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TPO Invites Jurisdictions to Apply for STBG and STBG-TA Funds

Knoxville, Tennessee – January 22, 2019 – The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) every three years. As the organization transitions from the current program to the updated FY 2020-2023 TIP, they are encouraging jurisdictions to either apply for new projects or to roll over unobligated phases of projects currently programmed in the FY 2017-2020 TIP. Applicants should note that projects funded through both STBG and STBG-TA typically require a 20% local funding match.

TPO staff has identified approximately \$60 million of local Surface Transportation Block Grant (L-STBG) funds available in FY 2020. These funds are available to program projects rolled over from the current TIP, to cover funding shortfalls in rollover projects, and to fund new projects. Fiscal years 2021 through 2023 have approximately \$12.4 million available annually.

Also identified are funds for applications for FY 2020 and later local Surface Transportation Block Grant Transportation Alternatives Program (STBG-TA). The total amount available for these program projects is approximately \$780,000 annually.

This call for projects is open through Friday, March 1, 2019. TPO staff will then score the submitted projects and make selection recommendations. In June, a draft TIP will be presented to the TPO Technical Committee and Executive Board, with the final TIP scheduled for adoption in October 2019.

For more information on this call for projects, including programming points of emphasis and details on the application process, please visit www.knoxtrans.org.

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The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) coordinates a comprehensive, multimodal transportation planning process for the Knoxville Urban Area. Member jurisdictions include Knox County and the urbanized areas of Anderson, Blount, Loudon and Sevier Counties and includes the following cities: Alcoa, Clinton, Knoxville, Lenoir City, Loudon, Maryville and Oak Ridge, the Town of Farragut, Tennessee Department of Transportation and East Tennessee Development District. For more information, visit our website:

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