Bi-State Regional Commission
Serving local governments in Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa;
Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties, Illinois

MEMORANDUM

TO: Iowa Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee Members and Other Iowa Communities in Region 9

FROM: Gena McCullough, AICP, Deputy Director

DATE: September 17, 2026

RE: Request for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA)/Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Candidate Projects for Iowa Region 9 Evaluation Process

A call for projects is being issued for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA)/Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds within the Iowa Region 9 Transportation Planning Area. This geographic area includes projects located in rural Scott County, Iowa (outside the metropolitan area) and the entirety of Muscatine County, Iowa.

The deadline for submitting STBG and TASA/TAP projects will be the end of the business day, **4:30 p.m., on Monday, November 16, 2026**.

Eligibility. STBG projects must be sponsored by state or local governments or transit systems, as designated by the US DOT. Projects eligible to receive funds must be on a road with a Federal Functional Class (FFC) of major-collector or above, e.g. local roads and minor collector roads are not eligible. There is no FFC requirement for bridge and tunnel projects; all such projects are eligible. Refer to the attached maps for the locations of eligible roads and bridges. STBG funds can be also be used for transit capital improvements. Refer to the STBG manual enclosed for more information.

TASA/TAP projects must be sponsored by state or local governments, transit systems, or non-profit organizations as designated by the U.S. DOT. TASA/TAP projects can include multi-purpose trails and pedestrian improvements, among other eligible activities Refer to the TASA manual enclosed.

The STBG and TASA Manuals for Region 9 can also be found at this link: https://bistateonline.org/transportation-and-mobility/iowa-region-9-area/tip-and-funding-projects-region-9

Funding Available. The following tables indicate the cumulative funding balances available by fiscal year through FFY 2030 for STBG and TASA/TAP. The balances are based on estimated annual targets and prior programmed projects utilizing these funding sources. Iowa Region 9 is required to fiscally constrain programmed funding by fiscal year. These are estimates of the funding available and contingent on the current transportation act (IIJA), or similar funding source in a subsequent act as well as funding appropriation levels. These estimates are subject to modifications with the reauthorization of the transportation act, known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which is authorized through FFY 2026. Beyond FFY 2026, funding levels are assumed at the current levels based on an expectation by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that programming should reflect anticipated projects within a four-year Transportation Improvement Program. Currently there is an estimated $3,831,256 in STBG funds and $745,026 in TAP funds available for programming through FFY 2030.

Region 9 Federal Aid- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

Fiscal Year	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**
STBG Target	$1,767,518	$1,797,206	$1,797,000	$1,797,000	$1,797,000
Total Available for Programming	$4,642,358	$4,599,876	$306,256	$257,256	$2,044,256
Total STBG Programmed	-$1,810,000	-$6,090,826	-$1,846,000	-$10,000	-$10,000
STBG Balance	**$4,599,876**	**$306,256**	**$257,256**	**$2,044,256**	**$3,831,256**

Region 9 Federal Aid- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA/TAP)

Fiscal Year	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**	**2029**	**2030**
TAP Target	$217,672	$193,630	$194,000	$194,000	$194,000
Total Available for Programming	$417,964	$635,636	$163,026	$357,026	$551,026
Total TAP Programmed	$0	-$666,240	$0	$0	0
TAP Balance	**$635,636**	**$163,026**	**$357,026**	**$551,026**	**$745,026**

Matching Funds and Cost Estimates. No less than 20% matching funds are required for the project. Projects must have a total project cost no less than $125,000, as the federal-aid process requires considerable administration on the part of the project sponsor. TASA/TAP applications will require a programmatic risk assessment, provided in the Appendix of the TASA manual. STBG projects do not require a programmatic risk assessment. Project costs should be estimated in Year of Expenditure (YOE) Dollars in the anticipated program year. Please note the estimated YOE percentage used with your cost estimate.

Evaluation Process. This is a locally administered application process. Applications are expected to be concise and easily reviewed to be kept as simple as possible while still meeting federal and state requirements. The applications for STBG and TASA/TAP funds, which can be found in the Appendices of their respective manuals, are being sent to eligible jurisdictions in Region 9. The applications are also located on the website link noted above, found in the Appendices of the documents.

The Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee ranks candidate projects and recommends programming to the Region 9 Transportation Policy Committee. Recommendations and selection of a project(s) will occur at Technical and Policy Committee meetings in Spring 2026. Notice of these meetings will each be sent no less than 48 hours, but typically at least one week, prior to the meeting date.

Project submittals may be mailed to Bi-State Regional Commission at 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201; faxed to (309)793-6305; or e-mailed to zsutton@bistateonline.org. If you have any questions regarding this notice or require an electronic copy of the applications, please contact myself or Zach Sutton at (309)793-6300 or by e-mail at gmccullough@bistateonline.org or zsutton@bistateonline.org, or refer to the website link provided.

Staff encourages other persons copied on this notice to work with their respective local governments on potential candidate projects based on local plans and implementation strategies.

Enclosures: Region 9 STBG Manual with Application
Region 9 TASA Manual with Application
Muscatine County STBG Eligible Roads and Bridges Map
Scott County STBG Eligible Roads and Bridges Map

cc: Transportation Policy Committee
Regional Transportation Advisory Group (Region 9 and Combined Interests)
Muscatine County and Rural Scott County (Outside of MPO) Mayors & Clerks

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