

To: Cost Review Subcommittee
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c: Transportation Committee
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Subject: LOTCIP – Phase 2 Solicitation Recommendation

In May of 2017, the Transportation Committee finalized a 2017 LOTCIP Project Selection Policy which defined a two phase solicitation process. Phase 1 consisted of a \$10 million solicitation for projects addressing municipal bridge deficiencies, and Phase 2 was to consist of a \$25.5 million solicitation for project types typical of previous solicitations. Phase 1 was completed in July 2017, however Phase 2 has been delayed due to issues associated with statewide LOTCIP budget and bonding approvals, and most recently State Transportation Fund (STF) deficits that threaten to discontinue the program. Below is additional information regarding the solicitation:

	Phase 1 (Bridge) Solicitation	Phase 2 (General) Solicitation	Combined Solicitation
Total Award Amount	\$10m	\$25.5m*	\$35.5m*
Minimum Project Costs	\$300,000	\$300,000	-
Maximum Project Costs			
Bridge and Reconstruction Projects	\$3m	\$3m	-
Pavement Rehab and Sidewalk	-	\$1m	-
Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects	-	\$700,000	-
Number of Proposals Permitted Per Town	1	2	3
Municipal Total Funding Limit	\$3m	\$3m	\$4.5m
Solicitation Set Asides			
Bridges with >10 years since inspection	\$1.5m	-	-
Pavement Rehab and Sidewalk	-	\$3.8m	-
Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects	-	\$1.4m	-
Rural Projects	-	\$3m	-

* Phase 2 award amounts subject to final approved

CRCOG is hopeful that upcoming legislative efforts will avoid LOTCIP impacts, however in the event they cannot, the Transportation Committee requested staff look into contingency plans. Staff has coordinated with CTDOT and in the unlikely event that LOTCIP is discontinued, CTDOT has committed to return federal STBG (previously STP-Urban) funding to the regions for municipally initiated transportation projects. CTDOT has also begun drafting high level guidelines regarding use of STBG funding if LOTCIP goes away, including guidelines for the transition of current LOTCIP projects to STBG funding if necessary. CRCOG has and will continue to advocate for a process that draws from current LOTCIP policy as much as possible (as opposed to returning in full to prior STP-Urban processes). Based on CRCOG coordination efforts with CTDOT, staff feels reassured that a solicitation for projects in LOTCIP application format would be sufficient, with little or no additional work needed even if the projects need to transition to federal funding.

Below for discussion purposes is a DRAFT Phase 2 solicitation schedule:

- February 2018** CRCOG releases Request for Proposals via e-mail to Municipalities
- May 2018** Municipal Proposals due to CRCOG
- July 2018** CRCOG Staff completes Reviewing and Ranking of Proposals
- July 2018** Subcommittee & Transportation Committee Review the Project Rankings
- September 2018** Transportation Committee & Policy Board endorse the Rankings/Selections

Given upcoming anticipated legislative efforts that hopefully will result in continued full funding of LOTCIP, and the future availability of STBG funding in the event that LOTCIP is discontinued, CRCOG staff is recommending that the committee approve the initiation of a LOTCIP Phase 2 solicitation in February.