2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects

Funding Recommendations for the North Central Texas Region

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Call for Projects opened October 25, 2024, and closed January 17, 2025

Approximately \$56 million in federal funding was available (FY26 – FY28)

Project Activity	Minimum Federal Funding Award per Project (Targets)	Maximum Federal Funding Award per Project (Targets)
Construction	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000
Safe Routes to School Planning	\$200,000	\$500,000



Eligible Project Activities

May include:

- Safe Routes to School Planning (NEW)
- Safe Routes to School Construction Projects
- Shared-Use Paths (Trails)
- On-Street Bikeways
- Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps
- Sidewalks and Bikeways to Transit
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Countermeasures and Technology
- Protected Intersections





Eligible Project Areas

Legend

Large Urbanized Areas

All proposed projects must be within one of the three large urbanized areas (exceeding 200K population)





Match Requirements

Construction-implementation projects

- Engineering and Environmental Phases: <u>100 percent locally funded</u>
- Construction Phases: <u>Minimum 20 percent local match*</u>

Safe Routes to School planning: Minimum 20 percent local match*

*Local match must be cash or Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)

- Agencies may request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) "Regional" TDCs (in lieu of a local match) for projects implementing the Regional Veloweb as identified in Mobility 2045 (2022 Update). Use of Regional TDCs is limited to two applications per agency.
- No in-kind contributions.



Application Categories and Evaluation Criteria

Active Transportation

Regional Network Connectivity Access to Major Destinations Project Readiness and Other Factors Safety and Comfort Congestion Reduction Equity*

Safe Routes to School (Construction)

Problem Identification and Solution Planning Support Potential to Increase Walking/Biking Project Readiness and Other Factors

Equity*

Safe Routes to School (Planning)

Problem Identification and Solution Proposed Plan Elements Potential to Increase Walking/Biking Proposed Planning Process Equity*

* Removed per Federal Guidance.



Project Applications Received (22)



Applications and Requested Federal Funding 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects

	West Subregion (Fort Worth District)	East Subregion (Dallas District)	Total
Number of Applications Received	5	17	22
Active Transportation (18 Applications)	\$ 21,544,000	\$ 88,225,404	\$ 109,769,404
Safe Routes to School (construction) (3 Applications)	\$ 5,336,000	\$ 8,256,000	\$ 13,592,000
Safe Routes to School (planning) (1 Application)	\$ O	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Total Requested Federal Funding	\$ 26,880,000	\$ 96,881,404	\$ 123,761,404



Adjusted Application Scoring

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Activ	e Transportation Applica	tion Category		
#	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Original Score	New Score
1	Town of Addison	Westgrove Drive / Quorum Drive Bike Lanes to Silver Line / Cotton Belt Trail	83	88
2	City of Dallas	Cotton Belt Trail (Davenport Road to Preston Green Park) & Marni Kaner Trail Extension	70	77
3	Dallas County	Chalk Hill Trail Phase 2	74	71
4	City of Frisco	Frisco Square Regional Veloweb Connection and Cottonwood Creek Trail	63	69
5	City of Denton	Sycamore Trail Sidepath	71	68
6	City of Carrollton	T. C. Rice Trail	68	67
7	City of Fort Worth	McPherson-Summer Creek Safe Streets	61	65
8	City of Plano	Los Rios Park Trail	60	64
9	City of Crowley	Main Street Trail Extension	60	63
roje	cts Not Recommended for	Funding		
10	City of Dallas	San Jacinto Cycle Track	50	53
11	Town of Flower Mound	Community Shared Use Path	47	51
12	City of DeSoto	Pleasant Run Road	45	46
13	City of DeSoto	Westmoreland Road	45	46
14	City of Bedford	Bedford Road Beautification - Alternative A	44	46
15	City of Denton	McKinney Street Sidewalks and Sidepath	49	45
16	City of Bedford	Bedford Road Beautification - Alternative B	41	43
17	Town of Sunnyvale	Rails to Trails Phase 2	39	42
	i -	ruction) Application Category		
#	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Original Score	New Score
1	City of Richland Hills	Safe Routes to School - Cheney Hills Elementary	79	58
	City of Denton	Newton Rayzor Elementary School SRTS	70	56
roje	cts Not Recommended for			
3	City of Denton	Sam Houston Elementary School SRTS	59	47
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1	City of Richardson	Richardson SRTS Program	91	75
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Project Sponsor	Project Name	Application Category	Recommended Funding Award	
			TA Funds	TDCs
City of Carrollton	T. C. Rice Trail	Active Transportation	\$ 10,000,000	272,000
City of Crowley	Main Street Trail Extension	Active Transportation	\$ 1,856,000	-
City of Dallas Cotton Belt Trail (Davenport Road to Preston Green Park) and Marni Kaner Trail Extension		Active Transportation	\$ 6,340,000	1,238,000
City of Denton Sycamore Trail Sidepath		Active Transportation	\$ 3,000,000	-
City of Denton	Newton Rayzor Elementary School SRTS	Safe Routes to School (Construction)	\$ 4,584,000	-
City of Fort Worth	McPherson-Summer Creek Safe Streets	Active Transportation	\$ 4,072,000	-



