

Public Comment Sought for 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program Allocation

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is seeking comment from the public on proposed allocations of the 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program funding. The Transportation Enhancement Program is a federally funded program that SCDOT administers and provides local governments the opportunity to pursue non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, landscaping, and streetscaping.

A total of \$17,000,000 has been identified for the Transportation Enhancement Program for Fiscal Year 2012. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), the Rural Program, and the statewide Sidewalk/ADA Ramps Program would each receive \$4,000,000. An allocation of \$2,000,000 is proposed for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program.

A copy of this press release and a listing of the various funding categories and their proposed allocations also are available for public review on the world web at:

http://www.scdot.org/inside/public_comment.shtm1

To assist those who do not have internet access, a hard copy of this press release (along with any available charts, maps, tables, etc) is available for public comment at the following locations:

**South Carolina Council of Governments:
Appalachian Council of Governments**
Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville,
Oconee, Pickens & Spartanburg
30 Century Circle
Greenville, SC 29606
(864) 242-9733

Lower Savannah Council of Governments
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Aiken, SC 29801
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222 Phoenix Street, Suite 200
Greenwood, SC 29646
(864) 941-8090

Santee-Lynches Council of Governments
Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee & Sumter
36 West Liberty Street
Sumter, SC 29151
(803) 775-7381

Catawba Regional Council of Governments

Chester, Lancaster, York & Union
215 Hampton Street
Second Floor
Rock Hill, SC 29731
(803) 327-1912

Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments

Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion & Marlboro
2319 Regional Road
Florence, SC 29501
(843) 669-4392

Central Midlands Council of Governments

Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry & Richland
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29210
(803) 376-5390

Lowcountry Council of Governments

Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton & Jasper
634 Campground Road
Yemassee, SC 29945
(843) 726-5536

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1230 Highmarket Street
Georgetown, SC 29440
(843) 546-8502

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Berkeley, Charleston & Dorchester
1362 McMillan Ave, Suite 100
North Charleston, SC 29405
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North Charleston, SC 29406
(843) 740-1665

Comments will be accepted until **December 23, 2011** and should be forwarded to Mr. Mark Pleasant, Statewide Planning Chief at SCDOT, 955 Park Street, P.O. Box 191, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or pleasantmd@scdot.org.

FY 2012 ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

CATEGORY	FY 2012
MPO PROGRAM - The Metropolitan Planning Organization program is designed to allocate Transportation Enhancement Funds to the 10 designated MPO's across the state. Funds provided for reimbursement under the program are evaluated and approved subject to the requirements and criteria of each MPO.	\$4,000,000
RURUAL PROGRAM - The rural portion of the program is designed to allocate Transportation Enhancement Funds to as many communities as possible across the state. Funds provided for reimbursement under the program will be limited to a maximum of \$400,000 for each project.	\$4,000,000
SIDEWALKS/ADA RAMPS - Funds are allocated to each Engineering District to be used in constructing new sidewalks and/or to upgrade existing sidewalks to improve statewide compliance with the most current American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.	\$4,000,000
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN - Allocates funding to supplement maintenance and resurfacing projects that are programmed for state highways on designated statewide touring routes. These funds allow for additional improvements on these projects to further support and promote bicycling and other forms of transportation.	\$2,000,000
ADOPT-AN-INTERCHANGE - The Adopt an Interchange program provides opportunities for local government agencies to work with SCDOT in landscaping and irrigating Interstate interchanges and are limited to \$400,000.00 maximum to any local public agency within the federal fiscal year.	\$1,000,000
PROJECT ADMINISTRATION - This is a source of funds utilized by SCDOT to administer and assist Local Public Agencies, ensuring all projects are compliant with Federal Highway Administration guidelines.	\$2,000,000
FY 2012	\$17,000,000

FY 2012 MPO ALLOCATIONS

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (MPO)	FY 2012
(ANATS) - ANDERSON COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	\$148,193
(ARTS) - AIKEN COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	\$202,460
(CHATS) - CHARLESTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	\$798,965
(COATS) - CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	\$884,554
(FLATS) - FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$146,856
(GPATS) - GREENVILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION	\$804,548
(GSATS) - WACCAMAW PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	\$323,139
(RFATS) - ROCK HILL PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$207,088
(SPATS) - SPARTANBURG COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$341,585
(SUATS) - SUMTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$142,612
MPO TOTAL	\$4,000,000