



# Illinois Department of Transportation

July 15, 2013

## **CIRCULAR LETTER 2013-11**

### **FY 2015 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 2015 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 2014.

The TARP application form with instructions is attached. Each candidate project must have a completed application form and a project location map. Applications should include information pertaining to prior commitments by the Department, a description of industries, municipalities, and truck generators along the proposed route, projected growth in the area, and the number of trucks using the proposed route. The project location map should clearly identify the proposed route and each of the project termini. Information pertaining to phase construction that completes a designated truck route, or if the project is part of a multi-stage construction project, should be provided.

Only roadway sections determined to be eligible for upgrading to a designated truck route will be funded from the program (unless phase construction is approved). Eligible routes must terminate at a designated truck route or municipality and begin at a truck generator, another designated truck route, or municipality on the opposite end. 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 eligible intersection, with total project funding up to one-half of the project cost, subject to a maximum of \$900,000 per project. TARP funds may be used for project construction only.

Completed project applications and location maps should be submitted to your IDOT District Local Road's office no later than September 20, 2013. The project information will then be submitted to the Central Bureau of Local Roads

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no later than October 11, 2013 for review. Any questions regarding TARP funding should be directed to Steve Dwyer at (217) 782-3401. Questions regarding design issues should be addressed to the appropriate District Local Roads Field Engineer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James K. Klein".

James K. Klein, P.E., S.E.  
Acting Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

Attachment