

## 2018 Local Road Improvement Program Update

### Program funding update

In 2018, the Legislature appropriated \$78.6 million of bond funds for the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) established in Minnesota Statute 174.52, to assist local agencies in constructing or reconstructing their local roads. Four metro district projects with regional significance totaling \$43.6 million were selected by the legislature. The remaining \$35 million was made available for statewide project applications.



### Program information

The MnDOT State Aid Office administers the LRIP solicitation with guidance provided by the Local Road Improvement Program Advisory Committee. Projects selected through this program must meet the eligibility requirements of the Routes of Regional Significance Account, the Rural Road Safety Account, or the Trunk Highway Corridor Account.

Criteria used to identify priority projects include, but are not limited to:

- 1) the availability of other state, federal, and local funds;
- 2) the regional significance of the route;
- 3) effectiveness of the proposed project in eliminating a transportation deficiency;
- 4) effectiveness to reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damages;
- 5) the local share for costs that are directly or partially related to trunk highway improvements;
- 6) the number of persons who will be positively impacted by the project;
- 7) the project's contribution to other local, regional, or state economic development or redevelopment efforts; and
- 8) the ability of the local unit of government to adequately provide safe operation and maintenance of the facility upon project completion.

### Project selection in 2018

The LRIP Advisory Committee recommended utilizing the list of unfunded projects from the 2017 solicitation for selecting projects for the \$35 million available from the 2018 appropriation and approved 56 new projects on the local road system across the state. The list of projects can be found on the [LRIP webpage](#).

### Future funding and projects

The advisory committee also recommended MnDOT State Aid prepare a solicitation for local agencies to submit new applications to generate a new list of local road improvement projects in anticipation of additional funding in the program in future legislative sessions. State Aid will announce more details about this solicitation and the schedule for applying in late November 2018.

### For more information

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