

# **SCDOT NEWS RELEASE**

South Carolina Department of Transportation

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The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is seeking applications for the Fiscal Year 2012 Federal Match Program. Projects considered for this program will be selected based on a Commission approval application process. A mandatory pre-application meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium of the SCDOT Headquarters Building at 955 Park Street, Columbia S.C. Applications will be accepted from August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> 2011. The SCDOT Commission will announce approved match projects at their October Commission meeting.

## Project Qualifications

- Must be federally eligible.
- Must be shovel - ready at the time SCDOT receives an application for matching funds. (Shovel ready means the project has followed federal guidelines in the NEPA and right of way acquisition process. All right of way has been acquired, and all associated construction permits have/ will have been secured prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> of the application calendar year).
- Funding request should only supplement local funding efforts where the original estimate for the project has been exceeded. The match program will contribute up to 50% in federal dollars toward bridging the funding shortfall. Federal matching funds will not “supplant” original local funding budgets.
- Maximum DOT match is 50% of the construction cost funding shortfall.
- Minimum project need in the application, including local match, is \$5M (minimum DOT federal participation is \$2.5M).
- Approved projects will be administered by SCDOT, unless the applicant is an approved LPA and/or has successfully demonstrated the capacity to manage Federal-Aid funded transportation projects.
- Project must be on the state system.
- Local funds will cover all costs above the federal match approved in the application.
- As part of the application process, each project must have letters of support from all affected local governments, as well as any municipal or other local agreements/approvals necessary to advance the project to construction.
- The Match Program will provide up to \$50M. If approved local match funding falls short of utilizing the full \$50M Match program federal share, SCDOT will program those remaining federal dollars on other needed projects within the current STIP programs.

To attend the pre-proposal meeting, please RSVP by July 6, 2011 by contacting Mr. Mark Pleasant, Statewide Planning Chief at (803) 737-1444 or by e-mail at [pleasantmd@scdot.org](mailto:pleasantmd@scdot.org).