

**ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 26, 2019**

A meeting of the Illinois Transportation Planning Committee was called to order by Mr. Norm Etling of the St. Clair County Highway Department at 2:00 PM on September 26, 2019, at the Illinois Department of Transportation District 8 Regional Conference Room in Collinsville, Illinois.

A roll call of members was taken:

*St. Clair Co. Highway Dept. (Chair) – Norm Etling  
Madison Co. Highway Dept (V. Chair) – Mark Gvillo  
Monroe Co. Highway Dept. – Aaron Metzger  
Madison County TPC – Mayor Allen Adomite  
St. Clair County TPC – Mayor Richard Sauget  
Monroe County TPC – Chris Smith\*  
Madison Co. Transit – Jerry Kane  
St. Clair Co. Transit – Ken Sharkey  
Metro – Absent  
IDOT – Jon Schaller\**

*\*Authorized representative*

Others present at the meeting were:

<i>Dan Sommer – IDOT</i>	<i>Karen Geldert – IDOT</i>	<i>Josh Hensley - IDOT</i>
<i>Jason Lange – EWGCOG</i>	<i>Rachael Pawlak – EWGCOG</i>	<i>Josh Schwenk – EWGCOG</i>
<i>Kevin Jemison – IDOT</i>	<i>Tom Caldwell – IDOT</i>	<i>Randy Georgen – St. Clair Co</i>
<i>Mark Steyer – MCT</i>		

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

**Discussion and Clarification on Use of Federal Funds for Eligible Project Activities:**

At the previous IL TPC meeting held on May 8, 2019, committee policy was revised to allow usage of federal funds at an 80% funding level for STU projects beginning with those projects programmed for FY 2024. Discussion at that time included funding for construction as well as other eligible items, however the approved motion was not clear in that regard. In order to clarify the intent of the rule change, East-West Gateway requested input from this committee. The attached handout prepared by East-West Gateway was used for

discussion. Jason Lange explained the handout and the impact of funding construction only vs. funding construction along with construction engineering.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Adomite to limit STU project funding to 80% federal for construction and construction engineering beginning with those projects programmed for FY 2024. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sauget and carried unanimously.

**Establish the Schedule for the Next Meeting of the ITPC:**

Mr. Lange noted that project solicitation for the next cycle of projects will begin in mid-November with applications due in mid-February. The next meeting date will be in early May 2020.

A motion was made by Mayor Adomite to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned.



Jon A. Schaller, P.E.  
Secretary

Enclosures

cc: All Committee Members  
Keith Roberts  
Lora Rensing  
Jason Lange – EWGCOG  
Rachael Pawlak – EWGCOG  
Betsy Tracy – FHWA  
IDOT CBLRS

All Attendees  
Gwen Lagemann  
Tom Caldwell – IDOT OP&P  
Kevin Jemison – IDOT  
Holly Ostdick – IDOT OP&P  
Chris Fraley – FHWA



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**To:** Illinois Transportation Planning Committee

**From:** East-West Gateway Staff

**Subject:** Federal Participation Funding Scenarios for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Suballocated

**Date:** September 18, 2019

The Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) provides flexible funding that may be used by localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge, and tunnel projects on any public road, as well as for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals. The STBG was authorized by the most recent Federal transportation funding act, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which was signed into law on December 4, 2015. The FAST Act changed the long-standing Surface Transportation Program into the STBG and maintains the most flexible eligibilities among all Federal-aid highway programs. The STBG promotes flexibility in State and local transportation decisions and provides flexible funding to best address State and local transportation needs (FAST Act § 1109(a)).

A percentage of Illinois’s STBG funding is distributed to the Metro East including Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties. East-West Gateway refers to these funds as the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Suballocated (STP-S). Procedures or agreements that distribute suballocated STBG funds to individual jurisdictions or modes by pre-determined percentages or formulas are inconsistent with legislative provisions (23 CFR 450.326(m)).

**Current Funding Procedures**

The Illinois Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) has used the following procedures to guide STP-S project selection:

- No more than one project per city per funding year.
- In 2019 and prior years, STP-S funds could only be used to pay for up to 75% share for the implementation/construction phase. The share was increased from 75 percent to 80 percent for future solicitations at the Illinois TPC’s May 8, 2019 meeting.

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The East-West Gateway Board of Directors adopted the policy that each county as a geographic area receives at least one STP-S project per year.

### **Funding Scenarios**

The FAST Act sets a maximum of 80 percent reimbursement for the following phases of work: preliminary engineering (PE), right of way acquisition, construction, and construction engineering (CE). East-West Gateway reviewed two scenarios for STP-S funding based on funding only the construction phase and funding both construction and CE.

For the 2019 application round, 15 projects totaling \$6.2 million in STP-S funds were programmed based on the 75 percent federal share for construction. Over the past 5 years, an average of \$5.7 million in STP-S projects have been recommended for funding.

The base scenario includes all projects recommended for funding in the 2019 STP-S application cycle and assumes an 80 percent federal share as recently approved by the Illinois TPC. The other scenario compares funding costs when CE is included, also at 80 percent federal share. To conduct the analysis total CE and construction costs from the project application were used where possible. Two applications did not break out their CE cost and were estimated at 10 percent of construction cost for the purpose of analysis.

The table below shows differences in funding based on the 15 recommended projects depending on the scenario.

<b>Scenario</b>	<b>CE funds</b>	<b>Construction funds</b>	<b>Total Federal Cost</b>	<b>Total Change in Fed Cost</b>
Base - 80% Construction only	-	\$6,688,794	\$6,688,794	N/A
Scenario 1 - 80% Construction and CE	\$708,597	\$6,688,794	\$7,397,391	+\$708,597

The funding scenario including CE involved an overall cost increase of approximately 10.6 percent or \$708,597 over 80 percent construction-only funding. The impact of using federal funds for construction engineering would result in fewer projects being funded.

East-West Gateway seeks a recommendation from the Illinois TPC regarding the usage of STP-S funds for CE.