



Illinois Department of Transportation

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CIRCULAR LETTER 2009-11

MAJOR BRIDGE PROGRAM

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS - DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The department intends to add a FY 2015 increment to the Illinois Major Bridge Program as we develop our FY 2011-2016 proposed Highway Improvement Program.

Local and state major highway bridges that meet all the criteria will be eligible. This is a discretionary program, and all proposed projects must compete statewide based on the following criteria:

- Each candidate project must be a deficient bridge eligible for Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding. Funding is for existing structures that meet HBP eligibility, not for constructing new structures. In addition, the structure must carry a highway.
- The total project cost for all engineering, utilities, land acquisition, and construction costs, including minimal approach work, must total a minimum of \$1,000,000 for local Major Bridge candidates. However, only the construction and construction engineering costs will be eligible for funding from the Major Bridge Program. The federal share is 80 percent of the eligible cost. The local agency is responsible for the 20 percent matching funds and any costs above the approved major bridge funding.
- Any proposed local bridge must be under the jurisdictional responsibility of a county, municipality or township and located on a route with appropriate jurisdictional responsibility. If local agencies are willing to accept a jurisdictional transfer of certain private bridges, such as a highway bridge over a railroad or bridges that are in jurisdictional dispute between the state and local agency, and an agreement can be signed, these bridges may be submitted as candidates. Actual transfer of jurisdiction should be withheld until candidate bridges have been approved for funding.

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If you have a candidate project, please work with your District Local Roads Engineer to complete the required major bridge fund request form along with a briefing paper. The briefing paper should include the following information:

1. Completed major bridge fund request form (attached)
2. Structure number
3. Location and general description of project
4. Proposed improvement and detailed cost estimate
(Identify costs for each phase of the project.)
5. Source and extent of local participation. (Specify cost estimates for local participation, including estimated railroad cost participation, if applicable.)
6. Preconstruction activity status
7. Tentative letting dates for proposed improvements
8. Load posting, if applicable
9. Current Structure Inspection and Appraisal sheet
10. Explanation of proposed jurisdictional transfer agreement required for eligibility for private bridges
11. Contact person and address

Questions should be directed to your District Local Roads Engineer. The districts must receive all program candidates by **August 25, 2009**.

Sincerely,



Darrell W. Lewis, P.E.
Acting Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment

REQUEST FOR FY 2015 ILLINOIS MAJOR BRIDGE PROGRAM FUNDS

Bridge Name _____ IDOT District _____ County _____

Structure Number _____ City _____

Facility Carried _____ Facility Intersected _____

Owner _____ Jurisdictional Agreement Required: Yes ___ No ___

Type of Work: Rehab ___ Replace ___ Date of Last Inspection _____

Sufficiency Rating (SI&A Sheet) _____ Number of Lanes ___ Functional Class _____

ADT (from SI&A Sheet) _____ ADTT _____ ADT' _____ ADT Year _____

FY 2015 Request (in dollars)	Entire Project (PE,CE,ROW,UTL,CON)	Major Bridge Total (CE, CON)	Major Bridge FY 2015 Request (CE, CON)
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TPCE _____

Federal Share (80%) _____

Non-Fed. Matching (20%) _____

FY 2015 Major Bridge Request and Obligation Schedule (FY Quarter; Activity; Amount)

1stQ _____ 2ndQ _____ 3rdQ _____ 4thQ _____

Describe construction activity planned for each quarter (CE, SUB, SUPER, MAIN SPAN, etc.):

Special Consideration: _____

Contact Person (Name, Phone/E-mail): _____

Contact Person (Address): _____

Load Posted: Yes ___ No ___ ; List the load posting (if yes) _____

Rating Factor (IDOT Use Only): _____

Notes: TPCE - Total Project Cost Estimate of bridge and bridge approach work.
 - To be used in rating factor calculation.

A current briefing is to be provided for each project.