

Transportation Alternatives Program

2017 Call for Projects

For the St. Louis Region

Community Improvement and Environmental Mitigation Activities

Submitting Agency:

Project Title:

Federal Amount Requested:

Applications Due: Monday, June 19, 2017 by 4:00 PM



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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION ACTIVITIES
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Please refer to the Project Development Workbook for more information on the program requirements, scoring criteria, and available funding. The Project Development Workbook is available on the East-West Gateway website: www.ewgateway.org.

This project application form is for the community improvement and the environmental mitigation activities. There are separate project application forms for the bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure, and for the SRTS non-infrastructure activities. If your agency is interested in applying for those projects, please obtain the application forms from the East-West Gateway website, or contact the East-West Gateway staff for more information.

Viewing and utilizing the application form will require the installation of Adobe Reader. A free download of the software can be obtained here: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. **Please save the application to your computer before filling out the necessary information.** Rename the PDF file using the following format: 2017TAP_[Sponsor]_[Project Name].pdf. You may attach additional pages to the application if necessary to address questions in the application.

The call for projects begins April 4, 2017 and ends on June 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Submit the completed application and necessary attachments electronically to rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org. Please submit one application per email. Electronic copies can also be delivered on a CD or USB drive. You will receive an email confirmation within one business day of submittal. If you do not receive confirmation or have questions about the application, contact Rachael Pawlak.

Applicants must also submit one (1) hard copy (including attachments) to:

East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Attention: Transportation Planning Department – TAP
Gateway Tower
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600
St. Louis, MO 63102-2451

The information provided in this application is public record.

Project sponsors wanting feedback on applications may submit a preliminary copy by May 5, 2017 to Rachael Pawlak at rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org. East-West Gateway staff will review the applications submitted and will return comments by email by May 19, 2017. If a preliminary application is submitted for feedback, a final application must still be submitted by June 19, 2017.

If you have any questions, contact Rachael Pawlak at 314/421-4220 (MO) or 618/274-2750 (IL), or email at rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org.

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PROJECT CHECKLIST

The evaluation and scoring of all projects will be based on the answers provided in the application and the attachments submitted. Materials that must be submitted include: project application fee, application form, required signatures, detailed cost estimate, and project location map. All other materials are not required, but aid in the evaluation and scoring process.

The materials should be submitted in the following order.

Project Application:

- Project application fee – ½ of one percent of federal funds requested
- Completed Transportation Alternatives Program application
- Required signatures: Notification of Title VI Requirements, Financial Certification of Matching Funds, Person of Responsible Charge Certification, Right-of-Way Acquisition Certification Statement, Policy on Reasonable Progress Certification – Missouri Sponsors Only, Certification of Funding Availability – Illinois Sponsors Only

Attachment A:

- Detailed cost estimate provided by project sponsor

Attachment B:

- Project location map – project location will be used to determine both the PUI and EJ score
- Photographs of existing conditions
- Drawings or preliminary sketches of the proposed project

Attachment C:

- Documentation of an approved or adopted plan, ordinance, and/or policy – **do not attach entire plan documents, only include the necessary pages**
- Coordination letter from the agency with jurisdiction over facility, if applicable
- Letters of support: endorsements or petitions from associations, boards, school districts, citizens, businesses, etc.
- Documentation of public involvement process: public meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, press announcements, etc.

SUBMITTAL TYPE (CHECK ONE):

- Preliminary application (for comments) – Due May 5, 2017
- Final application – Due June 19, 2017

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION	
Project title:	
Sponsoring agency:	Contact information – name, title, agency, mailing address, phone, e-mail:
Secondary sponsor agency (if applicable):	
Project type: <u>Community Improvement Activity</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising <input type="checkbox"/> Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological activities related to implementation of a transportation project <u>Environmental Mitigation Activity</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or habitat connectivity	
Project status: <input type="checkbox"/> New project <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation TAP/STP-S/CMAQ project <input type="checkbox"/> Add to existing non-federally funded project	Is this application request for a piece of a larger project (phase) or the entire length of project? <input type="checkbox"/> Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Full project
TIP ID # of existing project:	
PROJECT LOCATION *Project sponsor must include a map clearly showing the exact project location(s) and extents.	
Name of street or facility to be improved:	
Project limits – north/west reference point, cross street, or intersection:	Municipality and county:
Project limits – south/east reference point, cross street, or intersection:	Municipality and county:

ROADWAY INFORMATION

Federal functional classification of road (per East-West Gateway):

Speed limit of street (current and proposed):

Annual Average Daily Vehicular Traffic (AADT):

Is the project area currently ADA compliant?

