

State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (AZ SMART) Fund Program

Paul Patane
ADOT Multimodal Planning Division

AZ SMART Eligibilities and Available Funding



Eligible Uses include:

- Reimburse up to 50% of grant development and submission costs of a federal grant application. Limited to:
 - Counties with pop of less than 100,000 and
 - Cities/towns with pop of less than 10,000
- Match for a federal grant
- Reimbursement for design and other engineering services that meet federal standards for projects eligible for a federal grant

Eligible applicants are ADOT, all cities and towns and counties except:

- Maricopa and Pima Counties
- Guadalupe, Paradise Valley, Tempe, Tolleson, Youngtown, South Tucson

<i>Applicant Category</i>	<i>Available Funding</i>
ADOT	\$10 mil
Counties with a population of 100,000 or more	\$10 mil
Counties with a population of less than 100,000	\$10 mil
Municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more	\$10 mil
Municipalities with a population of less than 10,000	\$10 mil

RAISE Grant

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grants:

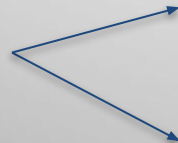
- Multimodal, merit-based competitive program funding a wide variety of transportation projects
- Emphasis: improve safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility/community connectivity, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnership and innovation
- Available national funding in 2023 is \$1,137.5 mil to urban areas and \$1,137.5 mil to rural areas
- Minimum award: \$5 mil in urban areas and \$1 mil in rural areas
- Application deadline is February 28, 2023
- Previously known as TIGER and BUILD grants

AZ SMART Applications for RAISE

Three applications received to date:

- All are eligible applicants, eligible projects and have submitted COG/MPO approval
- Summary and full applications provided in Board packet
- All approved by PPAC to be considered for Board award
- Total requested for Match: \$29,000
- Total requested for Design & Other Engineering Services: \$1,016,000
- Total requested for Grant Development & Submission: 0
- Board may approve, modify, deny or request more information

Discretionary preference criteria outlined in red



Application Summary			
Applicant	Navajo County	Town of Clarkdale	City of Bisbee
AZ SMART Category	County over 100K	Muni under 10K	Muni under 10K
COG/MPO	NACOG	NACOG	SEAGO
Project Type	Planning Study	Bridge	Bridge
Project	Southern Navajo County Regional Multimodal	Clarkdale Regional Rail/Economic	Commerce Street Design and
Limits	SR 260; US 60 to SR 73 and the surrounding neighborhoods.	Located on Broadway Road as it crosses Bitter Creek.	The project limits for the Commerce Street surface start behind 72 Main Street and end below the Queen Mine Parking lot into the Lavender pit of Bisbee, Arizona
\$ Requested for Match	\$29,000.00		
\$ Match from Applicant for Fed Grant			
% Match from Applicant for Fed Grant			
\$ Requested for DOES		\$807,500	\$208,500
Project Partners			

