



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of July 19, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 5-P

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SUBJECT:

FY 2023 and 2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG)

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 \(FY\) 2023 and 2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity \(MPDG\)](#). There is up to \$5.575 billion in total funding. The application deadline is **August 21, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (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](#)**; and the **[Rural Surface Transportation \(Rural\) Grant Program](#)**.

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, and to enhance surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas.

Applicants may apply for one, two, or three programs within the larger MPDG grant opportunity. 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: Technology, Project Delivery, and Financing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.