Yes No Unknown

If no, does the project scope include upgrading facilities to ADA compliance? **All applicants are required by law to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 for project accessibility.*

Yes No Unknown

PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Does the sponsoring agency own and maintain this facility? *If no, a letter of support for this project is required from the facility owner.*

Yes No Unknown

Status of right-of-way acquisition:

- All acquired or none needed
- In process
- Not started

If applicable, list the number of parcels to be acquired *(all properties, permanent and/or temporary easements, TSCL, and other rights-of-way)*:

Will the project traverse any public property, such as a public park that has used federal funds *(i.e., Land and Water Conservation Funds)* in the past?

Yes No Unknown

Does the project traverse any property owned by a railroad?

Yes No Unknown

Estimated completion (construction) year:

UTILITY INFORMATION **Project sponsor must coordinate with utilities prior to construction.*

Will the project require the relocation of any utilities?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, which utility companies will need to be coordinated with (i.e., electric, phone, gas, water, cable tv, sewer, other):

Give details concerning potential utility conflicts, problems, or issues:

MAINTENANCE INFORMATION *TAP funds are not available for on-going maintenance activities such as mowing and snow removal.

List any regular maintenance tasks anticipated over the next 25 years:

Estimated annual cost to maintain facility and identify funding source:

PROJECT READINESS

Is the project identified in an approved or adopted plan, policy, or ordinance?

Yes No Unknown

Name of adopted plan, policy, or ordinance:

Adoption date of plan, policy, or ordinance:

What planning has been completed to date?

Conceptual Plan Preliminary Plan Final Plan

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE *Many stages can occur concurrently.

Activity Description	State Date (MM/YYYY)	Finish Date (MM/YYYY)	Time Frame (Months)
Receive notification letter	10/2017	10/2017	
Execute agreement (project sponsor and DOT)			
Engineering services contract submitted and approved*			
Obtain environmental clearances (106, CE-2, etc.)			
Public meeting/hearing			
Develop and submit preliminary plans			
Preliminary plans approved			
Develop and submit right-of-way plans			
Review and approval of right-of-way plans			
Submit and receive approval for notice to proceed for right-of-way acquisition (A-Date)*			
Right-of-way acquisition			
Utility coordination			
Develop and submit PS&E			
District approval of PS&E/advertise for bids*			
Submit and receive bids for review and approval			
Project implementation/construction			

* Finish date must match fiscal year for each milestone shown in **bold** text.

FINANCIAL PLAN *Fiscal years are federal fiscal years (October 1 through September 30). Federal funds must not exceed 80% of the total cost.

Activity	Starting Federal Fiscal Year	Total Phase Cost	TAP Funds Requested	Sponsor Share	Sponsor Share Percentage
PE/Planning/Environmental Studies	FY	\$	\$	\$	%
Right-of-Way	FY	\$	\$	\$	%
Implementation	FY	\$	\$	\$	%
Construction Engineering	FY	\$	\$	\$	%
TOTAL PROJECT COST		\$	\$	\$	%
Identify the source(s) of local matching funds:					
Have the matching funds been secured (provide details):					
Has the project received funds programmed from other funding sources (provide details):					

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a brief description of the purpose of the project and the scope of work. If the project can be broken down into constructible segments, please provide information on each segment.

