



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of April 20, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 4-G

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SUBJECT:

Department of Transportation FY 2022 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued a joint Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year [\(FY\) 2022 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity \(MPDG\)](#). There is \$2.85 billion in total funding. The application deadline is **May 23, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.**

The joint NOFO combines three programs into one comprehensive grant solicitation: Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects – known as the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) – Grant Program; the National Infrastructure Project Assistance – or Megaprojects (Mega) – Grant Program authorized by the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (PL 117-58); and the Rural Surface Transportation (Rural) Grant Program authorized by the BIL.

All three programs will be evaluated under common project outcome criteria. The purpose of the program is to support surface transportation projects of national or regional significance, including highway, bridge, intercity passenger rail, railway-highway grade crossing or separation, wildlife crossing, public transportation, marine highway, freight, and multimodal projects.

Applicants may apply for one, two, or three programs within the larger MPDG grant opportunity, as eligible projects and objectives may overlap. DOT states that the solicitation “aims to better enable the Department to proactively assist project sponsors in matching projects with the most appropriate grant program(s) and facilitate individual projects in potentially receiving funding from multiple programs.” DOT encourages applicants to apply for multiple programs “to maximize their potential of receiving Federal support.” Multiple entities submitting a joint application must identify a lead applicant as a primary point of contact. Please note that applicants will be considered across all three programs unless they opt out. Lead applicants may submit up to three unique applications per grant program

within the MPDG opportunity. Applicants may also request funding for a network of projects that address the same transportation problem.

Project outcome criteria are as follows: Safety; State of Good Repair; Economic Impacts, Freight Movement, and Job Creation; Climate Change, Resiliency, and the Environment; Equity, Multimodal Options, and Quality of Life; and Innovation Areas in Technology, Project Delivery, and Financing.

For more information visit the [Notice of Funding website](#).

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.