

ERPC SFY 2020 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects



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Introduction

As required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or "FAST Act", Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) are required to publish an annual listing of projects for which funds have been obligated in the preceding year that includes a listing of pedestrian and bicycle projects. From the Federal Code of Regulations Title 23 › Chapter I › Subchapter E › Part 450 › Subpart C › Section 450.334: Annual listing of obligated projects.

(a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.

(b) The listing shall be prepared in accordance with §450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under §450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years.

(c) The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.

This report responds to the directive and lists all transportation projects in the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization's region (ERPC MPO) that were obligated during State Fiscal year (SFY) 2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020). To be included in this listing, an obligated project must be either entirely or partially located within ERPC's transportation planning area. The obligated amounts shown in the report are attributable to entire projects, including those portions located outside of the planning area. The planning area is composed of Erie County and the City of Vermilion.

FHWA defines obligation as: Obligated - Within this context, an obligation is the Federal government's legal commitment to pay the Federal share of a project's cost. An obligated project is one that has been authorized by the Federal agency and funds have been obligated. Projects for which funds have been obligated are not necessarily initiated or completed in the program year, and the amount of the obligation will not necessarily equal the total cost of the project. For FTA projects, obligation occurs when the FTA grant is awarded. For FHWA projects, obligation occurs when a project agreement is executed and the State/grantee requests that the funds be obligated.

ERPC traced the funding and implementation of surface transportation projects and programs in the past and reported the progress of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This report is intended to meet the requirements of FAST Act as noted above.

Below are some definitions that may be useful when reviewing this report:

Bridge/Replacement and Rehabilitation Funds-can fund the replacement, rehabilitation, and widening of any public bridge.

Equity Bonus Program-funding based on equity considerations. Includes a minimum rate of return on contributions to the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund. It has the same eligibilities as STP funds, but is not subject to safety or enhancement set asides.

Highway Safety Improvement Program-consists of set aside from the Surface Transportation Program which funds projects that reduce traffic fatalities and injuries on all public roads.

Highway Rail Crossing Program-funds used for improvements at public grade crossings.

National Highway System-consists of funding for improvements on rural and urban roads that are part of the National Highway System.

PID- Project Identification Number as listed by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Safe Routes to School Program-funds projects that substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students to walk and bicycle to school safely.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) - a flexible funding category typically used for funding roadway reconstruction, operation improvements, road widening, new roadway, or studies.

Transportation Alternative Program (TA)-a funding category that replaces the Transportation Enhancement funding category, funds can be used for non-motorized transportation improvements.

ERPC MPO Background

The ERPC MPO was designated in 2003 after the 2000 census. The FAST Act requires those urbanized areas with a population greater than 50,000 develop an MPO as a condition for spending federal highway or transit funds. The ERPC MPO region includes all of Erie County and the Lorain County portion of the City of Vermilion. The MPO promotes a regional perspective towards transportation planning and has the responsibility for planning, programming, and coordinating federal investments. The ERPC MPO process creates a partnership among state, local government, and transit operators in providing transportation improvements. In the 2010 Census the Sandusky urbanized area fell beneath the 50,000 population threshold, however ERPC continues to be an MPO through support from local sponsors and the state.

ERPC coordinates planning efforts with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Sandusky Transit System (STS), and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The MPO Policy Committee is the decision-making committee of the MPO. The committee develops its positions by working with elected officials, staff from local governments and the above agencies, and the public through a committee system where various issues are presented, discussed, and recommendations are made. Current committees include the Technical Advisory Committee, Safety Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee and the Bicycle and

Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Special subcommittees and working groups are created and appointed, as need dictates.

ERPC MPO Long Range Transportation Plan

The ERPC MPO Long Range Transportation Plan is a 25-year plan that was approved in July 2020. The plan includes needed transportation improvements and fiscal analysis for constraint to show that the transportation system improvements can be achieved over a 25-year timeframe. Federal law requires the fiscally constrained plan be updated at least every 5 years. Before projects can be approved for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding, they must show compatibility to the Long Range Plan. The current plan passed has a horizon year of 2045.