If the project is part of a larger federally funded roadway or transit improvement, describe it:

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Describe the public involvement activities to date on the proposed project:

Community Improvement Activity Project Specific Questions

**Answer the corresponding questions for the proposed project type.*

CONSTRUCTION OF TURNOUTS, OVERLOOKS, AND VIEWING AREAS
Is the project associated with a designated state or national byway? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
If yes, describe the association. Is the project directly on the byway, adjacent, or in proximity?
Describe how the project addresses any current or potential safety problems (<i>i.e., vehicle parking on the side of the road, no facilities for pedestrians, etc.</i>):
Describe the significance of the scenic or historic view shed. What is the importance and permanence of the site to be viewed? <i>Photo documentation of the view shed should be included in the application.</i>
Describe the anticipated impact to the public, as well as the degree of visibility, public exposure and/or public use.
Describe any educational components that will be displayed to the public.
Describe the maintenance plan for the facility.
Explain how the project improves the economic wellbeing of the community and/or provides a benefit to tourism.

INVENTORY, CONTROL, OR REMOVAL OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

Are the advertising signs located on or in view shed of a national or state designated byway, or historic district?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, identify the designated byway or historic district:

Are the advertising signs located close to, or in view shed of, a state park, preserve, forest, or historic site?

Yes No Unknown

When will the advertising signs be removed (*i.e., by a specific date, phased out overtime*)?

Describe how the project addresses any current safety problems such as sight distance or driver confusion due to existing placement and configuration of advertising signs.

Describe how relevant jurisdictions within the project area control future or additional outdoor advertising signs.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Is the property currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places? *If yes, attach the National Register nomination form with the application.*

Yes No Unknown

If no, are there plans to pursue listing?

Yes No Unknown

Is the property listed on any other current historical inventories? If yes, please describe.

Explain how the project complies with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties?

Is the facility in a seriously deteriorated condition or threatened by demolition?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, explain:

Describe the future use of the restored transportation facility, including details regarding the proposed operation of the facility. Will the facility be used and operated in a manner that is consistent with its historic character?

Does the project maintain accessibility by the general public or improve the ability of the public to appreciate the historic significance of the property?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, explain:

Does the project include a long-term preservation plan or maintenance plan?

Yes No Unknown

Explain how the project improves the economic wellbeing of the community or neighborhood and/or provides a benefit to tourism.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN TRANSPORTATION RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Identify the transportation right-of-way and the extent of the current problem. *Provide documentation of the existing problem.*

Describe how the vegetation has negatively impacted the surrounding area.

What has prevented this vegetation issue from being addressed previously?

How will the project improve roadway safety, prevent invasive species, and/or provide erosion control?

Describe how you will monitor performance of the project in future years. *Attach relevant adopted maintenance or mitigation plans and performance measures.*

Does the project provide benefits beyond those of vegetation management?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, explain:

ARCHEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Is there a need or urgency to research the associated transportation project site (*i.e., there is no existing data available in the project area*)?

Yes No Unknown

Describe the associated transportation project and the research plan.

Explain why TAP funds are needed to fund the research, or if the funds are needed to supplement ongoing archaeological research.

Describe the negative impacts of the related transportation project and how the proposed activities will improve or mitigate these impacts.

Describe the anticipated impact to the public, in addition to the public exposure and/or public use. Include any educational components that will be displayed to the public.

Explain how the project improves the economic wellbeing of the community and/or provides a benefit to tourism.

Environmental Mitigation Activity Project Specific Questions

**Answer the corresponding questions for the proposed project type.*

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, CONTROL, AND WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION OR ABATEMENT
Is there an environmental threat to the site that would occur if the project is not funded? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
If yes, identify the impacts of highway construction and/or highway runoff (such as soil erosion, water quality, etc.):
Describe what stormwater best management practices will be utilized to attain water quality and water quantity goals. How will the practice improve or mitigate the problem related to highway construction and/or highway runoff?
Describe how the project's performance will be monitored in future years. <i>Attach relevant adopted mitigation plans and performance measures.</i>
Does the project provide benefits beyond those of mitigation? (<i>i.e., additional flood control benefits, safety, etc.</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
If yes, explain:

REDUCE VEHICLE-CAUSED WILDLIFE MORTALITY OR HABITAT CONNECTIVITY

Is there a threat to wildlife that would occur if the project is not funded?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, explain:

Describe the severity of vehicle/wildlife crashes by the number of accidents or delays occurring within the project vicinity.

