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TO: Illinois Quad Cities Transportation Technical Committee Members and Other Communities in the Illinois Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Area

FROM: Dave Kovarik, Planner

DATE: October 21, 2024

RE: **Request for Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Candidate Projects for Evaluation Process in Illinois Quad Cities Metropolitan Planning Area**

A Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) solicitation is being initiated to program the Illinois Quad Cities CRP targeted funds through Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This new program is the first solicitation of these funds within the Illinois Quad Cities Metropolitan Area. **In the Illinois Quad Cities, the estimated funds available to be programmed are \$743,132.** Annual funding targets for the Illinois Quad Cities are estimated at \$306,044 starting in 2026 based on the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) dollars. Funding allocations may change, and Bi-State staff will continue to monitor funding levels during the programming process.

Bi-State staff encourages other persons receiving a copy of this notice to work with their respective local governments on potential candidate projects. Noted below are details on funding availability, project eligibility and sponsors, costs and match, process, and the deadline.

Funding Availability

Estimated funds to be programmed are based on the balance to the Illinois Quad Cities in CRP monies and estimated target funds. Funding levels may be subject to availability through federal appropriations and subject to modifications with the reauthorization of the transportation act, known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which is authorized through 2026. Beyond FFY 2026, funding levels are assumed at the current levels based on an expectation by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that programming should reflect anticipated projects within a four-year Transportation Improvement Program.

Project Eligibility and Project Sponsor

A candidate project submittal form is enclosed and may be copied for multiple submissions. Eligible projects must be consistent with the *Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan*. The plan is available online: <https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/quad-cities-metro-planning/lrtp-and-pms>. Other eligibility requirements are in the CRP



Manual accompanying this memo. Projects must be sponsored by local governments or transit systems, as designated by the Illinois DOT. Eligible projects include trail facilities; infrastructure for bicyclists and pedestrians; traffic monitoring and management programs, port and truck stop electrification, and replacing street and traffic lights with energy efficient alternatives; purchasing or leasing low emission construction equipment; and environmental policy studies that directly support air quality improvement projects.

Project Cost Estimates, Matching Funds, and Minimum Project Cost

Project costs should be estimated in Year of Expenditure Dollars (CY2027) with an estimated construction year and a rate of inflation used by the applicant jurisdiction to estimate Year of Expenditure. Please note the anticipated letting year in the project application. The manual is posted online at (<https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/quad-cities-metro-planning/tip-and-funding-projects-quad-cities-mpo>). This memo supersedes any due dates and funding levels. The manual is for illustration of the process and criteria.

The CRP funds are required to be matched with at least 20 percent and not more than 50 percent non-federal funds. Projects must have a total project cost no less than \$125,000, as the federal-aid process requires considerable administration on the part of the project sponsor.

Process

The Quad Cities MPO Transportation Technical Committee ranks candidate projects and recommends programming to the Transportation Policy Committee in accordance with the manual noted above. Recommendations and selection of a project(s) will occur at Technical and Policy Committee meetings in January or February 2025, respectively. Notice of these meetings will each be sent at least one week prior to the meeting date.

Deadline

Candidate project submittals are requested Friday, December 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. No projects will be accepted after this date. Project submittals may be delivered or mailed to the Bi-State office, or e-mailed to dkovarik@bistateonline.org. An electronic version of the submittal form is available upon request. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact David Kovarik at (309)793-6300, extension 1139 or by e-mail at dkovarik@bistateonline.org.

Enclosures: CRP Evaluation Manual
Application Form

cc: Transportation Policy Committee
Regional Transportation Advisory Group (Urban and Combined Interests)