

An aerial photograph of a large, multi-level highway interchange. The roads are filled with cars and trucks. In the foreground, there is a construction site with dirt, cranes, and some equipment. The background shows a city skyline under a clear sky.

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
House Federal and Other Funds Appropriations
Subcommittee
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Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Background

- One of several core Federal Highway Administration formula funding programs allocated to states
- The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program 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
- Was previously called “Surface Transportation Program” until the *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* which renamed the program.
- Primary source of federal-aid highway funding to Iowa’s local jurisdiction road and bridge projects.

Highway Formula Programs

Program	2021 (actual)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
National Highway Performance	307.4	365.8	373.1	380.6	388.2	395.9
Surface Transportation Block	157.2	177.9	181.5	185.1	188.8	192.6
Highway Safety Improvement	28.1	35.8	36.6	37.5	38.3	39.2
Rail-Highway Crossings	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Congestion Mitigation/Air Qual.	11.8	12.3	12.6	12.8	13.1	13.3
National Highway Freight	18.2	17.0	17.4	17.7	18.1	18.4
Metro Planning	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8
State Planning and Research	10.6	*	*	*	*	*
Highway Infra/Bridge	43.6					
Bridge		86.3	86.3	86.3	86.3	86.3
Carbon Reduction		15.9	16.2	16.5	16.8	17.2
PROTECT		18.0	18.4	18.8	19.1	19.5
Total	584.7	737.4	750.4	763.7	777.3	791.1
<i>National EV Charging</i>		10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Federal Allocation Requirements

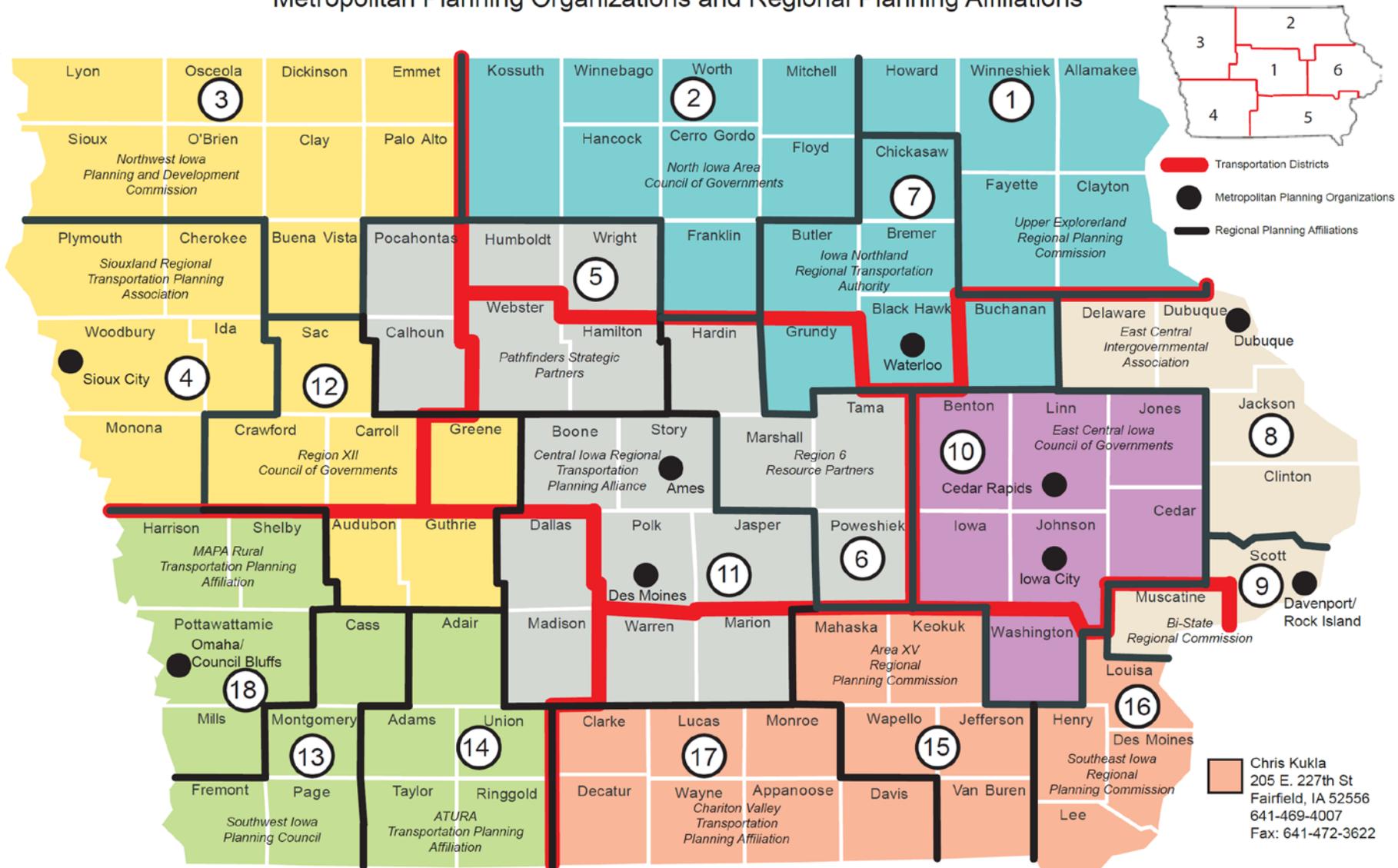
- Two percent set aside for State Planning and Research
- Ten percent set aside for Transportation Alternatives Program
- Remaining funds are allocated based on:
 - Population (55 percent)
 - Areas < 5,000 population
 - Areas between 5,000-50,000 population
 - Areas between 50,000-200,000 population
 - Areas above 200,000 population
 - Any area of the state (45 percent)