Transportation Improvement Program

The TIP is the adopted list of public transit, highway, pedestrian, and bicycle projects that will receive federal transportation funds in the near future. The TIP also includes projects in the ERPC MPO region that will only use state funds as well. The TIP implements fiscal constraint as well and the federal rules require that the TIP cover at least four years and be updated every four years. Under ODOT requirements, TIPs are required to be updated every two years and cover a four-year time frame. The TIP is amended quarterly to include any projects approved by the Policy Committee since original date of adoption. The complete ERPC MPO TIP is available for review at:

<https://www.eriecounty.oh.gov/TransportationImprovementProgramTIP.aspx> or by contacting the ERPC MPO staff at the Erie County Department of Regional Planning.

Public Involvement

The ERPC MPO and MPO staff aim to proactively engage the public in the regional transportation planning process and embrace federal requirements that MPOs provide the public with complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and early and continuing involvement in developing the TIP, Long Range Plan, and other products. ERPC's public involvement policy was updated in 2019 and is available on the website. However beginning in March of 2020, due to the COVID pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings, ERPC has had to adjust its public involvement to an online format. Although the online format is currently being used, ERPC MPO public involvement strategies remain the same and include presenting information and educating the public, soliciting public input, requesting comment from the various ERPC MPO committees, and considering and responding to any public concerns. A public notice has been published in the local paper (Sandusky Register) that the draft Annual Listing of Obligated funds was available for public review and comment (copy of public notice and any received comments included at end of this document). The report has also been posted on ERPC's website.

Summary of Projects

ERPC currently has projects scheduled out until SFY 2023. Similar to the TIP, all SFY 2020 obligated projects are listed in chart form on the following pages. The chart lists all the projects for which transactions involving federal funds were completed during SFY 2020. The chart lists the Project Identification Number (PID), project name, primary work category, total project amount requested, total

SFY 2020 funds obligated funds, total amount of remaining funds, federal funding category, and the ODOT STIP category.