Navajo County

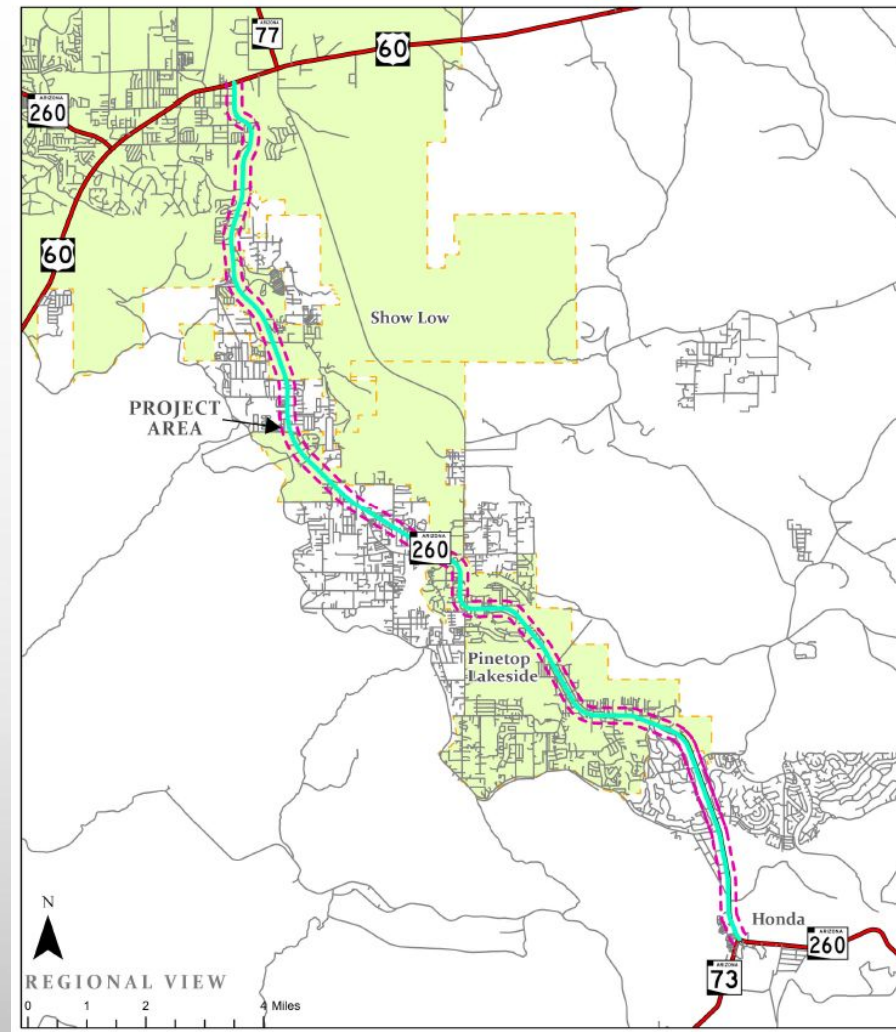
ADOT

**AZ SMART
Request:**

**\$29,000
for Match**

- AZ SMART Request will provide match on the already awarded RAISE grant for a regional multi-modal study, which will:
 - Cover 16 miles on SR 260 between US 60 and SR 73 and surrounding neighborhoods
 - Identify areas for improvement
 - Determine adequate safety measures
 - Prepare pre-construction documents
 - Conduct community outreach
 - Create a technical advisory committee*
 - Develop comprehensive plan

* As SR 260 is a state route, ADOT will be a member of the technical advisory committee to ensure alignment with ADOT plans and programs



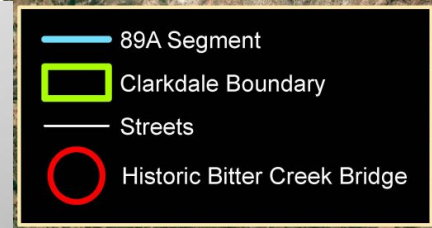
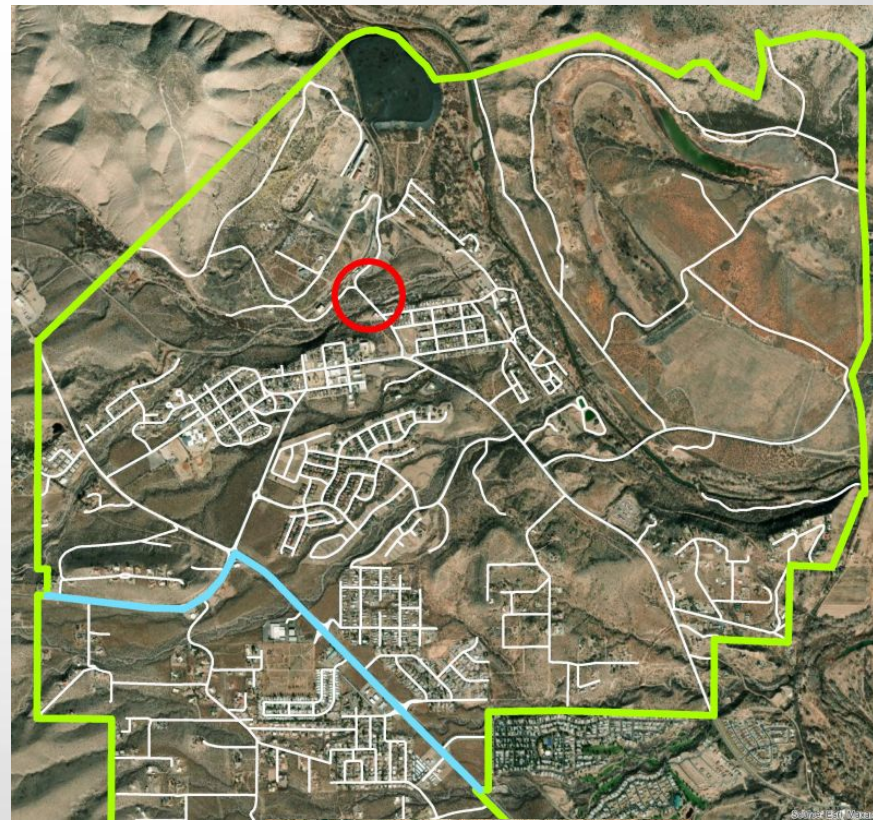
Town of Clarkdale

ADOT

- AZ SMART request will fund design of new two-lane bridge to replace 105-yr old single lane bridge
- New bridge will:
 - Improve emergency response and vehicle access and connectivity to Bitter Creek Industrial Area (BCIA) for residents and employees
 - Facilitate tourism for Verde Canyon Railroad (100K visitors annually), economic development and enhance business continuity at BCIA
 - Improve nationwide connectivity for Arizona Central Railroad
- Old bridge will be converted to pedestrian and bicycle use
- Applicant will submit right of way and construction phases for RAISE grant in 2024

