

The Missouri Department of Transportation is soliciting projects for the 2017 State Fiscal Year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) Freight Enhancement Program.

Public, private, and not-for-profit entities are invited to submit applications requesting Freight Enhancement Funds for non-highway freight improvement projects for the SFY 2017.*

Eligible Applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Public, private and not-for-profit entities are eligible for Freight Enhancement funds.
Project Eligibility: <i>NOTE: Any application that fails to meet these criteria will be disqualified and is ineligible for funding.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In accordance with RSMo 226.225, Freight Enhancement funds must be used for transportation purposes other than highways.Freight Enhancement funds may be used for the construction of improvements or purchase of equipment and must meet one of the following Four Goals (see Missouri State Freight Plan pages 8-6 and 8-7 for additional descriptions of the Four Goals).<ul style="list-style-type: none">SafetyConnectivity and MobilityEconomic DevelopmentMajor MaintenanceOperating costs are not eligible.A minimum of 20% of the project's cost must come from (an)other source(s).A total of \$1,000,000 is available for this program. The maximum available for any one project is \$500,000 (Funds will be paid on a reimbursable basis, and will not be lump sum grants).
Location: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Freight Enhancement funds must be used on projects located within the State of Missouri.
Project Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Notification of awards will be made no later than June 30, 2016, subject to legislative appropriation of SFY freight enhancement funds.Projects should be ready to begin July 1, 2016 and must be completed and billed to MoDOT by June 15, 2017.
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Application Procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Project applications must be submitted electronically Adobe .pdf format to MoFreight@modot.mo.gov and received no later than 5:00 pm Central Time, Tuesday, May 31, 2016. We recommend applicants check the return receipt option in their email. The proposal must be limited to five pages and contain the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name, address, telephone number and email address of the applicant.Address and/or physical description of the project location including a map or aerial photo of the location.A narrative description of the construction project or equipment to be purchased that includes a justification for the project and how it meets one of the Four Goals of: Safety; Connectivity/Mobility; Economic Development; or Major Maintenance.Scoring for each Evaluation Criteria below must be clearly identified by the applicant.Project budget. This must include the total project cost and identification of the source and total amount of matching funds. A commitment letter(s) from the matching funds supplier(s) shall be included, but will not be counted against the five page limit.

*Note, the availability of funds is subject to legislative appropriation.

Evaluation Criteria:

Projects will be scored and given a relative ranking according to the following criteria (maximum score of 100). Final selection will be made by MoDOT staff from among the projects.

- Does the project shift the movement of freight from an out-of-state facility to an in-state facility? – **10 points** For example, grain hauled to Oklahoma for shipping by barge will now be hauled to Missouri facility for shipping by rail or water.
- Does the project directly reduce the distance permitted Oversized or Overweight freight must travel on public roads? – 1 point for every 10 miles reduced for a **maximum of 5 points**. (Click [here](#) for definitions of what Oversize/Overweight freight requires permits.)
- Does the project directly affect more than one mode of freight movement (air, rail, road or water)? – **10 points**
- Does the project directly reduce the distance truck freight must travel on public roads? – 1 point for every 10 miles reduced for a **maximum of 10 points**.
- Is the project directly accessible from a freight route, less than 2 miles from a freight route within the MPO boundaries, or less than 5 miles from a freight route in non-MPO regions of the state? – **10 points** Note: Freight routes are either Tier 1, 2, 3 or 4 highways, any Freight Railroad, any Public Port Authority or a Primary or Secondary Freight Airport. See pages 3-23 through 3-25 of the Missouri State Freight Plan, available at <http://www.mofreightplan.org/>
- Does the project make improvements to any of the Missouri State Freight Plan Performance Measures (see Missouri State Freight Plan page 8-2)? – 5 points for each measure improved for a **maximum of 15 points**.
- Is the project on the freight project list (see [Missouri State Freight Plan Appendix G and Addendums](#) or one developed and published by the [applicable MPO or RPC](#) for the region)? – **10 points**
- 0.5 point for each percent over 20% that the project will be funded from (an)other source(s) (**maximum of 15 points** at a 50% match).

Local match % = local match dollars/total project cost
Total Project Cost = local match dollars + state freight enhancement dollars

Example for total project cost of \$100,000
\$20,000 local match = 20% = 0 points
\$25,000 local match = 25% = 2.5 points
\$30,000 local match = 30% = 5 points
\$50,000 local match =50% = 15 points
- Applicant can demonstrate knowledge of and the ability to follow the Missouri state statutes for use of state funds for procurement of services or equipment, engineering services, and contractor as necessary for the project. – **15 points**