

Definitions and Acronyms

Transportation planning has its own language, which requires at times for all users of the system to stop and think about all the specific language that we use on a regular basis. The following section allows the reader to become more familiar with the terminology that is used throughout the FY 2014 Annual/Obligation Report.

Definitions

Fiscal Year (FY) - The Michigan Department of Transportation operates on a different operating year than other governmental entities. WATS fiscal year is July 1-June 30. The state fiscal year begins October 1 and ends September 30. For this report the reporting year is October 1, 2013-September 30, 2014.

Obligation - This refers to the securing of federal transportation dollars from the federal transportation authority (the entity that is giving the project the funds).

Funding Code - Describes the type of federal funds that were used for the project.

Programmed - This term applies to how much federal dollars were planned for by the WATS Committees for the project that is displayed in the TIP.

Surface Transportation Program - The Surface Transportation Program (STP) provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - The TIP is the four year planning document that lists all of the planned transportation projects that will be done throughout Washtenaw County. It also includes the amount of funds that the project is planned for including federal, state, and local.

Matching Dollars - Refers to the amount of local match required to receive the federal funding. Many programs are funded with 80% federal funds and 20% local funds. Some transit programs are 50% federal and 50% local funds.

Federal Funding Codes - Highway	Description
Bridges (BHT, BRO)	BHT - Bridge Rehabilitation BRO - Bridge Replacements
Air Quality (CM, CMG)	CM - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality CMG - allows for CMAQ funds to be 100% federally funded
Economic Development (EDDF)	Economic Development - Category D with Federal Aid
Safety (HSIP, STG, STH, STR)	HSIP - Highway Safety Improvement Program STG - STP Safety STH Hazard Elimination STR - Rail - Highway Crossing Protection
Interstates/Highways (IM, NH)	IM - Interstate Maintenance NH - National Highway System
Surface Transportation (ST, STU, STUL, STL)	ST - Surface Transportation Program Any Area STU - STP Urban Area over 200,000 people STUL - STP Urban Area under 200,000 people STL - Local
Transportation Alternatives (SRSI, TA, TAU)	SRSI - Safe Routes to School-Infrastructure, TA - Transportation Alternatives flex TAU - Urrban area population over 200,000

Federal Funding Codes - Transit	Description
Operations (5307, 5311, 5316, 5317)	5307 - Urban formula 5311 - Non-urban 5316 - Job Access Reverse Commute 5317 - New Freedom
Capital (5307, 5309, 5339, 5316, 5317, 5310)	5309 - Fixed Guideway Capital Investment 5339 - Bus and Bus Facility 5310 - Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with a Disability

Acronyms

CON-Construction phase of a project

PE-Preliminary Engineering

EPE-Early Preliminary Engineering

AATA-Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (The Ride)

WAVE-Western Washtenaw Area Value Express

PEX-People's Express

JFS-Jewish Family Services