ERPC MPO SFY 2020 ANNUAL LISTING OF OBLIGATED FUNDS

PID	PROJECT NAME	FUNDING REQUESTED IN TIP	SFY 2019 OBLIGATED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS REMAINING	PROJECT CLOSED STATUS	BILLING FUND DESCRIPTION	STIP FISCAL GROUP
84556	ERI US 0250 01.14	\$6,339,858.66	-\$13,419.26	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	
88852	ERI SR 0113 13.51	\$885,167.34	\$540,000.00	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	STBG Program - Areas with Population 5k and Under	
88998	LOR Highbridge Road Bridge	\$2,558,017.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
90204	ERI KIFBL Ferry Boat	\$8,524,846.00	\$53,880.30	\$3,804,846.00			Discretionary/Earmark
90932	D03 SRTS Vermilion Inf.	\$1,127,412.25	\$0.00	\$702,421.25			Local Programs
90939	ERI US 0250 00.59	\$1,192,502.00	\$471,965.00	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
92889	ERI US 0006 06.41	\$2,561,717.00	\$40,347.00	\$1,631,375.91		Transportation Alternative Flex, Transportation Alternative - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k	
93095	ERI US 0006 28.84 BI (2018/2020)	\$95,623.00	\$25,810.40	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
94393	ERI SR 0113 06.84	\$6,126,652.00	\$1,560,850.00	\$5,991,679.14		Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), STBG - Areas with Population 5k and Under	
94394	ERI US 0250 04.06	\$4,195,839.00	\$48,508.00	\$0.00	Project Owner Closed	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Flex, STBG Program - Areas with Population Over 5k to 100k	
94444	ERI/MED BH FY2019	\$822,870.05	-\$28,128.00	\$5,000.88		Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Flex	
96331	ERI CR 0120 00.71 (Columbus)	\$1,031,430.00	\$140,420.95	\$61,199.72		Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Flex, Transportation Alternatives - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
96731	D03 SMOOTH FY2017 (B)	\$4,267,546.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	STBG Program - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k	
96885	ERI CR 0120 03.23 (Columbus Ave)	\$1,723,284.16	-\$26,855.28			STBG Program Off-System Bridge, Transportation Alternatives - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k, Highway Safety Improvement Program	
97447	ERI CR 0010 05.00 Roundabout	\$958,716.94	-\$26,800.94	\$0.00	Project Owner Closed	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
98466	ERI US 0006 00.00	\$721,836.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Transportation Alternatives - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k, Highway Safety Improvement Program	
98519	D03 SYSSIGN FY2018	\$286,482.00	-\$47,933.15	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	STBG Program - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
100421	ERI US 0006 17.49 Phase 1	\$2,857,129.70	\$12,031.54	\$761,291.20		National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	
100430	LOR CR 0070 09.74	\$823,586.08	\$200,860.00	\$0.00	Project Owner Closed	STBG Program - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
100432	LOR CR 0070 08.74 (Vermilion Rd)	\$1,008,579.36	\$16,792.36	\$645,385.15		STBG Program - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k	
103735	D03 SRTS City of Huron inf	\$501,187.10	\$2,253.59	\$153,022.25		Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Flex	
103737	D03 SRTS City of Sandusky inf	\$237,321.50	-\$177,377.19	\$59,898.98		Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
105033	ERI CR 0505 00.00 (Meigs St)	\$2,202,941.76	\$131,040.00	\$1,944,912.01		Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
105034	D03 SRTS Perkins Township Inf	\$1,058,700.00	\$0.00	\$903,259.00		Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
105587	ERI Deck Overlay	\$614,440.00	\$1,869,321.77	\$0.00		STBG Program - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Section 164 Penalties - Use for HSIP Activities	
105803	ERI US 006 Corridor Study	\$250,000.00	-\$139,449.22	\$0.00	Project Owner Closed	National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	
106342	D03 SRTS Milan Inf	\$596,977.75	\$44,013.73	\$549,027.50		Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Flex	
106343	D03 SRTS Milan Non-Infra	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	
106672	ERI AT Sandusky Inf	\$198,912.36	\$682,201.86	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	STBG Program - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k, Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Flex	

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107597	D03 TSG FY2018 (C)	\$431,960.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Central Office Closed	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
109523	ERI SR 0004 10.66 Hayes Ave	\$1,540,296.59	\$18,000.00	\$1,343,768.22		Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	
110043	D03 SAFETY TSG	\$89,812.00	\$4,732,000.00	\$0.00	Central Office Closed		SAFETEA-LU Extension
110605	ERI Vermillion TWP Sign Grant	\$8,731.00	\$615,729.27	\$0.00	Project Owner Closed	Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), STBG Program - Areas with Population Over 5k to 200k, STBG Program - Areas with Population 5k and Under	
110670	ERPC Regional Safety Plan	\$59,867.00	\$0.00	\$9,741.66		STBG Program - Areas with Population 5k and Under	
110898	ERI SR 0004 04.65	\$2,279,681.00	\$711,638.91	\$178,839.42		Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Flex, National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	

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LEGAL NOTICE
ERPC SFY 2020 DRAFT
ANNUAL LISTING OF
FEDERALLY OBLIGATED
PROJECTS
ERIE COUNTY, OH

The Erie Regional Planning Commission (ERPC) has completed a draft version of the State Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. The Annual Listing shows all annual federally obligated transportation projects scheduled through the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The draft can be reviewed at the ERPC 3rd Floor Offices, Erie County Services Center, 2900 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH or online at <https://www.eriecounty.oh.gov/MPO.aspx>. Comments will be accepted until September 18, 2020 in person, by mail, phone (419.627.7652), e-mail (planning@eriecounty.oh.gov) or by fax (419.627.7692). The success of any transportation report is reliant upon a strong public involvement program. ERPC has committed itself to pursue a proactive public outreach effort. Staff from ERPC will be available to provide information and answer questions. Persons reviewing the draft will also be invited to submit written comments.
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