the MARC Board Room from 2:30–4 pm. Attendance at the workshop is not required for applicants to participate in this funding opportunity, but is strongly encouraged. For more information, contact Marc Hansen at [mhansen@marc.org](mailto:mhansen@marc.org) or 816/701-8317.

## **RESOURCES**

*Transportation Outlook 2040*  
[www.marc.org/2040](http://www.marc.org/2040)

Federal Functional Classification System  
[www.marc.org/transportation/functional\\_class.htm](http://www.marc.org/transportation/functional_class.htm)

Kansas STP/BR Priorities Committee  
[www.marc.org/transportation/committees/stpbridgeks.htm](http://www.marc.org/transportation/committees/stpbridgeks.htm)

Missouri STP/BR Priorities Committee  
[www.marc.org/transportation/committees/stpbridgemo.htm](http://www.marc.org/transportation/committees/stpbridgemo.htm)