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# **Status Report on RTC Partnership Programs**

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# Upcoming Discussions/Tasks

- Review all commitments; Began October 2004
- Review the TIP modification policy
- Review reserve accounts
- Establish general approach to funding initiative (i.e., rules of engagement)
- Determine amount of funding available through TEA-21 reauthorization (FY 2004 - FY 2011)
- Determine proportion of funding allocated to Partnership Program 2 and 3
- Approve evaluation criteria and selection methodology

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# Partnership Program Funding

Funding Initiative	Federal Funding Allocation
Partnership Program 1	\$250 million
Partnership Program 2 & 3	\$330 million



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# Current RTC Partnership Programs

**Partnership Program 1 - Freeways, Tollways, Permanent HOV, and Managed Lanes**

**Partnership Program 2 - Transit and Interim HOV**

**Partnership Program 3 - Local Government/Air Quality**



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# Partnership Program 1

- **Phase 1 – Freeways, Permanent HOV, Regional Projects**
  - Approved by RTC; October 9, 2003
  - Projects being implemented
- **Phase 2 – Freeways, Tollways, Permanent HOV/Managed Lanes, “Near Neighbor” Projects**
  - Approved by RTC on September 9, 2004 and October 14, 2004
  - Seek TTC approval; November 2004
- **Complete until input is needed for 2006 Unified Transportation Program**

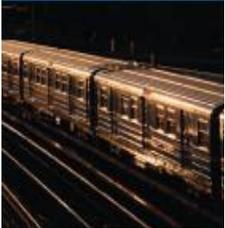


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## Partnership Program 2

- **Phase 1 – Immediate Need Transit Projects**
  - Approved by RTC; October 9, 2003
  - Approval sought in conjunction with Partnership Program 1 (Phase 1)
- **Phase 2 – Transit and Interim HOV Projects<sup>1</sup>**
  - Initiate selection and funding process once Partnership Program 1 is finalized; Begin January 2005
  - Finalize process within approximately six months; July 2005 (after TEA-21 Reauthorization)
- **Phase 3 – Future Transit Projects**
  - Reserve funds for a future transit funding initiative

<sup>1</sup>Some projects may need to be approved ahead of schedule

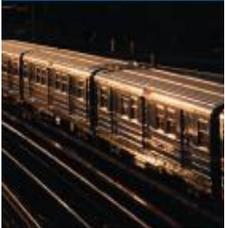


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# Partnership Program 3

- **Phase 1 – Local Government/Air Quality Projects**
  - Approved by RTC; October 9, 2003
  - Projects being implemented
- **Phase 2 – Local Government/Air Quality Projects<sup>1</sup>**
  - Establish program areas and distribute funds to program areas; Begin January 2005
  - Establish rules, policies, and procedures; Begin March 2005
  - Initiate selection and funding process once Partnership Program 2 is finalized; Begin August 2005
  - Finalize process within approximately six months; February 2006 (after TEA-21 Reauthorization)
- **Phase 3 – Local Government/Air Quality Projects**
  - Reserve funds for a future funding initiative

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# Next Steps

- **Initiate committee and council level discussions**
- **Identify eligible programs or “buckets” – Examples:**
  - Transit
  - Roadway Improvements
  - Bottleneck Improvements
  - Management & Operations/  
Air Quality Initiatives
  - Goods Movement
  - Intelligent Transportation Systems
  - Safety Improvements
  - Traffic Signal Improvements
  - Sustainable Development/  
Bicycle/Pedestrian
- **Distribute funds to individual program areas and to the strategic funding program**
- **Initiate 2005 Strategic Funding Program for remaining project types (new roadways, addition of lanes, intersection improvements); Begin August 2005**
- **Establish rules, policies, and procedures (cost overruns, eligibility criteria, timelines for programmatic calls)**
- **Solicit public comments**
- **Request committee and council action**





**Questions?**