

ILLINOIS EXPLORING BRIDGE BUNDLING

Bridge Bundling Working Group Third Meeting Notes

Date: May 21, 2020

Location: Webinar

Time: 1:30PM

Attendees: Scott Sigman, Todd Main, Andrew Larson, Duane Rattermann, Mary Lamie, Clark Kaericher, Bob Perkins, Neil Adams, Holly Beineman, Curtis Robinson, Benjamin Brockschmidt, Collin Watters, Dan Bryndel, Johann Aakre, Michael Wallace, Mike Levin, Molly Rockford, Patrick Claussen, Carl Ringgold, Jamy Lyne, Deborah Brown, Caitlin Ghostal, Mark Polston, Adam Miliszewski, Andrew Petrisin

USDOT – Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program

- Who can borrow
 - State DOT
 - MPOs
 - Port Association
 - Private Corporations
- Requirements
 - NEPA
 - NEPA reviews can take anywhere from 6-18 months
 - Depending on the type of project could include multiple USDOT agencies, specifically for bridges could include MARAD or FRA staff
 - Buy America
 - Materials and items need to be procured in the United States
 - Wavier
 - Extremely unlikely to get wavier, the last two administrations only gave 3 waivers
 - Title 6
 - Investment grade rating
 - Rating required from one of the three Moody's, S&P, Fitch
- Project Types
 - Highways
 - Landside Port Facilities
 - Bridges
 - Tunnel
 - Intermodal Connectors

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- Loan Terms
 - 35 years, 5 year deferral, essentially a 40 year loan
 - Minimum project cost \$10 million
 - Nearly all revenue streams accepted gas tax, tolls, sales tax, etc

USDOT – Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing

- Parameters
 - Rural
 - Definition of rural is different than that of other USDOT agencies
 - Outside of an urbanized area with a population of 150 thousand
 - Maximum award \$75 million
- Why the Rural Project Initiative Program?
 - Discretionary grant programs are over prescribed. These programs have limited funds and usually only the highly recommended projects are selected
 - Financing allows you to build the project now at an extremely low interest rate

USDA – Community Facilities Direct Loans

- Eligible Entities
 - Public bodies of any kind, cities, port districts, counties, etc
 - Non-profit organizations
 - States are not eligible to borrow funds
- Parameters
 - Term of the loans are 40 years
 - Fixed interest rate of 2.375%
 - No prepayment penalties
 - Each state gets their own allocation for the program
 - There are no fees for the program or project
 - Rural Areas
 - Towns under a population of 20 thousand
 - All rural areas included
 - Up to 100% of project financing
 - Not subject to Davis-Bacon Act (paying local prevailing wages) or Buy America
- What can funds be used for?
 - Construction
 - Engineering
 - Land
 - Legal