

Priority Road Investment Program (PRIP) Projects – FAQs

- Q: What are the requirements for candidate PRIP Projects to be approved for funding?
- A: Candidate PRIP projects were provided to MDOT by the Michigan Legislature. For them to be eligible they need to meet the requirements of Public Act 34 of 2014. Per the Public Act, “Projects shall be obligated and construction shall be underway or design work shall be completed by July 1, 2014.” Here is a link to the entire Public Act:
- <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/publicact/pdf/2014-PA-0034.pdf>
- Q: What PRIP Project costs are eligible for PRIP?
- A: All costs within the scope of the work and project limits described in the contract are eligible. Some examples include preliminary engineering (PE), ROW, utility relocation, construction, and construction engineering (CE).
- Q: What is the authorization date for costs incurred to be eligible?
- A: There is no authorization date for costs incurred to be eligible. Documented costs within the scope of the work and project limits, as described in the contract are eligible if incurred prior to and after receiving the grant from MDOT.
- Q: Will these projects be audited and if so what project documentation should be kept and for how long?
- A: PRIP Projects may be audited. All project records, executed contracts, permits, certifications, payments, etc. are to be maintained for three years from the date of the project completion.
- Q: What is the deadline for completing work?
- A: The goal of the PRIP is to construct projects in 2014 with final completion by December 31, 2015.
- Q: How can I request a change to a PRIP Project (Route, Location, Work Description, Costs)?
- A: As with any major program, change is likely to occur; although it is expected to be minimal. A process has been developed to address any proposed changes. This process can be found on MDOT’s LAP Website at: www.michigan.gov/mdotlap, under the 2014 Priority Road Investment Program. If a change is proposed, it must still meet the requirements for PRIP as detailed in Michigan Public Act 34 of 2014 and follow the steps provided to be considered for approval.

Q: Does consultant selection have to follow QBS?

A: No. The selection of consultants and subcontracts may follow the local agencies selection process.

Q: Do PRIP Projects require prevailing wage rates?

A: Yes. State Prevailing Wage Rates are required for local PRIP projects. Please contact MDOT's Contract Services Division (Heather Stinson at (517) 335-4328 or by email at StinsonH@michigan.gov or Jill Mullins at (517) 373-1576 or by email at MullinsJ@michigan.gov) to provide these rates. These rates change monthly, vary by work type and County so please have the following information when you make the request:

1. Project work description:
2. Project location (County):
3. Project overall estimate:
4. Proposed letting date:
5. Will the project include Ironworker work or any Electrical work?

Q: Does the contractor have to be MDOT pre-qualified?

A: No. The selected contractor does not have to be MDOT pre-qualified.

Q: Will MDOT be involved during construction (Pre-Con, construction extras, etc.)?

A: No. MDOT may conduct a follow-up review of work activity.

Q: Define 'extras' to the construction contract and would they be considered eligible?

A: Extras are eligible provided they are within the scope of the work and project limits described within the contract.

Q: Do PRIP Projects have to be list on a TIP?

A: MDOT is only requiring regionally significant projects to be on the TIP, although some planning agencies are placing all of the PRIP Projects on the TIP.

Q: Can I have my PRIP Project go through the normal MDOT letting process?

A: The intention of the PRIP Program is to be a grant program where the funding is provided directly to the local agency upfront, with minimal involvement from MDOT. If the PRIP Project contains federal aid or is being packaged with a federal aid project then the project will go through MDOT's LAP normal letting process.