

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & City Council Members
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

From: Joe Ramos, City Engineer
Rick T. Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Call for Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) program funded projects for the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Date: November 20, 2015

In March 2015, the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) issued a call for Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) program funded projects for the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The development of the TIP is a process by which federal transportation funds are allocated to major road, street, highway, bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation projects within the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization area. Contingent upon the availability of federal funding, the expected STP-MM amount available for this program call is estimated at \$100,000,000. Projects selected will be programmed to be let to contract in years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Please note that this will be a reimbursable and all federal rules will apply. As such, the program requires a minimum 20% local match for construction costs; every project submitted will need to include a formal commitment of this local match. The City of Seguin will be responsible for all project development costs to include right of way acquisition and engineering costs. Generally, only projects on functionally classified roadways are eligible for federal funding. Roadway projects on local or residential streets do not typically qualify for federal transportation funds.

Due to the limited amount of funding available the MPO is limiting the number of projects submitted per agency to not more than ten (10) or the total amount of the project call, whichever is higher. If an agency submits more than one project, the MPO requires the agency to prioritize their projects. The projects selected for funding will be placed in fiscal year 2019 or 2020 of the TIP and the implementing agency commits to developing and letting selected projects in that timeframe.

Projects submitted for funding will be grouped into six functional categories for evaluation purposes.

- Added Capacity roadway projects – projects which add through lanes to a facility.
- Roadway Rehabilitation projects – reconstructing a facility without adding through lanes.
- Operational projects – projects which improve the operational capacity of a facility without adding through lanes, such as adding a right, left or center turn lane, adding or improving intersection signalization, and making geometric improvements.
- Stand alone Bicycle projects – projects which construct, rehabilitate, or upgrade bicycle facilities and mobility.
- Stand alone Pedestrian projects – projects which construct, rehabilitate or upgrade pedestrian facilities and mobility.
- Other projects – examples include transit projects, the Alamo Area Commute Solutions Program and major planning studies.

Projects submitted for consideration will be evaluated and scored by members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC), as appropriate. City Engineer Joe Ramos will be the City representative for this area. Project scoring will be based on a 1,000 point (or more) system with additional points being awarded for certain project components. These components may include but are not limited to project match, inclusion of bicycle or pedestrian facilities.

Based on this criteria, for this year's call staff is recommending submittal of an added capacity project; Section I Rudeloff Road from Hwy 46 to East of the Softball Field. This project will consist of a 71'-6" roadway section, with two lanes in each direction, a continuous left turn lane, bike lanes, roadside ditches and sidewalks. Total project costs are estimated at \$7,920,981. The City of Seguin 20% construction match and development costs (including engineering and right-of-way acquisition) are estimated at \$2,867,654. Staff recommends approval.