

**RPA 14/ATURA**  
Surface Transportation Program (STP)  
**APPLICATION FOR FUNDS**

Please provide the following information when applying to RPA 14/ATURA for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for projects you propose to include in the *RPA 14/ATURA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2013 – 2016* by **January 3, 2012**.

Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency if Multi-Jurisdictional: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification of project: (Check those that apply)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Operation improvements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Capital costs for transit projects and publicly owned intra-city and intercity bus terminals or facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Highway and transit safety programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surface transportation planning, highway and transit technology transfer activities, and research and development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Capital and operating costs for traffic management and control
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fringe and corridor parking facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Most transportation control measures in the Clean Air Act
- \_\_\_\_\_ Development and establishment of management systems
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enhancements

Provide a brief narrative describing your project:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Explain why STP funds are needed and provide a preliminary budget showing the source of all funds:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Federal Fiscal Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Participation Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ %

Non-FHWA Match: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ %

Roadway or bike/pedestrian Projects:

County: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Route/Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Average Daily Traffic: \_\_\_\_\_ (Year of count \_\_\_\_\_)

Length (Miles): \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Point \_\_\_\_\_ Termini: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person / Phone / E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST:** The following items must be submitted along with this application

- \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location Map(s) (*if applicable*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution from Sponsoring Governmental Entity
  - commitment of funds
  - statement on project maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reproducible site map that clearly outlines the project area (*if applicable*)

Return By January 3, 2012 To:  
RPA 14/ATURA  
Southern Iowa Council of Governments  
101 East Montgomery Street, PO Box 102  
Creston, IA 50801  
Fax 641-782-8491

IF YOU DESIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION OR YOUR PROJECT,  
PLEASE CONTACT:

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## QUALIFYING CRITERIA – SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

**1. To be eligible as a Surface Transportation Program activity, any project or area served by the project must fit one or more of the following categories:**

- Construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation.
- Operation improvements
- Capital costs for transit projects and publicly owned intra-city and intercity bus terminals or facilities
- Highway and transit safety programs
- Surface transportation planning, highway and transit technology transfer activities, and research and development
- Capital and operating costs for traffic management and control
- Fringe and corridor parking facilities
- Most transportation control measures in the Clean Air Act
- Development and establishment of management systems
- Enhancements

**NOTE:** This list is exclusive; a project must fit into one of the categories to be eligible for Surface Transportation Program funds.

**2. Projects must have an assured local (non-federal funds) match of at least 20 percent of the estimated total cost of the proposed project.**

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires a non-federal match of at least 20% of project costs. Assurance of this required local match by the proposer at the time of the application indicates a necessary level of support by the proposer to immediately proceed with the project development and implementation.

**3. Projects must be submitted through incorporated cities or a public transit agency within the region.**

SAFETEA-LU federal funds received by the State of Iowa will be received and disbursed by the Iowa Department of Transportation. With SAFETEA-LU, projects within smaller cities and towns may now be eligible for federal aid. Surface Transportation Program funds are available as a reimbursement program administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Reimbursement will be received from federal highway funds for the federal portion (up to 80 percent of total expenditures) of those expenditures for the project. All applications of STP funds by cities of less than 5,000 population, shall be submitted to the respective County Board of Supervisors for review and approval. Transit capital project reimbursements will be up to the allowable federal level.

**4. Projects/project bundles must have a minimum estimated total cost of \$25,000.**

Project proposers can “bundle” projects together to meet this minimum. Communities may want to consider using joint powers agreements for implementing bundled projects, although it is not required as long as there is one lead county or city to oversee the project.

**5. Roadway projects must be proposed on eligible roads.**

The STP provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects on any Federal-aid highway, including the National Highway System (NHS), bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and intracity and intercity bus terminals and facilities. Applicants should refer to the Federal Functional Classification map available at their county engineer’s office, the Southern Iowa Council of Governments office, or the Iowa Department of Transportation website [http://www.iowadot.gov/systems\\_planning/fedfuncclass.html](http://www.iowadot.gov/systems_planning/fedfuncclass.html) to check eligibility.