

WAMPO FFY2027-FFY2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects: Frequently Asked Questions

Includes frequently asked questions, other questions directly related to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Call for Projects process, and questions asked during the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Call for Projects Workshop on February 12, 2026. Questions are not copied verbatim.

This document may be updated as additional questions are received.

Question: For the March 6, 2026, deadline for submitting projects, is there a time on March 6 by which projects must be submitted?

Answer: Yes. Please submit projects by 5:00 PM CST on Friday, March 6, 2026.

Question: Can a project in Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) be split into multiple TIP projects and submitted as such? For example, an MTP project covering a two-mile stretch of roadway being submitted for WAMPO suballocated funding consideration in the TIP as two smaller projects, each covering a one-mile stretch of roadway.

Answer: Yes, an MTP project can be split into multiple TIP projects, and the resultant smaller projects may be considered individually during the selection process for awards of WAMPO suballocated federal funding. It is also possible for multiple, related MTP projects to be combined into a single TIP project.

Question: What supplemental materials need to be included with a project submission? If requesting that a project be considered for WAMPO suballocated federal funding, what materials might the Project Selection Committee (PSC) want to see?

Answer: If requesting that a project be considered for WAMPO suballocated federal funding, documentation must be provided of how the submitted cost estimate for the project was arrived at. If the Supplemental Questions Word document (used to support project scoring) or the Statements of Assurances PDF was not provided for a given suballocated-funding-candidate project during the last Call for Projects (9/15/2023-2/2/2024, for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050) and the FFY2025-

FFY2028 TIP), it should be provided at this time. Project sponsors are also requested, but not required, to provide a map of the project's location (if applicable). It will be at the discretion of the PSC whether any other supplemental materials provided will factor into their deliberations, but anything that documents or supports the project's ability to proceed in the timeframe indicated in the application materials (e.g., documentation of preliminary work already completed on the project, letters of support) would likely be appreciated. It may also be beneficial to include any studies or other documentation indicating that the project is regionally significant.

Question: Would it be helpful to include documentation that a project's design phase will be finished in time for construction to start on schedule?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Do I need letters of support?

Answer: Letters of support are not required, but could be helpful during the project-selection process, especially if the project extends beyond the lead agency's boundaries (e.g., city limits, county line).

Question: Is it okay if the supplemental materials that project sponsors attach/embed in the application form appear differently from the other files embedded in the Excel workbook?

Answer: Yes, as long as they are embedded in the Excel workbook and can be opened by WAMPO staff (please make sure that the embedded files are fully copied into the Excel workbook, as opposed to embedding a link to a file path on computer/server that WAMPO staff cannot access). If the embedded files would make the Excel workbook larger than 25 MB, submitting it by email will not be possible; in that event, please coordinate with WAMPO staff to provide the information by other means (e.g., WAMPO's file upload service).

Question: Is Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding anticipated to be available in the future?

Answer: Congress has not yet passed transportation-funding legislation for FFY2027 and beyond, so we do not know which federal funding programs will or will not be continued past September 30, 2026. Until new information becomes available, WAMPO

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staff, following the advice of KDOT staff, follow the conservative assumption that the overall amount of suballocated federal funding (from all programs) available in FFY2026 will hold constant in all subsequent FFYs. In the event of available FFY2027-and-beyond funding turning out to be different from what was anticipated at the time when WAMPO funding awards are made (i.e., funding program terminated, funding program added, funding program apportionment adjusted upward/downward, funding program requirements changed), the WAMPO Project Selection Committee (PSC) will address the situation and consider options for project funding.

Question: If a project appears in the 2025-2028 time band in MTP 2050, can it still be programmed in the TIP to occur after 2028 (e.g., in FFY2029 or FFY2030)?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Since this Call for Projects is, in part, a funding opportunity for suballocated federal transportation funding, how much suballocated federal funding is available to be awarded to projects?

Answer: About \$35.6 million, overall. Making the conservative assumption that estimated FFY2026 Apportionments of suballocated federal transportation funding in the WAMPO region will hold constant in each subsequent FFY, it is anticipated that there will be about \$601 thousand not yet awarded for the period FFY2027-FFY2028 and about \$17.5 million each in FFY2029 and FFY2030.

Question: Can WAMPO share the project scores for projects submitted during the 9/15/2023-2/2/2024 Call for Projects for MTP 2050 and the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP?

Answer: Yes. Project scores from the 9/15/2023-2/2/2024 Call for Projects for MTP 2050 and the FFY2025-FFY2028 TIP can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/MTP2050-20252028TIP-ProjectScores>. Links to the project scoring criteria are on the TIP webpage and in the application form.