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Allocation in Iowa

- STBG funds distributed to state, cities, counties, Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Portion of STBG funds used to support Highway Bridge Program
- Allocation by category based on stakeholder discussions and Iowa Transportation Commission approval

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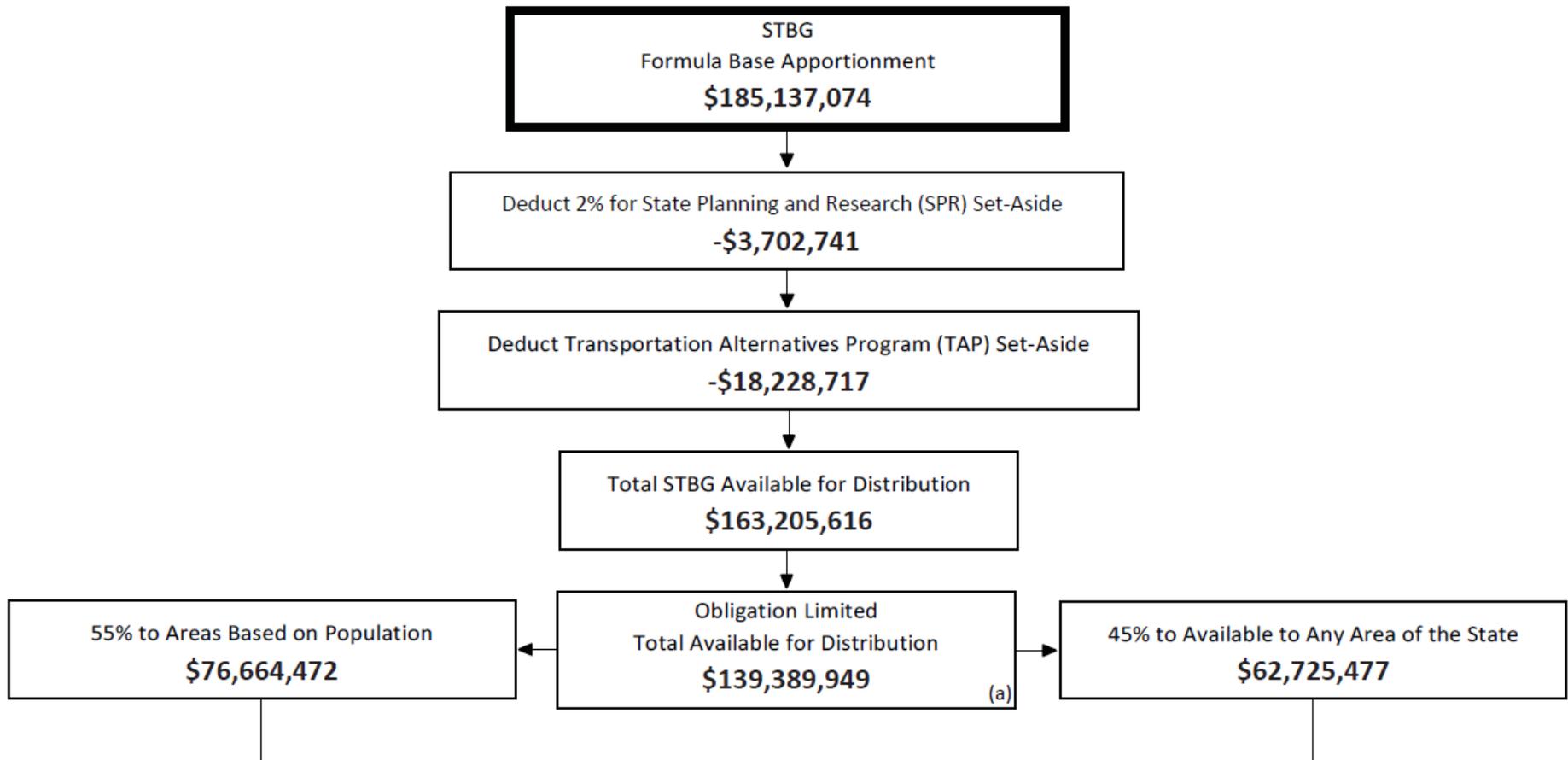
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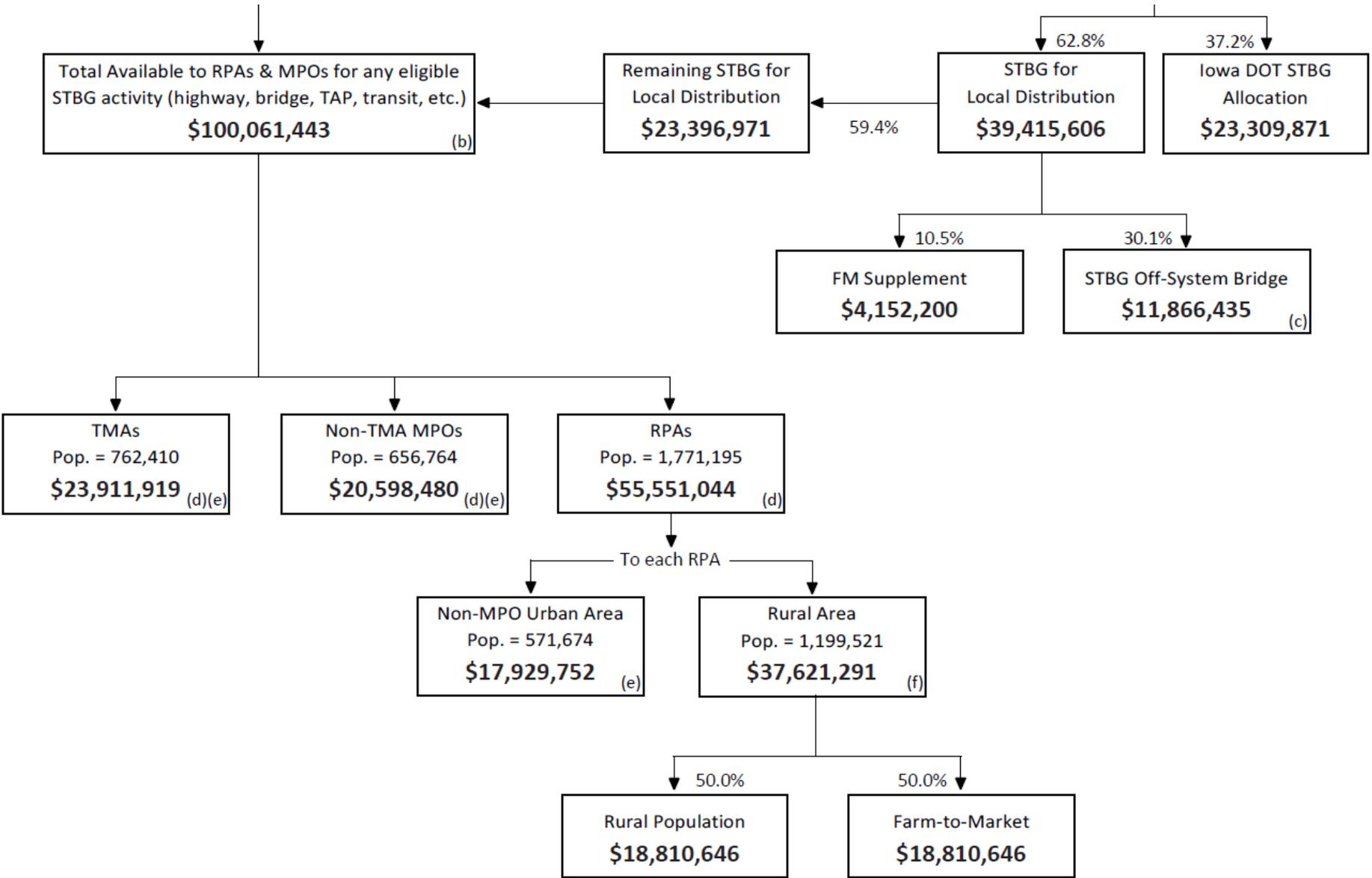
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STBG Program Target Allocation Methodology

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Federal FY 2024 Apportionments to Iowa





Surface Transportation Block Grant Program State Requirements

- Administrative Rules are required pursuant to Iowa Code Section 8.41(3)
- Rules adopted in Chapter 162
- Included in 2023 Federal Block Grant Appropriations Bill (HF 709)
- Requires the DOT to expend the funds appropriated for the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program in accordance with federal law and in conformance with administrative procedures defined in Iowa Code chapter 17A.

2023 Federal Block Grant Appropriation Bill (HF 709)

Sec. 9. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
 APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the fund created by section 8.41 to the department of transportation for the following federal fiscal years beginning October 1, and ending September 30, the following amounts: FFY 2023-2024:..... \$185,100,000
 FFY 2024-2025:..... \$188,800,000

The appropriations made in this section are the amounts anticipated to be received from the federal government for the designated fiscal years under 23 U.S.C. ch. 1, §133, which provides funding allocated by the state transportation commission for state and local transportation projects. The department shall expend the moneys appropriated in this section as provided in the federal law making the moneys available and in conformance with chapter 17A.30

Questions?
