

BRIDGE & ROAD CONSTRUCTION (BARC) PROCESS

BARC funds, also referred to as Road Repair funds, are unique in that they may be spent either through a normal state letting or through a contract arranged by the district for materials and rental equipment. BARC funds are not meant to be used for routine maintenance or for the purchase of equipment or salaries. These are all considered operation expenses and cannot be used as BARC funds. BARC funds should be thought of as funding for projects that are consistent with the legislative language that indicates **the State Road Construction (SRC) appropriation is for the actual construction, reconstruction, and improvement of trunk highways, including design-build contracts and consultant usage to support these activities.**

BARC funds are just another element of each district's state target. BARC funds are SRC funds and should be viewed in the same way as the district construction projects are viewed. Each district determines the amount of BARC funds required for each State Fiscal Year. Transfer of funds between setasides (within each district) should be requested through the Office of Financial Management, Sue Thompson)

During development of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), each district estimates the amount of BARC funds needed for each year of the STIP. The amount of BARC funds needed is listed as a setaside as one line in the district's portion of the STIP. These funds are state funds and are part of the district's SRC target.

Using BARC funds

When the district identifies a use for these funds, the district either (1) executes the normal contract project through the Central Office letting process or (2) identifies the project as an eligible BARC activity to be handled by the district.

1. For a bid contract project that will go through the Central Office letting process, the district builds a PPMS screen and requests the Office of Transportation System Management (OTSM), Kai Vang, to fund the project in PPMS.
2. For an eligible BARC activity, the district uses a tracking form that is sent to OTSM for approval. OTSM determines if the activity is eligible for BARC and approves the project if it meets the guidelines. Funds cannot be encumbered until OTSM approves the request. BARC tracking form should be sent to OTSM, Jody Carr.
3. OTSM manages BARC setaside, reduces the balance as requests are processed, and provides detail reports to the districts upon request.

During the STIP development, OTSM in conjunction with the Office of Financial Management will set up BARC budget (FinDeptID T79390#3, Approp T790058). The budget is determined by setaside amounts programmed in the STIP.