Question: What cost-estimation documentation is required for non-construction (e.g., consultant/vendor-supported) projects submitted as candidates for suballocated federal funding?

Answer: Please provide as much detail and documentation as possible with the project application to support its cost estimates. If there is an approved contract for the project, please provide it. If a contract is not yet approved, but (a) consultant(s)/vendor(s) has/have been selected, please include the selected proposal(s). If consultant/vendor selection has not yet occurred, please include the Request for Proposals (RFP). Documentation submitted should reflect the most detailed cost estimate available.

The cost estimates of projects submitted as candidates for suballocated federal funding will be reviewed for reasonableness. The reviewers may reach out to project sponsors with follow-up questions. If they do, please be prepared to provide additional information.

Question: If a candidate project for suballocated federal funding will also have non-suballocated federal funding, how should that be shown in the project funding table in the application?

Answer: The funding table in the project application should have (a) line(s) showing the requested amount suballocated funding, (a) separate line(s) for other federal funding source(s), and (a) line(s) for any local or state funding on the project. Please provide an explanation of how any non-suballocated federal funding committed to the project would be adjusted should the project be awarded WAMPO-suballocated funding.

Question: Sponsors submitting multiple projects to be considered for suballocated federal funding are asked to rank their projects by priority. Should a given project be ranked amongst all of the candidate projects from the same sponsor or only amongst projects of the same type or that would qualify for the same funding programs?

Answer: The application form asks sponsors to rank each of their suballocated-funding-candidate projects amongst all of the suballocated-funding-candidate projects they are submitting. However, if they choose, a sponsor may also rank their projects within categories.

Question: On the Project Information tab of the project-application Excel workbook, on rows 53-57, how should the fields “MTP Adoption/Amendment with which the Project is Consistent”, “MTP Project I.D.” and “MTP program/strategy supported (w/ page #), if no MTP project I.D.” be filled out?

Answer: “MTP Adoption/Amendment with which the Project is Consistent” has a dropdown menu with the options 15-00, 15-01, 15-03, 20-00, 20-01, 20-02, 25-00, and 25-01, wherein the first two digits refer to a year of MTP adoption and the last two digits distinguish between amendments to that MTP. For most projects, the correct selection here will be “25-01”, for Amendment 1 to Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050), which was approved in 2025 (and amended later that same year), since this is the most recent MTP. The other options would only be used if an old TIP project that has long since commenced but not yet closed out, and which originally entered the TIP under a past MTP, is being carried forward into the new TIP.

“MTP Project I.D.”: All TIP projects are required to be consistent with the MTP. One way for a TIP project to be consistent with the MTP is by being specifically listed in the MTP. Chapter 7 of Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050, www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d_26bb8de6f35c435ba032f50bc327b0ee.pdf) lists projects that may be considered to be necessarily consistent with the current MTP. If submitting a TIP project that corresponds to one of these MTP projects (either by a one-to-one correspondence or by fulfilling a portion of the MTP project), please enter the value for that project from the “WAMPO I.D.” field in Chapter 7 of MTP 2050 in the “MTP Project I.D.” section of the FFY2027-FFY2030 TIP Call for Projects application. Chapter 7 of MTP 2050 also lists several “category projects” that are included so that any project of a given type may be considered consistent with MTP 2050 without having to be individually listed in MTP 2050; if a proposed TIP project is not individually listed in Chapter 7 of MTP 2050 but is consistent with one of the “category projects,” enter the I.D. of the relevant category project.

“MTP program/strategy supported (w/ page #), if no MTP project I.D.”: If a proposed TIP project is not consistent with one of the projects in Chapter 7 of MTP 2050, or any of the “category projects”, it may still be considered consistent with MTP 2050 by supporting the goals of MTP 2050, as listed on pages 23-25 of Chapter 1 (https://www.wampo.org/files/ugd/bbf89d_b8265103055d47488ad6e5c221488cd4.pdf). In this event, please use this section of the Call for Projects application to indicate which MTP 2050 goal(s) would be served by the proposed TIP project.

Question: Is there a limit on the information placed inside the Narrative Explanation of Action? I have a couple of paragraphs and wasn't quite sure if I just needed to attach a separate document in order to provide the necessary details for our request.

Answer: The only limit on what you may write is the Narrative Explanation of Action section is what Excel will accommodate. If you need to use additional cells or attach something, that is fine. Context is always welcome.

Question: To be sure I am providing the correct amounts, I am not requesting the full project costs but only a portion. Do I need to place in the full contract amounts or just what I intend to program with this request?

Answer: Please provide the overall cost of the project and indicate how much of that cost you are requesting to be paid with suballocated federal funding.