



District 6, Rochester/Owatonna
2900 48th Street NW
Rochester, MN 55901-5848

January 3, 2022

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RE: Solicitation and Prioritization for Fiscal Year 2026 Road and Bridge Projects

Dear Recipient:

The Southeastern Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-6) is soliciting road and bridge projects to expand and upgrade the present State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). We will be soliciting projects for the final year of the upcoming STIP to incorporate into our Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP). Your submittals should be for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. If you are submitting more than one project, they must be numerically prioritized within your jurisdiction. If you are located within an area covered by a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), projects should also be submitted to the MPO so that the MPO can rank applications for its TIP. All projects will then be reviewed and ranked by the ATP-6. A prioritized ATIP will be submitted for consideration and inclusion in the STIP. A STIP Application Form for your use in submitting and prioritizing projects may be found at the [District 6 ATP Website](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/atp/index.html) (<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/atp/index.html>). The questions addressed in the District 6 City and County project solicitation criteria (pages 6, 7, and 8 of the STIP Application Form) must be answered for each project. In addition to the STIP Application Form, we are asking that you include a one page map showing the termini of your project with each submittal. **Unsuccessful projects from last year's solicitation must be resubmitted at this time for consideration in F.Y. 2026.**

Off-System Bridges and Highway/Railroad Grade Crossings will be solicited statewide by their respective offices. Transportation Alternatives (TA) projects will be solicited separately by the ATP-6. If you have a concern about any of these project types, please contact Heather Lukes at (507) 286-7552.

Projects already in the ATIP for FY 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 should be reviewed for slippage or cost changes. Current cost estimates and any changes in schedule or scope should be reported to Fausto Cabral by February 1, 2022.

Please use the STIP Application Form found at the website and forward your FY 2026 candidate projects (1 electronic copy of each) via the State Aid email gateway D6.StateAid@state.mn.us by **February 1, 2022.**

Note, it is unknown when and how additional federal funds may be distributed as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The existing funds for distribution are based on current funding sources known as of December 2021. If additional funds become available as part of IIJA, targets may be revised.

For questions, contact Fausto Cabral at (507) 286-7620 or Heather Lukes at (507) 286-7552.

Sincerely,

Greg Paulson
Assistant District Engineer – Program Delivery
ATP-6 Chair

Website Postings: STIP Application Form – 2026
Annual Milestone Report - 2026
Locally Approved City and County Projects – 2025
ATP 6 Surface Transportation Program – Small Urban and Rural Boundaries
Federal Target Breakdown of ATP Managed Funds for F.Y. 2026

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