



# Illinois Department of Transportation

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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2008-12**

### **MAJOR BRIDGE PROGRAM**

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

The department intends to add a FY 2014 increment to the Illinois Major Bridge Program as we develop our FY 2010-2015 proposed Highway Improvement Program.

Local and state major highway bridges that meet all the criteria will be eligible. This is a discretionary program, and all proposed projects must compete statewide based on the following criteria:

- Each candidate project must be a deficient bridge eligible for Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding. Funding is for existing structures that meet HBP eligibility, not for constructing new structures. In addition, the structure must carry a highway.
- The total project cost for all engineering, utilities, land acquisition, and construction costs, including minimal approach work, must total a minimum of \$1,000,000 for local Major Bridge candidates. However, only the construction and construction engineering cost will be eligible for funding from the Major Bridge Program. The federal share is 80 percent of the eligible cost. The local agency is responsible for the 20 percent matching funds and any costs above the approved major bridge funding.
- Any proposed local bridge must be under the jurisdictional responsibility of a county, municipality or township and located on a route with appropriate jurisdictional responsibility. If local agencies are willing to accept a jurisdictional transfer of certain private bridges, such as a highway bridge over a railroad or bridges that are in jurisdictional dispute between the state and local agency, and an agreement can be signed, these bridges may be submitted as candidates. Actual transfer of jurisdiction should be withheld until candidate bridges have been approved for funding.

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If you have a candidate project, please work with your District Local Roads Engineer to complete the required major bridge fund request form along with a briefing paper. The briefing paper should include the following information:

1. Completed major bridge fund request form (attached)
2. Structure number
3. Location and general description of project
4. Proposed improvement and detailed cost estimate  
(Identify costs for each phase of the project.)
5. Source and extent of local participation. (Specify cost estimates for local participation, including estimated railroad cost participation, if applicable.)
6. Preconstruction activity status
7. Tentative letting dates for proposed improvements
8. Load posting, if applicable
9. Current Structure Inspection and Appraisal sheet
10. Explanation of proposed jurisdictional transfer agreement required for eligibility for private bridges
11. Contact person and address

Questions should be directed to your District Local Roads Engineer. The districts must receive all program candidates by **October 6, 2008**.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Ingersoll, P.E.  
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment

**REQUEST FOR FY 2014 ILLINOIS MAJOR BRIDGE PROGRAM FUNDS**

Bridge Name \_\_\_\_\_ IDOT District \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Structure Number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Carried \_\_\_\_\_ Facility Intersected \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdictional Agreement Required: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Type of Work: Rehab \_\_\_ Replace \_\_\_ Date of Last Inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Sufficiency Rating (SI&A Sheet) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Lanes \_\_\_ Functional Class \_\_\_\_\_

ADT (from SI&A Sheet) \_\_\_\_\_ ADTT \_\_\_\_\_ ADT' \_\_\_\_\_ ADT Year \_\_\_\_\_

FY 2014 Request (in dollars)	Entire Project (PE,CE,ROW,UTL,CON)	Major Bridge Total (CE, CON)	Major Bridge FY 2014 Request (CE, CON)
TPCE	_____	_____	_____
Federal Share (80%)		_____	_____
Non-Fed. Matching (20%)		_____	_____

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**FY 2014 Major Bridge Request and Obligation Schedule (FY Quarter; Activity; Amount)**

1stQ \_\_\_\_\_ 2ndQ \_\_\_\_\_ 3rdQ \_\_\_\_\_ 4thQ \_\_\_\_\_

Describe construction activity planned for each quarter (CE, SUB, SUPER, MAIN SPAN, etc.):

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Special Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Person (Name, Phone/E-mail): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (Address): \_\_\_\_\_

Load Posted: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ ; List the load posting (if yes) \_\_\_\_\_

Rating Factor (IDOT Use Only): \_\_\_\_\_

- Notes: TPCE - - Total Project Cost Estimate of bridge and bridge approach work.  
 - To be used in rating factor calculation.

**A current briefing is to be provided for each project.**