Describe how the project is designed to reduce the chance of a vehicle/wildlife crash.

Describe how the project's performance will be monitored in future years. *Attach relevant adopted mitigation plans and performance measures.*

Does the project provide benefits beyond those of mitigation?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, explain:

NOTIFICATION OF TITLE VI REQUIREMENTS

Title VI

A recipient of any federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation (“DOT”) must comply with federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and other pertinent directives that govern nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs. Below is a list of the statutes and regulations that may apply to a recipient’s program; however, other federal requirements regarding nondiscrimination may be imposed by DOT.

- A. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*
- B. All requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49: Transportation, Subtitle A: Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Part 21: *Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.*

As part of federal requirements, a recipient of funds from DOT must ensure that it has written policies and procedures in place to ensure nondiscrimination in its programs, up to and including, developing a Title VI Plan.

Nondiscrimination

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- A. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 21 – *Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.*
- B. The equal employment opportunity provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 5332 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, including:
 1. 41 CFR Part 60 – *Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.*
- C. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 25 – *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance.*
- D. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, including:
 1. 49 CFR Part 37—*Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA).*
 2. 49 CFR Part 27—*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance.*
 3. 36 CFR Part 1192 and 49 CFR Part 38—*Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles.*
 4. 28 CFR Part 35—*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services.*
 5. 28 CFR Part 36—*Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities.*

6. 41 CFR Subpart 101 – 119—*Accommodations for the Physically Handicapped*.
 7. 29 CFR Part 1630—*Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act*.
 8. 47 CFR Part 64, Subpart F—*Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled*.
 9. 36 CFR Part 1194—*Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards*.
 10. 49 CFR Part 609—*Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons*.
 11. Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination directives implementing those federal laws and regulations, unless the federal government determines otherwise in writing.
- E. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 90 – *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance*.
 - F. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 through 634, and implement regulations of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 29 CFR Part 1625—*Age Discrimination in Employment Act*.
 - G. The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, 21 U.S.C. §§ 1101 *et seq.*, the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4541 *et seq.*, and the Public Health Service Act of 1912, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 290dd through 290dd-2.
 - H. Executive Order 12898—*Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note, and DOT Order 5620.3 at Federal Register Vol. 62 No. 18377—*Department of Transportation Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*.
 - I. Executive Order 13166 – *Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d – 1 note, and implementing policy guidance at Federal Register Vo. 70 No. 74087—*DOT Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients’ Responsibilities to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Person*.

By submitting its application as part of the TIP process and signing below, the Project Sponsor certifies that it has reviewed the federal requirements regarding nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs and believes that the Project Sponsor complies with the required policies and procedures. Also, the Project Sponsor acknowledges its understanding that if the Project Sponsor does not have the required policies and procedures in place prior to federal funds being obligated, then the Project Sponsor’s project may become ineligible for federal funding.

Name (print)

Title

Signature

Date

FINANCIAL CERTIFICATION OF MATCHING FUNDS

This is to ensure sufficient funds are available to pay the non-federal share of project expenditures for the following project to be funded under the provisions of the Fixing America’s Transportation (FAST) Act.

Project Title: _____

Local Match Amount: _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Chief Elected Official (or Chief Executive Officer):

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Chief Financial Officer:

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PERSON OF RESPONSIBLE CHARGE CERTIFICATION

The key regulatory provision, 23 CFR 635.105 – Supervising Agency, provides that the State Transportation Agency (STA) is responsible for construction of federal-aid projects, whether it or a local public agency (LPA) performs the work. The regulation provides that the STA and LPA must provide its full-time employee to be in “responsible charge” of the project.

The undersigned employee(s) of the Project Sponsor will act as person of responsible charge. If at any point the employee leaves the LPA, the LPA is responsible for finding a suitable replacement and notifying East-West Gateway. If the person of responsible charge is found to not be a full-time employee of the LPA, it will result in the loss of federal funds for this project. One employee can act as person of responsible charge for all three phases. All three phases must be signed.