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Project Sponsor	Project Name	Application Category	Recommended Funding Award	
			TA Funds	TDCs
City of Frisco	Frisco Square Regional Veloweb Connection and Cottonwood Creek Trail	Active Transportation	\$ 4,048,000	-
City of Plano	Los Rios Park Trail	Active Transportation	\$ 4,410,000	882,000
City of Richardson	Richardson SRTS Program	Safe Routes to School (Planning)	\$ 400,000	-
City of Richland Hills	Safe Routes to School - Cheney Hills Elementary	Safe Routes to School (Construction)	\$ 4,784,000	-
Dallas County	Chalk Hill Trail Phase 2	Active Transportation	\$ 10,000,000	-
Town of Addison	Westgrove Drive / Quorum Drive Bike Lanes to Silver Line / Cotton Belt Trail	Active Transportation	\$ 6,142,664	-



Recommended Projects (12)



Summary of Recommended Funding Awards

Subregion	Federal (Transportation Alternatives)	Local Match	Transportation Development Credits	Grand Total
East	\$48,924,664 (82%) ¹	\$ 9,203,666	2,392,000	\$ 58,128,330
West	\$ 10,712,000 (18%) ¹	\$ 2,678,000	-	\$ 13,390,000
Total	\$ 59,636,664 (100%) ²	\$ 11,881,666	2,392,000	\$71,518,330

¹Recent CMAQ and/or Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) awards offset this imbalance so overall air quality funding programs are in balance.

²Includes partial funding from FY 25 and FY 29.



Schedule

Milestone	Date
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Information on Call for Projects	August 21, 2024
Surface Transportation Technical Committee - Action to Open Call for Projects	September 27, 2024
Regional Transportation Council - Action to Open Call for Projects	October 17, 2024
Call for Projects Opened	October 25, 2024
Call for Projects Public Workshop	October 29, 2024
Call for Projects Closed (Applications Due)	January 17, 2025
Review of Projects / Scoring by NCTCOG Staff	January – March 2025
Public Meeting	April 7, 2025
Surface Transportation Technical Committee - Action to Approve Recommended Projects	April 25, 2025
Regional Transportation Council - Action to Approve Recommended Projects	June 12, 2025
Deadline for Project Sponsors to Submit Transportation Improvement Program Modifications (November 2025 Cycle)	June 27, 2025
Deadline for Project Sponsors to Execute Agreements with TxDOT	May 8, 2026
Deadline for Project Sponsors to Open Bids and Obligate Funds	August 31, 2028



Requested Action

Recommend Approval of:

- The list of projects to fund through the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects, as provided in this item.
- Administratively amending the TIP/STIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.
- Program rules that:
 - Project sponsors must execute an agreement (AFA) with TxDOT within one year of the funding award by the RTC/inclusion in the TIP/STIP.
 - Projects must advance to construction within three fiscal years of the funding award by the RTC or the funding may be reprogrammed.



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