

RURAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT



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Two IJA Funding Opportunities

The **INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT
and JOBS ACT**
5 Year Surface Transportation Bill
enacted in Fall 2021

- Off System Bridge Program
- Transportation Alternative Program

Off System Bridge Program

- What is an Off System Bridge?

An Off System Bridge is a bridge located on a public road, other than a bridge on a Federal-aid highway

- Where to find Arizona Local Public Agency Bridge Inventory?

<https://apps.azdot.gov/files/bridge/inventory/arizona-lpa-bridge-inventory.pdf>

- Inventory list identifies if Off System
- Inventory list identifies Condition: Poor/Fair/Good

- 48 Poor & 506 Fair - eligible off system bridges

- Owned by a local agency or federally recognized tribe

Off System Bridge Program

Two Funding Opportunities

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)**
 - ✓ Existing MAP21 Program **updated** under IIJA
 - ✓ **Added** to replace low water crossing with bridge
 - ✓ No longer a \$1M project cap
- **Bridge Formula Program (BFP)**
 - ✓ IIJA **Established New** program
 - ✓ No project cap



Off System Bridge Program

Eligible project costs will be funded

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)**

✓ 94.3% federal share w/

5.7% local match

✓ \$3.9M annually

- **Bridge Formula Program (BFP)**

✓ 100% federal share w/

0% local match

✓ \$6.75M annually

Off System Bridge Program

Eligible Work

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)**

- ✓ Replacement, Rehab., and/or Strengthening: Poor or Fair
- ✓ Preservation/Preventative Maintenance: All, regardless of condition

Similar

Different

- **Bridge Formula Program (BFP)**

- ✓ Replacement, Rehab., and/or Strengthening: Poor or Fair
- ✓ Preservation/Preventative Maintenance: Poor or Fair

Off System Bridge Program



- ✓ Competitive Process (STBG / BFP)
- ✓ One Call for Projects -Application Process
- ✓ Specify funding request type on Application; Currently working on rating criteria
- ✓ Call for Projects on October 1st
 - Open for 90 days
 - Jan/Feb Review - March Award

IIJA Opportunities

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Transportation Alternative Program

New Program is Under Development

FHWA 3/30/2022 Memo:

- Intent: is to invest in projects that upgrade facilities to make them safe and accessible for all users, provide better choices across all modes, accommodate new technology, is more sustainable and resilient to climate change, and is more equitable.



Transportation Alternative Program

New Program is Under Development

- Types of Projects: May include a variety of transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities; construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas; community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management; environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trails; safe routes to school projects; and vulnerable road user safety assessments.

Transportation Alternative Program

What does all this mean? Where are we at?

- ADOT is currently working on developing the TA Program
 - Consultant on board - Application and TA Process
- Competitive Process
- We do expect the project Selection Committee to include local participation / makeup tbd
- Reaching out to COGs/MPOs for TA Program development input



Transportation Alternative Program

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- Call for Projects, most likely summer 2023
- ADOT's 5 year construction Program (FY23-FY27):
 - \$11.8M per year
- \$300k for Consultant @ STB this Friday
- ADOT Regional Planners to COG/MPOs to Locals
- We look forward to working with you -



– Thank you –



Queen Creek Bridge
Pinal County