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MEMORANDUM

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

From: CMAP staff

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Re: Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

The following has been taken from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) webpage on the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (at http://www.dot.il.gov/opp/itep.html):

Application process for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program to be re-opened February 1, 2012

On behalf of Governor Pat Quinn, Illinois Department of Transportation's Secretary Ann L. Schneider recently announced the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) application process will be reopened on **Wednesday, February 1, 2012**. IDOT has updated the on-line application process which will improve efficiency for both IDOT and the public. Project sponsors who submitted an on-line ITEP application in 2010 will be required to re-submit a new application, but as part of the on-line updates applications submitted in 2010 can be copied and updated for the 2012 application process. All applications must be submitted through the on-line process. IDOT intends to establish a bi-annual application process following the same basic schedule for each application cycle.

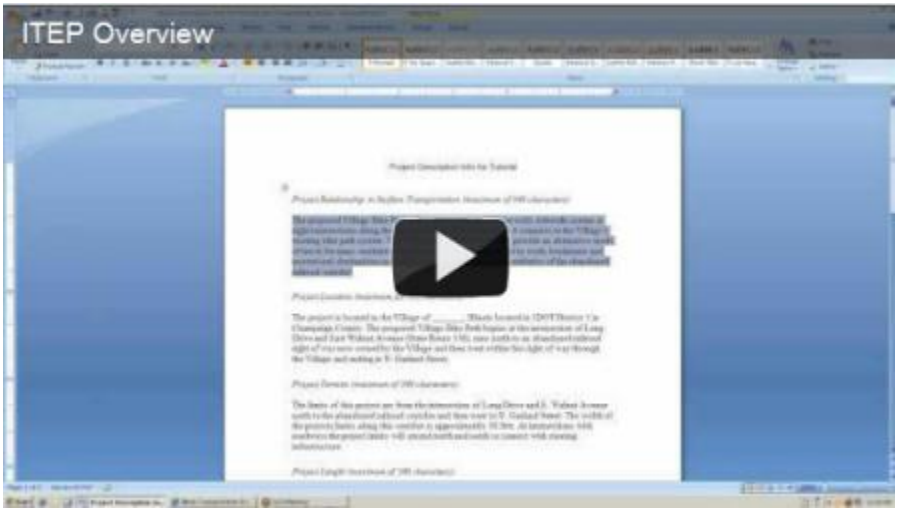
Following is the schedule and deadlines for the 2012 application process:

February 1, 2012: On-line application process opened
May 29, 2012: Deadline for on-line application submittals
June 1, 2012: Deadline for hard copy submittals
June - August 2012: Application reviews
September 2012: Selection committee review
October 2012: Announcement of approved projects

ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP)

ITEP provides funding for community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. Project sponsors may receive up to 80 percent reimbursement for eligible project costs. The remaining 20 percent is the responsibility of the project sponsor. A project must qualify as one of the 12 eligible categories listed in the ITEP Guidelines Manual and the project must relate to surface transportation to be eligible for funding

ITEP Introduction and Application Tutorial - A tutorial is available, which provides a brief introduction to the ITEP program as well as a page-by-page instructional video highlighting the application features and can be viewed by playing the video below. Once you start the tutorial you can select different viewing options. To view it in full screen move your mouse over the tutorial screen and you can either select 'YouTube' or the screen image [ ] in the lower right hand corner to view full screen. If you select YouTube to watch the tutorial you will have the option to view in small screen, large screen or full screen. The viewing option icons will be located in the bottom right hand corner once YouTube is opened.



2012 On-Line Application Instructions - These same detailed instructions will be available for review and downloading once you have accessed the on-line application)

2012 ITEP On-Line Application

2012 ITEP Guidelines Manual - This is the best source for information on the ITEP program and applicants should review the materials before they complete their application. There have been recent changes to the 2012 ITEP Guidelines Manual and they have been highlighted for your convenience.

Questions / Technical Problems
Visit the FAQ's page for answers to commonly asked questions. Additional questions should be e-mailed to itep@dot.il.gov or contact the local IDOT District ITEP Coordinator in your area which is listed toward the bottom of the FAQ page. This e-mail address should also be used to contact IDOT if you have any technical problems with the on-line application process.

Additional News:

Request for Information (RFI) - State Bikeway Plan: The purpose of this RFI is to solicit specific ideas and goals that will help create a comprehensive and effective State Bikeway Plan. Your comments and suggestions will be considered as the Department develops a Request for Proposals (RFP) to create a State Bikeway Plan for Illinois. Comments/suggestions must be submitted following the procedures outlined in the RFI and must be received by March 15, 2012. To access the State Bikeway Plan RFI click on the following link, www.dot.il.gov/desenv/invitenonconstruct.html.