



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Bureau of Local Roads & Streets  
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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2023-29**

### **FY 2025 TRUCK ACCESS ROUTE PROGRAM (TARP) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS / MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS / METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS / TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS / CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT or Department) is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Truck Access Route Program (TARP). The program will continue to be funded in FY 2025 at the \$7.0 million funding level. We anticipate funding will be available for this program beginning in July 2024.

The TARP application form with instructions is available in fillable format on the [TARP website](#). Each candidate project must have completed application forms and a project location map with its application. In addition, applications should include information pertaining to prior commitments by the Department, a description of industries, municipalities, and truck generators along the proposed route, projected growth in the area, and the number of trucks using the proposed route. The project location map should clearly identify the proposed route and each of the project termini. Information pertaining to phased construction that will initiate or complete a designated truck route should also be provided.

Only roadway sections determined to be eligible for upgrading to a designated truck route will be funded from the program (unless phase construction is approved). Eligible routes must terminate at a designated truck route or municipality and begin at a truck generator, another designated truck route or municipality. Roadway sections that were previously upgraded with TARP funds are not eligible for funding from this program.

The TARP is not intended for use in pavement preservation or maintenance projects. The program will provide \$45,000 per lane mile and \$22,000 per eligible intersection, with total project funding up to one-half of the project cost, subject to a maximum of \$900,000 per project. Importantly, TARP funds may be used for project construction only and should only be submitted for projects that will be ready to advertise within two (2) years.

**Completed project applications should be submitted to your IDOT District Local Roads and Streets office no later than December 20, 2023.** The applications will then be submitted to the Central Bureau of Local Roads no later than January 3, 2024, for review. Project award notifications are anticipated to be announced in early 2024.

In summary, each candidate application submittal should contain the following information:

1. Cover letter from the Local Public Agency
2. LRS Grant Application
3. TARP project application form
4. Narrative of the proposed project
5. Project location map
6. Photographs of the existing facility
7. Project cost estimate

If you have questions pertaining to this program, please contact Holly Primm, Local Planning & Programming Manager at (217) 782-1662 or by email at [Holly.Primm@illinois.gov](mailto:Holly.Primm@illinois.gov). Questions regarding scoping and design issues should be addressed to the appropriate District Local Roads Field Engineer.

Sincerely,



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