Person of Responsible Charge – Design Phase

Name (print): _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Person of Responsible Charge – Right-of-Way Acquisition Phase

Name (print): _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Person of Responsible Charge – Construction Phase

Name (print): _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have the right and responsibility to review and monitor the acquisition procedures of any federally funded transportation project for adherence to The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. Those projects found in non-compliance may jeopardize all or part of their federal funding.

A. The Project Sponsor hereby certifies that any right-of-way, and/ or permanent or temporary easements necessary for this project, obtained prior to this application, were acquired in accordance with The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

B. The Project Sponsor also certifies that any additional right-of-way, and/or permanent or temporary easements, subsequently required to complete the project, will be acquired according to The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

Name (print)

Title

Signature

Date

POLICY ON REASONABLE PROGRESS CERTIFICATION – MISSOURI SPONSORS ONLY

Following on the next page is a copy of the policy on reasonable progress adopted by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors.

The undersigned representative of the Project Sponsor hereby certifies that s(he) has read this policy and understands its requirements. The representative acknowledges that failure to meet all of the reasonable progress requirements could result in federal funds being revoked and returned to the regional funding pool, as dictated by the policy.

Name (print)

Title

Signature

Date

POLICY ON REASONABLE PROGRESS – MISSOURI SPONSORS ONLY

Reasonable Progress

For projects or programs included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), “reasonable progress” will have been made if the project has advanced to the point of obligating all federal funds programmed for that project in the current fiscal year, regardless of the phase of work (*i.e., preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, or plans specifications and estimates*). If a project fails to obligate the programmed federal funds by September 30 of the current year, the funding will be forfeited and returned to the regional funding pot. Actual progress toward implementation is measured against the schedule submitted by the Project Sponsor in the project application.

Policy Procedures and Enforcement

Projects that do not obligate all federal funds by the Board approved suspense date will be removed from the TIP and the federal funds associated with those projects will be returned to the regional funding pool for redistribution. The removal of projects from the TIP will require no further Board action and the sponsor will have to repay any federal funds already spent if the funding is forfeited.

If a project is realizing delays that will put the federal funding at risk of forfeiture (*i.e., not meet a September 30 deadline*), the Project Sponsor will have the opportunity to ask for consideration of a “one-time extension” in their project schedule. The one-time extension can only be requested for the implementation/construction phase of the project. The extension request will only be considered once a year, and has to be made before June 1 of the current fiscal year of the TIP.

To be considered for this extension the Project Sponsor has to demonstrate on all counts: a) the delay is beyond their control and the sponsor has done due diligence in progressing the project; b) federal funds have already been obligated on the project or in cases that no federal funds are used for PE and/or ROW acquisition, there has been significant progress toward final plan preparation; and c) there is a realistic strategy in place to obligate all funds.

One-time extensions of up to three (3) months may be granted by East-West Gateway staff and one-time extensions greater than three (3) months, but not more than nine (9) months, will go to the Board of Directors for their consideration and approval. Projects requesting schedule advancements will be handled on a case-by-case basis, subject to available funding, and are subject to the Board adopted rules for TIP modifications.

Project Monitoring

An extensive monitoring program has been developed to help track programmed projects and ensure that funding commitments and plans are met. Monthly tracking reports are developed and posted on the East-West Gateway website, utilizing project information provided by the Project Sponsor, IDOT, and MoDOT district offices. Additionally, project sponsors are contacted at least every three (3) months by East-West Gateway staff for project status interviews.

CERTIFICATION FOR FUNDING AVAILABILITY – ILLINOIS SPONSORS ONLY

Section 1104 of the FAST Act provides for the reservation of funds apportioned to a state under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(2) to carry out TAP under 23 U.S.C. 133(h).

Period of Availability: TAP funds are contract authority. TAP obligations are reimbursed from the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund and funds are available for obligation for a period of three (3) years after the last day of the fiscal year for which the funds are authorized.

Funding for projects programmed during this solicitation will be available beginning in FY 2018, and must be obligated before the end of FY 2021. The project will be removed from the Transportation Improvement Program if the sponsor fails to obligate funding for all phases of work by September 30, 2021. The undersigned representative of the Project Sponsor hereby certifies that s(he) has read this certification and will adhere to the funding availability provision.

Name (print)

Title

Signature

Date