1.0 Purpose

Process for the distribution of excess STBG funding.

2.0 Policy Details

Each year the MPO receives Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funding through the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT). In February/March, the Iowa DOT provides the MPO with the final apportionment from the previous fiscal year and estimated apportionments for the next four fiscal years. Since STBG funding is awarded four years in advance, the final apportionment is different than the amount that was awarded four years previously. This often results in excess STBG funding that is available to be awarded to projects.

3.0 Policy Scope

Each year, when the Iowa DOT provides the updated STBG targets, the MPO staff will determine if excess STBG funds are available from previous years. If the available funding is below $1,000,000 the excess STBG funds will be held until the next fiscal year or until the excess STBG funds are greater than $1,000,000. Once the excess STBG funds are greater than $1,000,000 the MPO staff will then roll the excess funding into the current round of STBG funding. For example, in April 2020, the Policy Committee will approve the FFY 2024 STBG funding awards. If the excess funds are greater than $1,000,000, the $1,000,000 will be added to the FFY 2024 STBG award cycle and included in the Funding Subcommittee’s award recommendation.

The Funding Subcommittee will make a recommendation for project funding and for the recommendation to be forwarded to the MPO Executive and Policy Committees for approval. Upon approval by the MPO Policy Committee, MPO staff will work with the project applicant to get the project into the TPMS system and funding awarded so the project can move forward.
4.0 Related Policies

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5.0 Policy Owner

Des Moines Area MPO

6.0 Definitions

MPO- Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
STBG – Surface Transportation Block Grant

7.0 Procedures

1. The MPO staff will review excess STBG funding at the beginning of March of each year and determine if excess STBG funding exceeds $1,000,000;
2. If STBG funds exceed the $1,000,000 threshold, staff will roll the excess funding into the current round of STBG funding;
3. Staff will report the STBG Funding Target including excess funds to the Funding Subcommittee;
4. Funding Subcommittee will meet in March to develop a funding recommendation; and,
5. Funding recommendation presented to and approved by Policy in April.

8.0 Exhibits / Appendices / Forms

STBG Application Form

9.0 Supporting Information

DOT contact for STBG funding and TPMS

10.0 Document History

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