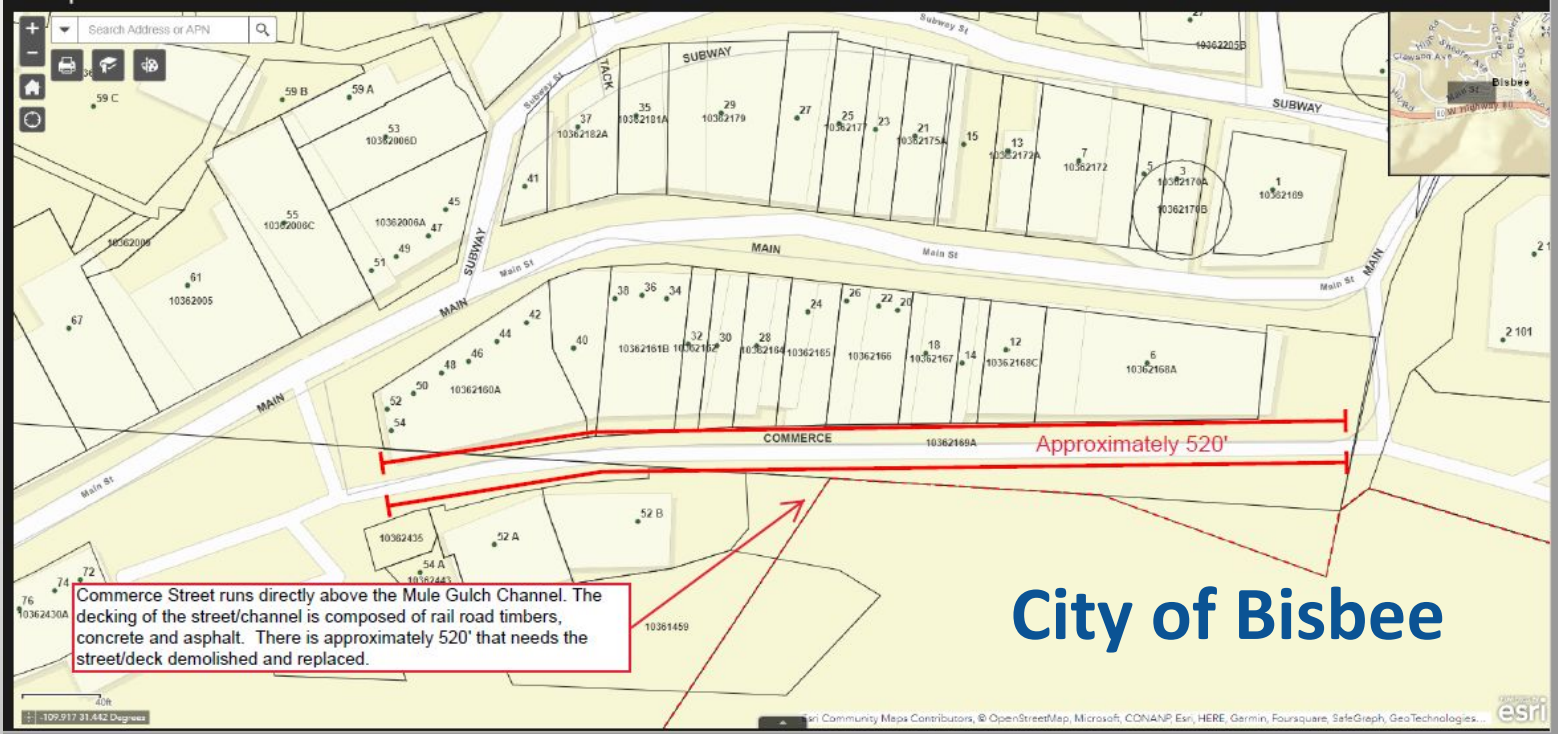
**AZ SMART
Request:**

**\$807,500
for Design
and Other
Engineering
Services**



**AZ SMART
Request:**

**\$208,500
for Design
and Other
Engineering
Services**



- AZ SMART request will fund design of new bridge on Commerce Street
- Current bridge has moisture damage or wood rot and is a safety concern
- It spans Mule Gulch channel, a major drainage way recognized by FEMA
- Collapse could damage utilities and block channel, resulting in flooding and property damage
- Applicant will submit the construction phase for a RAISE grant in 2024

Proposed Action and Next Steps

- Approve all three applications (see proposed motion below)
- Sufficient funding is available and will be set aside for awarded applicants
- Bisbee and Clarkdale contracts for Design & Other Engineering Services will be executed within 120 days of Board approval
- Navajo County contract for Match will be executed after applicant executes the federal grant agreement
- Applicants are responsible for all costs exceeding the amount awarded by the Board

Requested Action

Motion to approve the AZ SMART applications of Navajo County, the Town of Clarkdale and the City of Bisbee for the 2023 RAISE grant in the amount requested by each applicant.