

FY27 RPA-18 TIP Project Applications Summary

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a federally required, short-range programming document that identifies transportation projects anticipated for implementation within a four-year period. The TIP must demonstrate fiscal constraint and reflects projects that can reasonably be funded based on projected federal, state, and local allocations.

Within the RPA-18 planning area, projects are selected in coordination with the Iowa DOT, local jurisdictions, and the Regional Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18) Policy Board and Technical Committee. Project prioritization reflects federal eligibility requirements, adopted regional goals, available funding targets, and sponsor readiness.

Public comments on the FY27 TIP applications received can be directed to rpa@mapacog.org and will be accepted from **February 12 - March 9, 2026**.

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program

The STBG Program provides federal funding for projects that preserve and improve the surface transportation system and address regional mobility needs. Eligible activities include roadway reconstruction, bridge replacement or rehabilitation, intersection improvements, safety enhancements, and multimodal transportation infrastructure.

For the FY27 cycle:

- The program was **not opened** for new applications
- **Amendments** to previously programmed STBG projects were permitted, subject to available funding and fiscal constraint requirements
- MAPA estimates **\$2,816,501** available for STBG amendments for FY2027-2030
- **One (1)** STBG project amendment was received and will be available for public comment during the FY27 draft TIP comment period.

Transportation Alternatives (TA-Set Aside/TAP) Program

The TA-Set Aside program provides federal funding for projects that expand non-motorized transportation options and enhance the transportation system beyond traditional roadway capacity improvements. Eligible activities typically include

shared-use paths and trails, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, Safe Routes to School improvements, and related active transportation facilities.

For the FY27 cycle:

- The program was opened for new applications
- MAPA estimates **\$844,753** available for new TA Set-Aside projects for FY2027-2030
- **One (1)** TA Set-Aside project application was received.

Application 1: Great American Rail Trail -

Weston to Underwood

- **Sponsor:** Pottawattamie Conservation
- **Classification:** Trail development
- **Funding Request:** \$500,000
- **Description:** The project constructs a 10' wide PCC trail from the existing terminus of the Railroad Highway Trail, near Weston Iowa, north to 4th Street in Underwood, approximately 5 miles.

