

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

2020 Call for Projects Recommendations for the North Central Texas Region

Regional Transportation Council

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Eligible Project Activities for Construction

May include:

- Shared-Use Paths (Trails)
- On-Street Bikeways
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Signalization
- Protected Intersections
- Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps
- Traffic Controls and Calming Measures
- Signage
- Road Diets
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Counters

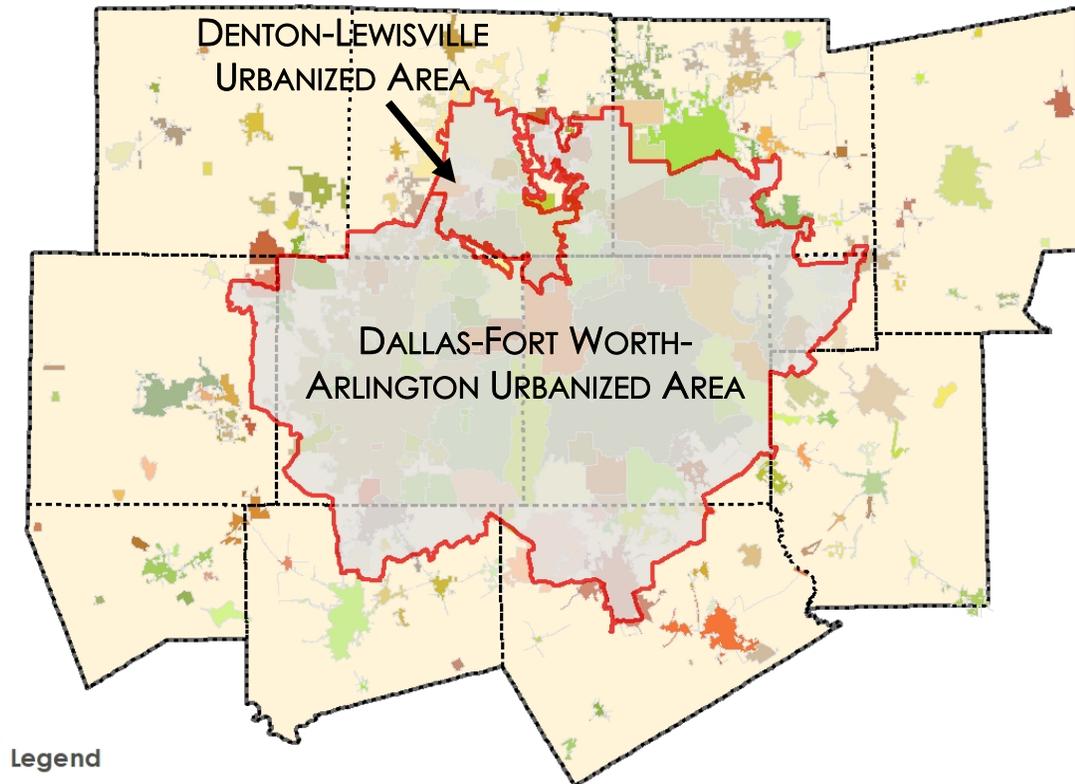


Overview of the Transportation Alternatives Program

- Construction-implementation focus
- Engineering and environmental must be 100 percent locally funded
- Minimum 20 percent local match is required for construction
- Agencies were eligible to request TDCs in lieu of a local match if qualified through the MTP Policy Bundle process

Eligible Areas by Project Category

- **Active Transportation:** Large urbanized areas (over 200,000)
- **Safe Routes to School:** 12-county region, within 2 miles of K-8 school



Funding Overview

Funding Allocation for FY21*, FY22, and FY23
(*conditional* upon receipt of federal funding)

Funding	Western Subregion Fort Worth District (34%)	Eastern Subregion Dallas and Paris Districts (66%)	Total Funding Available
Anticipated Funds (FY 21-22-23)	\$8,102,880	\$15,729,120	\$23,832,000
Previously Awarded Funds (FY 21)*	-	- \$3,967,201*	-
Available Funds (FY 21-22-23)	\$8,102,880	\$11,761,919	\$19,864,799

* FY21 Eastern Subregion funds awarded by RTC on 6/13/19 as part of the 2019 Call for Projects.

Evaluation and Scoring



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Active Transportation Category Evaluation and Scoring Criteria

Category	Scoring	Description
Regional Network Connectivity	20	Improves connectivity of Mobility 2045 regional paths and bikeways between cities and counties.
Transit Accessibility	15	Improves connections and access to transit.
Safety	15	Improves safety and provides facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists with a high level of comfort and suitability for users of all ages and abilities.
Congestion Reduction	15	Provides alternative travel options as an option to motor vehicle trips in areas with greater opportunity for walking and bicycling, thus improving air quality.
Equity	10	Improves access to disadvantaged populations and underserved communities.
Reducing Barriers	5	Provides safe crossing of existing travel obstacles such as major roadways, interchanges, railroads, and bodies of water.
Project Readiness and Other Factors	20	Project readiness / ability to obligate funds and initiate construction quickly. Other factors related to innovation, project impact, and local match percent.

