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TO: Local Elected Officials, City and County Administrators, City and County Public Works Officials, City and County Public Health Officials, City and County Parks and Recreation Directors, Public Transportation Officials, State Department of Transportation Officials, CMAQ Committee, Kansas and Missouri STP/BR Priorities Committees, Air Quality Forum, Total Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mell Henderson, Director of Transportation

RE: **Call for Projects: FY 2011-2012 Surface Transportation Program and Bridge Program
DEADLINE: March 23, 2007**

Call for Projects – Surface Transportation Program and Bridge Program

In its capacity as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Kansas City region, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is issuing a call for projects to utilize funds sub-allocated to the Kansas City metropolitan area through the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (BR) for fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

Since these funding years are outside the extent of the current transportation legislation, there remains some uncertainty surrounding the level of funding available for programming by MARC. In light of this, MARC will look to recent levels of funding to provide a reasonable estimate of the resources available for programming purposes. For this call for projects, MARC anticipates the following two-year funding targets; however, these estimates may be subject to change:

Kansas: Approximately \$24 million

Missouri: Approximately \$18 million

Projects recommended for funding by the Kansas and Missouri STP/BR Priorities Committees will be submitted for approval to the MARC Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) and Board of Directors in late summer 2007 and incorporated into the Transportation Improvement program in fall 2007.

Public agencies within the [*metropolitan planning organization boundary*](#) are eligible to apply for the funds, which may be used on a wide variety of projects. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Roadway Improvements
- Bridge Improvements
- Public Transportation Projects
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects
- Traffic Signals
- Travel Demand Management Projects

As in previous years, the STP/BR application process will be completed using an Internet-based database and submittal form. The application instructions and on-line form will be accessible at the following Internet location:

<http://www.marc2.org/stp-br>

The application form will be accessible on January 26, 2007. Applications for STP/BR funds will only be accepted from January 26, 2007 through March 23, 2007.

MARC maintains a regional Congestion Management System (CMS), which provides information about the performance of segments of the high-level street and highway network in the Kansas City area. Special consideration is given to projects on the CMS network when they are evaluated for STP/Bridge funds. More information regarding the CMS network may found by visiting the following internet address: <http://www.marc.org/transportation/congestionmanagementsystem.htm>.

MARC must also make a determination that the existing transportation system is being adequately maintained. Therefore, each jurisdiction submitting a project for federal funds must certify that its transportation system is being adequately operated and maintained. The attached certification form should be completed by an appropriate official and returned to Marc Hansen at MARC by the application deadline.

Application forms and instructions may be accessed by visiting the following address on or after January 26, 2007:

<http://www.marc2.org/stp-br>

The deadline for submitting STP/BR applications is 4:00 p.m. on March 23, 2007.

For more information regarding the STP and Bridge Programs at MARC, please visit the following web addresses:

- STP: <http://www.marc.org/transportation/stp.htm>
- Bridge: <http://www.marc.org/transportation/bridge.htm>

For more information regarding this call for projects, STP or Bridge project eligibility, or the application process, please contact Ron Achelpohl or Marc Hansen at 816-474-4240.

MARC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE CERTIFICATION

_____ (name of jurisdiction/agency) attest that the transportation facility/system within our jurisdiction is being adequately operated and maintained to the appropriate level based on current funding abilities.

Dated: _____

Authorized Signature

Title

Print Name

Print Title