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CIRCULAR LETTER 2012-11

FY 2014 Truck Access Route Program

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS - DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The department has proposed the Truck Access Route Program (TARP) continue to be funded in FY 2014 at its existing $7-million funding level. If enabling legislation is passed and signed, we anticipate funding will be available for this program beginning in July 2013.

A blank TARP application form is attached. Each candidate project must have a completed application. Applications should include information pertaining to prior commitments by the department, a description of industries or truck generators served projected growth and number of trucks using the route. Information pertaining to phase construction that completes a truck route or is part of a multi-stage construction should be provided.

Only roadway sections determined to be eligible for upgrading to an 80,000-pound truck route and connecting to a truck route on one end and terminating at a truck generator and/or another truck route will be funded from the program (unless phase construction is approved). Roadway sections that were previously upgraded with TARP funds are not eligible for funding from this program. The TARP is not intended for use in pavement preservation or maintenance projects. The program will provide $45,000 per lane mile and $22,000 per intersection up to one-half of the project construction cost, subject to a maximum of $900,000 per project. TARP funds can be used for construction only.

Proposed projects should be submitted to your District office no later than November 2, 2012. Any questions regarding the funding for the Truck Access Route Program should be directed to Steve Dwyer at (217) 782-3401. Questions involving design issues should be addressed to the appropriate Project Development Engineer.

Sincerely,

James K. Klein

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Acting Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment
APPLICATION FOR FY 2014 ILLINOIS TARP PROGRAM FUNDS

IDOT District __________  Local Agency______________________________

County_____________                     Route Name/ Number _______________________

Functional Classification__________________________

Limits_________________________________________ (Include Location Map)

Intersections Truck Routes (State/ County/ Local)

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Section Number (If available)_______________________________________________

Project Length _______Total Lane Miles______ Number of Eligible Intersections____

ADT________ ADTT________

Estimate of Cost of Project______________________ (Construction Costs Only)

TARP Funds Requested_______________________

Other Funds To Be Used_______________________

Anticipated Letting Date in FY 2014______________

Truck Generators________________________________________________________

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Connecting Truck Routes (State/ County/ Local)

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Related SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (STR) PROGRAM Project

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