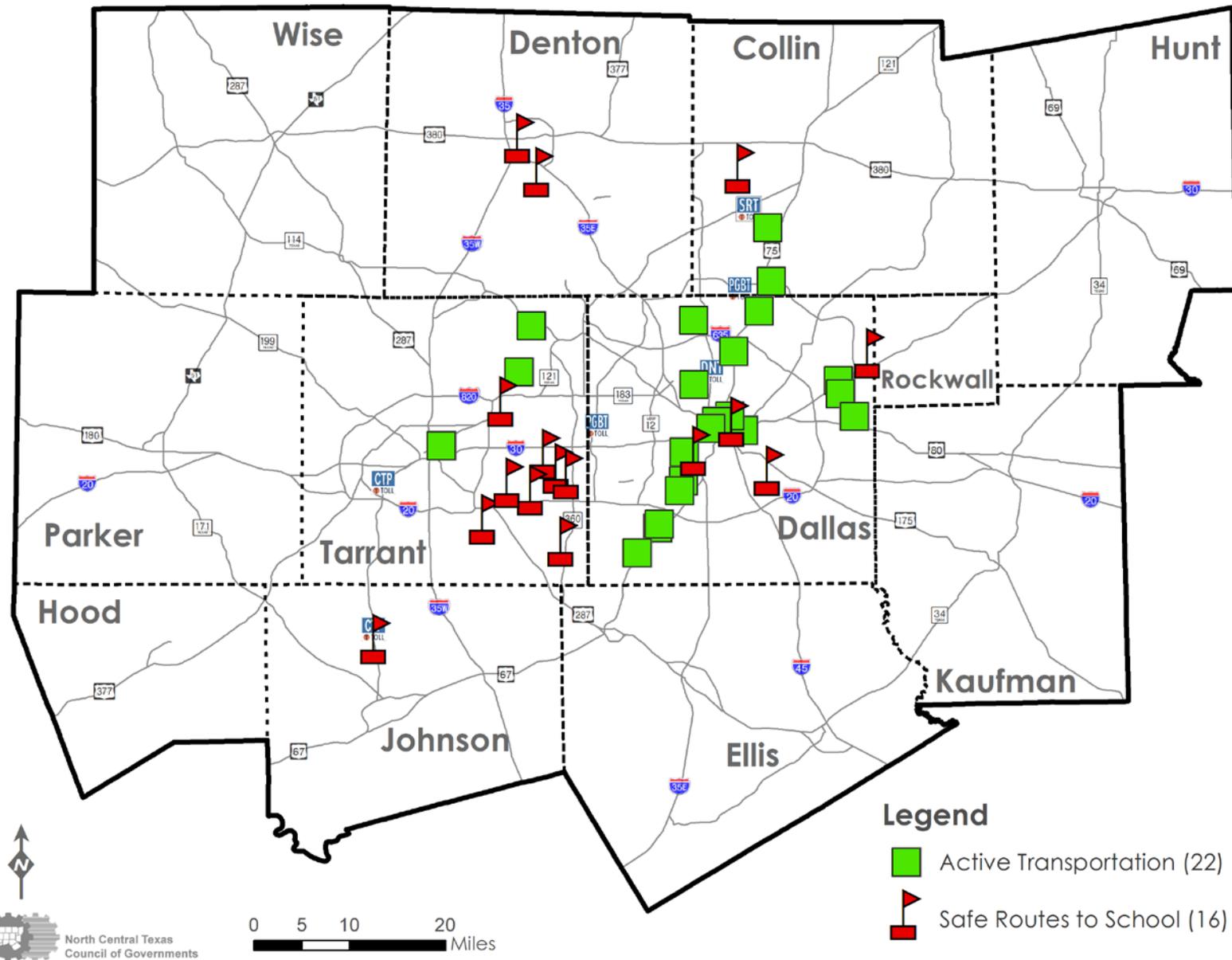
Safe Routes to School Category Evaluation and Scoring Criteria

Category	Scoring	Description
Problem Identification	20	Addresses an identified problem, and the problem is significant.
Planning Support	20	Supported by a SRTS Plan or local planning effort, and supportive municipal policies and plans (ADA Transition Plan and Complete Streets Policy).
Potential to Increase Walking and Bicycling	15	Likely to increase the number of students that walk or bicycle to school.
Equity	15	Improves school access and safety for disadvantaged populations and underserved communities.
Community Support	10	Community support is demonstrated through letters of support, a public meeting, and past participation in encouragement or education events.
Project Readiness and Other Factors	20	Project readiness/ability to obligate funds and initiate construction quickly. Other factors related to innovation, project impact, and local match percent.

