

Surface Transportation Program (STP) (Wis. Stats. s.84.03, 23 United States Code)

Program Overview:

- Provides federal funding for up to 80 percent of the cost of projects eligible under the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), primarily local road projects.
- Only roads functionally classified as rural major collector, urban collector or greater are eligible for funding. Project types are generally resurfacing or greater.
- Projects are solicited every two years for overlapping 4-5 year forward-looking periods.
- Rural (less than 5,000 population) and small urban (5,000-50,000 population) projects are selected using a statewide rating and ranking process based on project cost, share of eligible mileage and other factors.
- Projects in urbanized areas (greater than 50,000 population) are selected by each metropolitan planning organization (MPO) or transportation management area (TMA) based on an allocation of funding specified by WisDOT.
- All projects are state let. Project oversight is conducted by WisDOT region staff as responsible charge for the projects' compliance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements.

Program Funding:

- 2017-19 Biennium - \$144,422,600 FED; includes \$10,000,000 set-aside for safety (HSIP) projects

Challenges:

- Cost effective delivery of projects.
- Adequately addressing statewide needs with historically flat funding levels.
- Providing flexibility for local scheduling priorities and project changes.

Policy/Budget Opportunities:

- Adoption of a risk-based project oversight model.
- Explore creating federal project delivery certification for interested local government sponsors with multiple federal projects and staff capable assuming increased project delivery responsibility.