



2020 Minnesota Highway Freight Program Solicitation

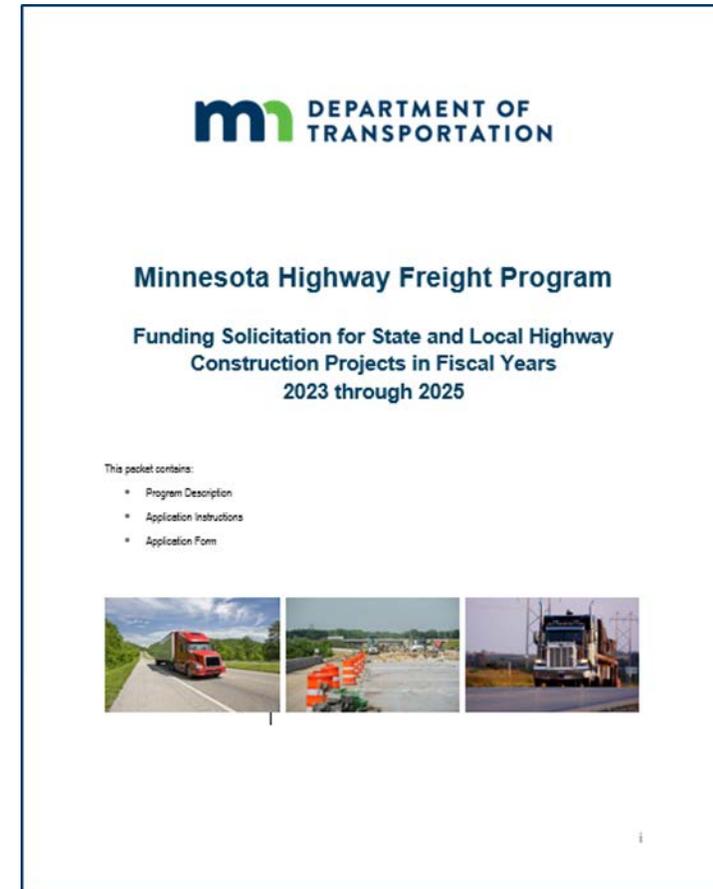
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What is the Minnesota Highway Freight Program?

- The MHFP program is a competitive solicitation open to MnDOT districts, cities, counties, tribal governments, airports, ports, and railroads
- Highway projects that improve freight mobility, safety, first and last mile connections are eligible
- All applicants must be federal aid eligible or partner with a federal aid approved entity
- Funded through federal National Highway Freight Program dollars
- Up to 10% of the funds can also be used on intermodal projects that connect railroads, airports, ports or waterways

Solicitation Details

- One solicitation for FY 2023-2025 funds
- Solicitation was sent to:
 - MnDOT Districts
 - Cities, Counties and Townships
 - Port authorities, railroads, airports
 - Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Development Commissions
- Solicitation is available online:
www.dot.state.mn.us/ofrw/mhfp



Maximum Funding Amounts

Up to the following amounts:

State Fiscal Year 2023 - \$14,700,000

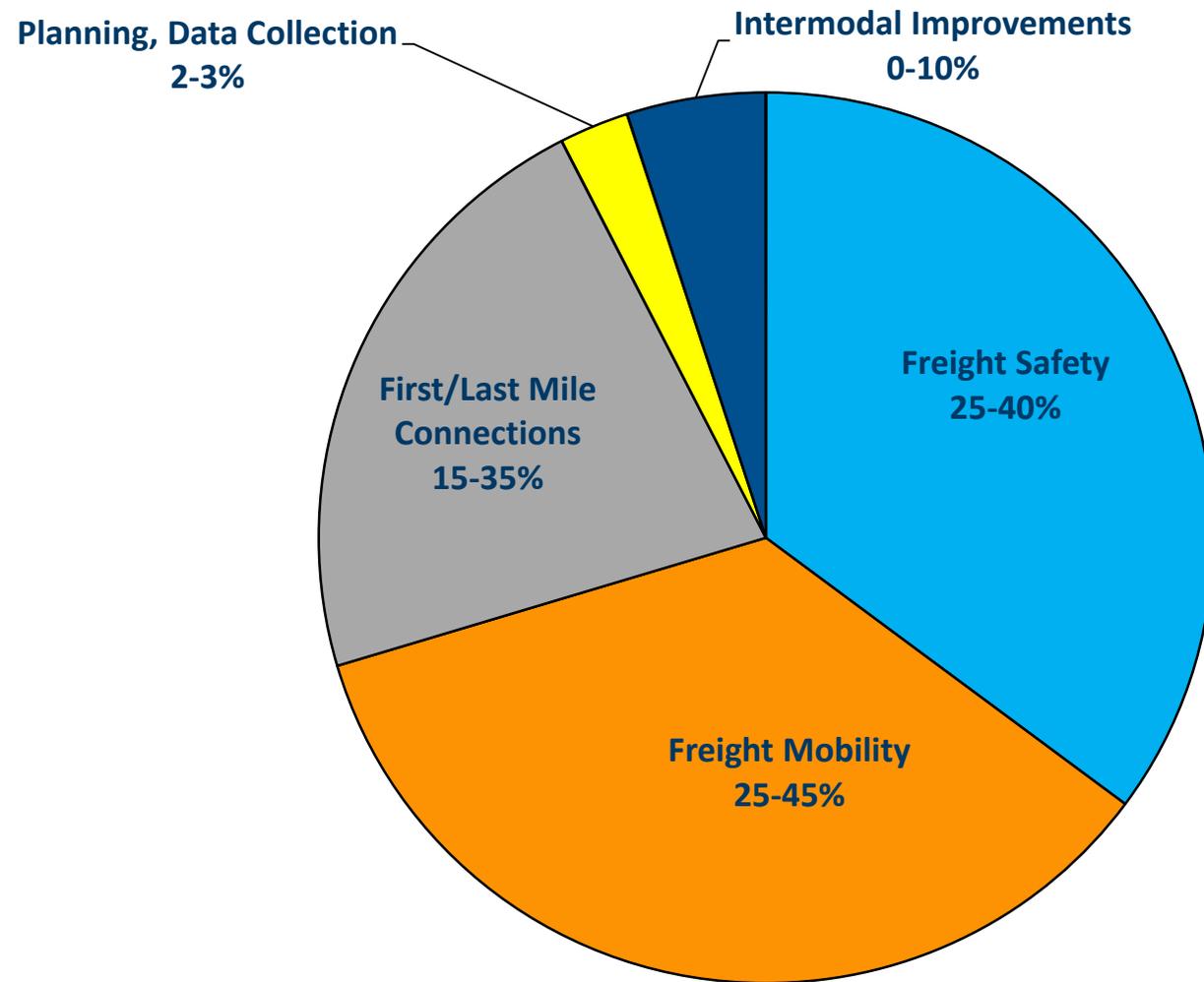
State Fiscal Year 2024 - \$22,200,000

State Fiscal Year 2025 ~ \$20,000,000

Geographic Balance

- Geographic split: 60% Metro District – 40% Greater Minnesota
- **This is a soft target.**
- MnDOT intends to promote freight investments through this program throughout Minnesota to promote safety, efficiency and economic development.

Freight Investment Direction 2023–2025



Draft Minimum and Maximum Award

- The minimum award provided to any one project in this solicitation will be \$500,000
- The solicitation shall prioritize distributing the available dollars to multiple projects
- The maximum award provided to any one project in this solicitation will be one half the total amount available in any one fiscal year and award amounts shall be prorated proportionally to the investment categories as needed

Freight Safety

- Emphasize the following work-types:

Truck parking, truck parking information management systems, weight stations and enforcement sites, railroad at-grade crossings, grade separations, active signals and signs, anti-icing systems, truck lanes, information to cab systems, locations or road segments with high truck or rail crashes

Freight Plans

- MnDOT will reserve the following amounts to ensure timely delivery of freight plans across the state:
 - FY 2023 - \$450,000 – Metro District Freight Plan
 - FY 2023 - \$500,000 – 2023 State Freight Plan

Coordination with Tribal Governments and Federal Partners

- Applicants must consult or communicate with Tribal Nations to request their concurrence or approval for projects that are located near or within Reservation lands
- Applicants in MPO boundaries must communicate with the MPO and obtain concurrence or approval for their application to be considered
- MPOs will have the opportunity to review and comment on applications received in their areas

Scoring Criteria

Roadway Freight Project Criteria

Freight Criteria	Main Measure	Category: Safety	Category: Freight Mobility	Category: First/Last Mile
Truck Volume	Heavy Commercial Annual Average Daily Traffic (HCAADT)	250	250	250
Safety	Crash rate reduction	350	100	100
Mobility	Truck Travel Time Reliability	100	350	150
Facility Access	Number of Trucks Entering and Exiting Project Area	+25	+25	200
Other Criteria	Main Measure			
Cost-Effectiveness	Divide amount of points awarded above by amount of requested funds	150	150	150
Project Readiness	Various measures	150	150	150

Scoring Criteria

Intermodal Project Criteria

Criteria	Main Measure	Points
Freight Volume	Amount of increase in volume	300
Freight Benefit	Economic benefit of increased freight moved	300
Cost Effectiveness	Divide amount of points awarded above by amount of requested funds	200
Project Readiness	Various measures	200

Other Items

- **35 Page, page limit for applications** – You may also submit separate technical documents
- **Acquisition of Right of Way and preliminary engineering will not be eligible activities for this round of the solicitation.** This change is being made to align State Aid cost share policies.
- **Encourage applicants to tell the story of the project**

Important Dates

- **Applications are due on September 28, 2020**
- Project review and scoring will begin in October
- Project awards and announcement will occur in late October

Questions

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