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This letter sent to:

District 7 State Aid City Engineers
District 7 County Engineers
District 7 Area Transportation Partnership
Mn/DOT Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations
District 7 Legislators
District 7 State Aid City Managers/Administrators
District 7 County Administrators/Coordinators

This letter announces the solicitation for **FEDERALLY FUNDED TRANSPORTATION** projects to be considered by the District 7 Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-7) for inclusion in the Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP).

Projects are being solicited primarily for the year 2014 for state, county, and city roads and bridges, and off-system bridges (bridges that are not on any federal aid system). The Federal Transportation funds were authorized by the Federal Act – Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), that covers 2004-2009. The estimated federal funds target for ATP-7 remains at about \$25 million per year, assuming continuation of Federal funding levels at the SAFETEA-LU levels.

Transportation projects may be proposed as follows:

- Projects on city federal-aid routes may be proposed by the city involved. Proposers of these projects must submit the Criteria for Ranking City Projects form.
- Projects on county federal-aid routes may be proposed by the county involved. Proposers of these projects must submit the County Roadway Ranking Criteria form or County On-System Bridge Replacement Ranking form as applicable. (Do not complete the evaluation section on these forms).

- Projects on bridges, not on any federal-aid system, may be proposed by the city with population over 5,000 or by the county in which the bridge lies.
- Rail/Grade Crossing projects may be proposed by a city with a population over 5,000, county, Mn/DOT District 7 or Mn/DOT's Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations. Projects may be on any public road.
- Safety projects for local roads will be solicited separately and statewide by Mn/DOT's Office of Traffic Safety.

Proposers of all projects listed above must submit (two copies of each) the Project Identification/Reporting form, the Regional Significance form and an 8 ½ by 11-inch location map. Project cost estimates are to be shown in year 2009 dollars.

Applicants **must** submit the ATP-7, 2011-2014 application forms – older versions will not be accepted. The required forms as discussed above are available **only** at web site: www.rndc.org then click on ATP Application Forms.

Trunk Highway projects are proposed and ranked by Mn/DOT District 7, separately.

Transportation Enhancement projects are solicited separately. A separate letter is being sent.

Transit Capital projects may be proposed by the public transit systems. A separate letter is being sent.

The deadline for proposing projects under this solicitation is December 31, 2009.

Applications must be hard copy and postmarked by this date and forwarded to:

**Area Transportation Partnership
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Mark Scheidel
501 South Victory Drive
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****Questions concerning this application should be directed to Mark Scheidel 507-304-6196. ****

Sincerely,



Steve Koehler, Chair
District 7 Area Transportation Partnership



Jim Swanson, P.E.
Transportation District Engineer