

- Cass County Trails Plan is complete and in the public comment period through tomorrow. A few comments have been received to date, all in support of the plan. Danielle will take the plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval in April.
- We received 1 TAP application for the city of Farragut for \$125,000. This is for the third phase in their admiral trail project. I have forwarded to the DOT for comment and will send to the TC and PB for your review and potential approval in May. They previously received \$100,000 for phase I of the project in FY20
- IJJA Changes – 2 stakeholders meetings were held in Feb and March, a final meeting to finalize their plan is scheduled April 19 and will be submitted for approval to FHWA.
  - STBG – increase in funding, no longer a STBG-TAP FLEX option.
    - RPA 13 projected funding for FY23, 24, & 25 previously was \$1.44 million previously. The updated projects are \$1.6 for FY23, \$1.64 for FY24, \$1.67 for FY25, and \$1.7 in FY26.
  - County Five Year Program
    - I believe the engineers have already been made aware of this change but wanted the whole technical committee and policy board to also be aware.
    - Due to the increase in Federal Aid, the SWAP program will not be able to be utilized as much as in the past.
    - Cap of approximately \$50 million per fiscal year, which is a third of what has been programmed.
    - This is for projects currently programed and scheduled to be let after January letting in FY23.
    - Initial feedback on projects that will not be eligible for SWAP:
      - City/county bridge projects
      - ICAAP projects
      - STBG projects for county sponsored projects
    - Initial feedback on projects that will be eligible for SWAP:
      - City sponsored projects for RPA
      - HSIP secondary
  - TAP Changes
    - Increase in funding.
      - Carried over \$112,804, previous projections were \$66,000 for FY23, 24, 25. FY23 is now \$135,284. Likewise, FY24 is \$138,000; FY25 \$141,000; FY26 \$144,000
    - State priorities may have to be incorporated into our scoring
    - Requirement of funded to projects to be at least \$200,000 in total project costs (Or a \$160,000 in TAP funds) \*\*\* in our meeting they said a \$200,000 TAP funding so I will get that clarified.
      - RPA13 guidelines say (most of these set 2011-2013)
        - Minimum of \$25,000 total project cost (\$20,000 TAP, \$5,000 match)

- Maximum – no “set” but have usually stuck to a \$100,000 max per project
  - 20% match required. Up to 50% may be in kind, 50% must be cash.
  - Funds must be expended within 2 years
- Preliminary and Construction Engineering costs will no longer be a part of the eligible costs
- WILL be able to bank funds up to 4 years, which is a huge change than they wanted us to do in the past. Could also borrow ahead for projects.