

**Office of Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
Surface Transportation Reauthorization
High Priority Project Request Form**

DEADLINE: Monday, April 27, 2009

(One form required per project; must be completed in full detail to receive consideration)

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1. General Information.

- Requesting entity:
- Specific entity to receive funding (usually State DOT or local transit agency):
- Address:
- Contact phone and email:

2. What type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Note: The Committee will not accept requests for non-surface transportation projects, such as transportation museums, horse trails, or historic battlefields, as part of the High Priority Projects program. (check all applicable lines)

- Federal-aid Highway (please specify if project is located on Federal-aid highway, National Highway System and/or Interstate System)

_____ Highway/road

_____ Bridge

_____ Tunnel

_____ Bicycle/Pedestrian project

_____ Intelligent Transportation System (Technology) project

_____ Intermodal Freight Facility

_____ Other (specify)

- Public Transit (Public transit refers to transportation services provided to the general public via a variety of vehicle modes, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, monorail, passenger ferry boats, transit van pools, streetcars, inclined railways, and paratransit vehicles. Public transit does not include school bus or charter bus services, nor intercity passenger rail (such as Amtrak), high-speed rail, or private rail operations. For these types of rail projects, please proceed to the Rail section of the form.)

- ___ Passenger Vehicles
 - ___ Transit Bus or Van
 - ___ Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars
 - ___ Transit Ferry
- ___ Transit Facilities
 - ___ Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility
 - ___ Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals
- ___ Transit Rights-of-Way
 - ___ Property Acquisition
 - ___ Corridor Development
 - ___ Rail Track Construction or Maintenance
 - ___ Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance
- ___ Transit Equipment
 - ___ Vehicle-related Equipment
 - ___ System-related Equipment
- ___ New Start Project (A New Start project is a major new fixed guideway capital project seeking more than \$75 million in Federal funds.)
- ___ Small Start Project (A Small Start project is a new fixed guideway capital project seeking less than \$75 million in Federal funds and with a total estimated net capital cost of less than \$250 million.)

- Rail

___ Intercity Passenger Rail (Intercity rail passenger transportation means rail passenger transportation, except commuter rail passenger transportation. Commuter rail passenger transportation means short-haul rail passenger transportation in metropolitan and suburban areas usually having reduced fare, multiple-ride, and commuter tickets and morning and evening peak period operations. Intercity rail passenger transportation projects are not commuter rail projects. Funds for commuter rail projects should be requested under public transit, not under intercity passenger rail.)

- ___ Freight Rail
 - ___ Class I Freight Rail
 - ___ Class II or Class III Freight Rail

- Research

- ___ University Transportation Center
- ___ Other

3. Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation, or public transit agency confirm that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code (request will still be considered if no)?

If yes,

- Which entity confirmed the project eligibility?
 - Federal Highway Administration Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - Federal Transit Administration Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - State Department of Transportation Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
 - Public Transit Agency Contact (Name, Position, Phone)
- According to the entity, is the project eligible under Title 23, Title 49, or both Titles 23 and title 49?
 - Title 23 (Highways)
 - Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit)
 - Both Title 23 and Chapter 53 of Title 49

4. Please identify the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested.

- Project description (include the specific terminus points of the project or activity, as appropriate; include activities: construct, plan, design, engineer, conduct environmental review, acquire right-of-way, conduct alternatives analysis, research, develop, demonstrate, deploy, reconstruct, rehabilitate, replace, retrofit, install, mitigate, implement, realign):
- Total estimated cost:
- Request amount:
- Percentage of total estimated cost:
(If the percentage is less than 80 percent, please identify designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources that, combined with this request, is equal at least 80 percent.)
 - Source Amount of Funding

5. If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.

- Project description (please limit your response to 3-4 sentences; up to 500 characters)
- Total estimated cost

6. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?

If yes, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

7. Is the project included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

If yes, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).

8. Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.

- Current status
 - Federal-aid Highway projects:
 - ___ In Planning
 - ___ In Environmental Review
 - ___ In Final Design
 - ___ In Right-of-Way Acquisition
 - ___ Under Construction

- Public Transit projects:
 - ___ In Planning
 - ___ In Alternatives Analysis
 - ___ In Preliminary Engineering
 - ___ In Final Design
 - ___ Under Construction or Procurement
 - Rail projects:
 - ___ In Planning
 - ___ In Environmental Review
 - ___ In Preliminary Engineering
 - ___ In Design
 - ___ Under Construction
 - Research
 - ___ Under Research
 - ___ Under Development
 - ___ Under Demonstration
 - ___ Under Deployment
- What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?
9. Does the project have regional or national significance? (A project of regional and national significance is typically a high-cost transportation infrastructure facility that often includes multiple levels of government, agencies, modes of transportation, and transportation goals and planning processes that are not easily addressed or funded within existing surface transportation program categories. These projects have national and/or regional benefits, including improving economic productivity by facilitating international trade, relieving congestion, and improving transportation safety by facilitating passenger and freight movement.)
- If yes, please describe the regional or national significance of the project. Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).
10. Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.
- Safety Benefits
 - Please describe the safety benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences (500 characters).
 - Economic Development Benefits
 - Please describe the economic development benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences (500 characters).
 - Mobility Benefits
 - Please describe the mobility benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences (500 characters).
 - Environmental Benefits
 - Please describe the environmental benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences (500 characters).

project or project phase. **This letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if the funding request is for less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources that, combined with this request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost.** Please use boldface font to highlight these statements in the letter.