



COVID-19
Infrastructure
Program:
Round 4

Public Meeting

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BACKGROUND

- ◇ Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the economy has suffered large setbacks and there is an urgency to stimulate the economy.
- ◇ As was done in 2009 during the Great Recession, the idea is to inject much needed cash into the local and state economies using infrastructure investment.
- ◇ North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff recommends funding a fourth round of projects.
- ◇ These projects meet one or more of the policies outlined in the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and/or assist in reaching the region's federal performance targets.
- ◇ Some of these projects have been the subject of discussions between NCTCOG staff and regional partners over the past several years. This program seeks to bring them to a conclusion. Other projects were submitted by local governments for consideration.

PROJECT TYPES

- ◇ Projects were divided into project types and evaluated against each other:
 - ◇ Roadways
 - ◇ Complete Streets/Context-Sensitive Design
 - ◇ Bicycle/Pedestrian
 - ◇ Intersection Improvements
 - ◇ Strategic Partnerships (e.g., planning studies, engineering, additional funding on existing projects, non-traditional project types)

EVALUATION PROCESS

◆ Eligibility criteria considered:

- ◆ For Roadway/Intersection projects, facility must be at least a Major Collector on the Federal Functional Classification System or can justifiably be added
- ◆ For projects with added capacity, additional lanes must be warranted.

◆ Selection criteria considered include:

- ◆ Traffic volumes/Level of Service (how well traffic moves along a roadway)
- ◆ Air quality benefits (reduction of vehicle emissions)/Cost effectiveness
- ◆ Consistency with the MTP
- ◆ Project addresses a safety issue (history of vehicle crashes)
- ◆ Project addresses federal performance measures (e.g., bridge condition, pavement condition, part of the roadway freight network)
- ◆ The criteria/process used for each project type is included with the project listings posted online.

RECENT STIMULUS FUNDING

- ◇ As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law in December 2020, \$9.8 billion of additional funding was set aside for transportation infrastructure.
- ◇ Of that amount, \$803 million is allocated to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and \$164 million is allocated to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Texas.
- ◇ Approximately \$54 million is allocated to the Dallas-Fort Worth region.
- ◇ These funds will be added to the region's existing balance of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds in Fiscal Years 2022/2023.
- ◇ This program proposes to incorporate these funds into existing project selection efforts (COVID Round 4+ and the 10-Year Plan).

WEST/EAST FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

West/East Sub-Region Funding Split of Recommended Projects				
Category	West	East	West %	East %
CMAQ ¹	\$8.44M	\$31.37M	21.2%	78.8%
STBG ²	\$24.48M	\$75.19M	24.6%	74.4%
RTR ³	\$1.32M	\$0	100%	0%
RTC Local	\$0.25M	\$0	100%	0%
Total	\$34.49M	\$106.56M	24.5%	75.5%

Funding distributions only take Regional Transportation Council (RTC) funds into account and do not include local matches.

¹ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

² Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

³ Regional Toll Revenue

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUNDING

Project Type	CMAQ Funds	STBG Funds	RTR Funds	RTC Local Funds	Non-RTC Funds	TDCs ¹	Total
Roadways	\$0	\$32.95M	\$0	\$0	\$7.55M	1.88M	\$40.50M
Complete Streets	\$8.80M	\$19.50M	\$0	\$0	\$14.88M	0.44M	\$43.18M
Bicycle/ Pedestrian	\$19.60M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2.25M	2.12M	\$21.85M
Intersection Improvements	\$11.41M	\$3.40M	\$0	\$0	\$4.69M	0.87M	\$19.50M
Strategic Partnerships	\$0	\$43.82M	\$1.32M	\$0.25M	\$5.23M	4.84M	\$50.62M
Total	\$39.81M	\$99.67M	\$1.32M	\$0.25M	\$34.60M	10.15M	\$175.65M

¹ Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are not cash and do not count in total funding

SUMMARY

- ◇ For a comprehensive list of projects being funded, please refer to the project listing on the public input page at www.nctcog.org/input
- ◇ Seeking public comment on the projects proposed for funding

QUESTIONS?

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