

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects 2024

Background and Requirements

Each year, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required by federal law to publish a listing of projects for which federal funds were obligated in the previous fiscal year. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.334:

- (a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.
- (b) The listing shall be prepared in accordance with §450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under §450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years.
- (c) The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.

Obligated funds are federal funds that have been authorized and committed by the State or designated recipient and authorized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or awarded as a grant by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FHWA funds that are transferred to FTA for transit projects are administered as FTA funds and take on all the requirements of the FTA program. Federal funds obligated by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), local public agencies, Bi-State Development/Metro, and Madison County Transit District (MCTD) are included in the report, which documents the flow of federal funds in the region for federal fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024).

As the MPO for the St. Louis metropolitan region, East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG) reports on obligations within the regional planning area, which includes Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties in Illinois, and Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis Counties and the City of St. Louis in Missouri. EWG is also responsible for developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – a schedule of federal transportation funds programmed in the region over a four-year period. The TIP is updated annually, with the current FY 2025-2028 TIP approved by the EWG Board of Directors on August 28, 2024. Any transportation project receiving federal funds is required to be included in the TIP in order to obligate those funds.



Summary of Obligations

The St. Louis region obligated a total of \$759 million in federal funds in FY 2024. The listing of obligated projects is divided into three categories – projects obligating FHWA funds in Missouri, FHWA funds in Illinois, and FTA funds, which include transit projects in both Missouri and Illinois as well as regional projects. FHWA obligated \$310 million in Missouri and nearly \$94 million in Illinois. Roughly half (49.8%) of all projects obligating FHWA funds included bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, or shared-use paths, in their scope of work. Across the region, FTA obligated 55 projects at a total of \$355 million. This includes major transit projects sponsored by Bi-State Development/Metro and Madison County Transit District, as well as local, Section 5310 funded transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities.

Reading the Report

Because EWG does not directly obligate federal funds, this report was compiled based on information received from our partner agencies, including MODOT, IDOT, Bi-State Development/Metro, and Madison County Transit. The listing of obligated projects is divided into three categories – projects obligating FHWA funds in Missouri, FHWA funds in Illinois, and FTA funds. Regardless of the funding category, the details listed below are included for each project. It is important to note that this report reflects only federal funds obligated in FY 2024 and does not reflect state and local funds or total project cost. Negative obligation amounts indicate a de-obligation or reduction of federal funds, which can occur if the project is under budget.

Project Information

- Sponsor – Agency in charge of project
- Title – Project title
- Description – Type of improvements and location/project limits
- County – County in which project is located
- TIP # – EWG project identification number
- Sponsor # – Project identification number assigned by Federal Highway Administration, IDOT, or MoDOT, or contract number for Metro or MCTD
- Bicycle – Identifies projects that include bicycle infrastructure
- Pedestrian – Identifies projects that include pedestrian infrastructure
- Length – Project length in miles

As Programmed in TIP

- Total Project Cost – Total estimated project cost as identified in the Transportation Improvement Program
- Total Federal Cost – Estimated federal cost or share as identified in the Transportation Improvement Program

Actual Budget to Date

- Total Project Cost – Actual costs incurred on the project to date
- Total Federal Cost – Federal funds obligated to date

Federal Funds Obligated in FY24

- Federal funds obligated for the project between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024.

Federal Funds Remaining

- Difference between federal funds programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program and actual amount of federal funds obligated



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