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Dear Counties,

As you've been putting together your County Five Year Programs, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) stakeholder group has been meeting and having discussions, and as a result, we and the committee have concluded that there are some changes that will need to be made regarding the programming of projects and their associated funding sources. With the increase in Federal-aid, the Swap program will not be able to be utilized as much as it has in the past. The amount of Swap funding moving forward under the IIJA bill will be around $50 Million annually. During the discussions, the counties have discussed moving toward Federal-aid for their bridge and STBG projects. **What that means going forward is that projects you were planning to let as Swap projects will need to be re-programmed as Federal-aid projects.** While this guidance is not yet set in stone and is subject to change, please utilize the following information for your County HBP and STBG projects:

- FY23 – Program as Federal-aid, if possible, from a Project Development & NEPA timeline perspective. Projects planned for the January letting or later will need to be converted to Federal-aid unless there are rare circumstances that are approved by Local Systems.
- FY24 and beyond – Program as Federal-aid unless there are rare circumstances. Swap projects in FY24 will need approval by Local Systems.

STBG projects may be funded at a ratio of up to 80 percent Federal-aid (80/20). On-system (major collectors or higher) bridges will be funded at an 80 percent Federal-aid share (80/20). Off-system (minor collectors and local routes) bridges will be funded at 100 percent Federal-aid.

If possible, counties should wait to finalize your CFYPs until you are notified by Local Systems that the appropriate changes have been made in TPMS to accommodate the appropriate bridge funding options. Currently, TPMS programming will not allow you to enter a 100 percent Federal-aid funding share for off-system bridges. Please look for another email with further information on this TPMS update. We hope to have this change made by the end of the week.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact Niki Stinn at 515-239-1064 or at niki.stinn@iowadot.us with any questions.

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