2020 TA Applications Received and Requested Federal Funding

	Western Subregion (Fort Worth District)	Eastern Subregion (Dallas District)	Total
Total Number of Applications Received	12	26	38
Active Transportation: 22 Applications (Federal Funding Requested)	\$ 5,422,587	\$ 41,263,270	\$ 46,685,857
Safe Routes to School: 16 Applications (Federal Funding Requested)	\$ 13,530,928	\$ 7,684,215	\$ 21,215,143
Total Federal Funding Requested	\$ 18,953,515	\$ 48,947,485	\$ 67,901,000
Federal Funding Available	\$ 8,102,880	\$ 11,761,919	\$ 19,864,799
Requested Funding Exceeding Available Funding	\$ 10,850,635	\$ 37,185,566	\$ 48,036,201

Project Applications Received (38)



Recommended Projects



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2020 TA Funding Recommendations Western Subregion (Fort Worth District)

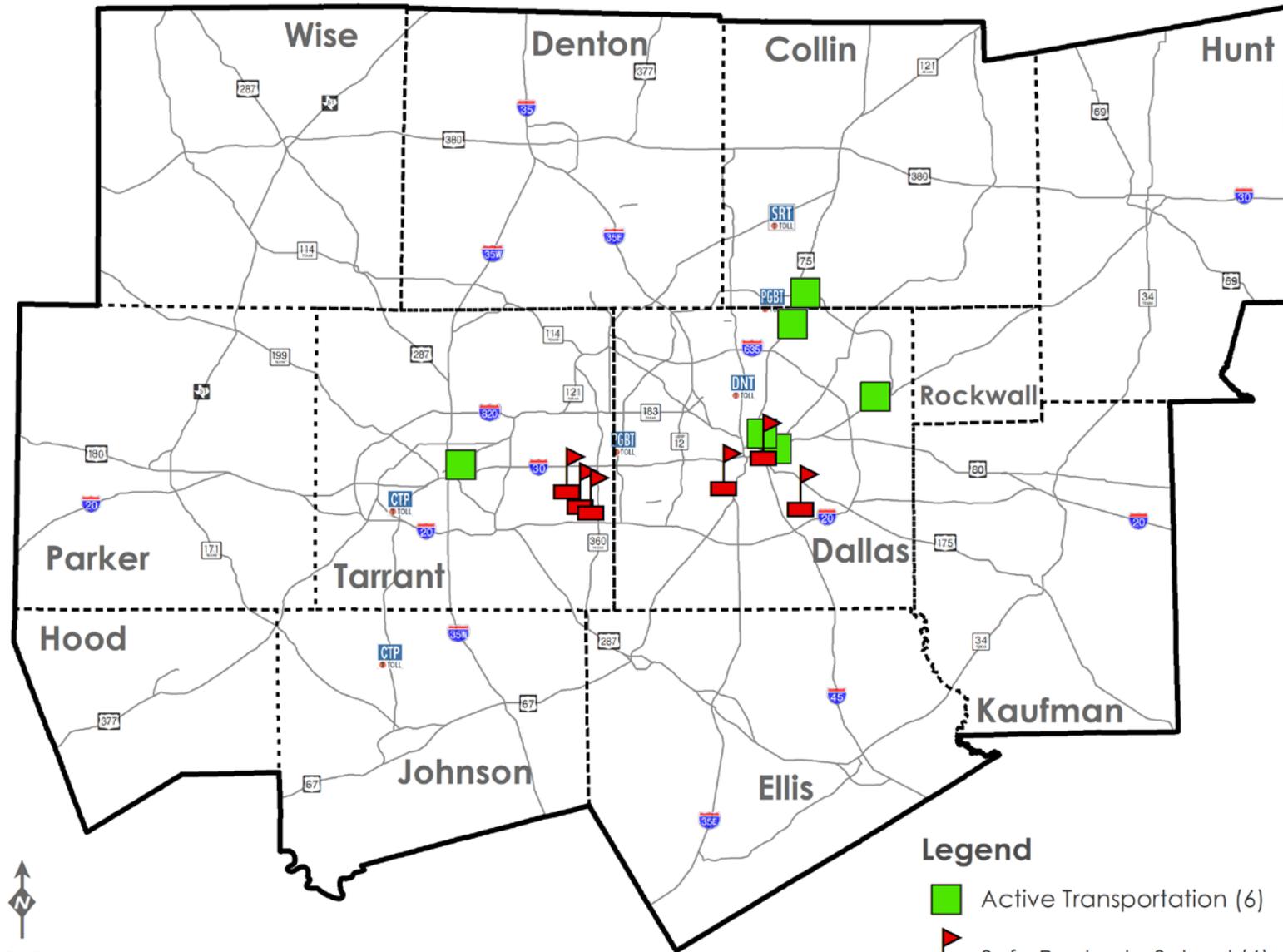
	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Recommended TA Funds	Recommended TDCs
1	City of Arlington	Webb Elementary School SRTS	\$ 788,987	157,797
2	City of Arlington	Crow Leadership Academy SRTS	\$ 1,668,585	333,717
3	City of Arlington	Thornton Elementary School SRTS	\$ 1,452,534	290,506
4	City of Fort Worth	East First/East Fourth St	\$ 2,332,000	466,400
Total			\$ 6,242,106	1,248,420

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2020 TA Funding Recommendations Eastern Subregion (Dallas District)

	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Recommended TA Funds	Recommended TDCs
1	City of Dallas	Elam SRTS Improvements	\$ 1,962,980	392,596
2	City of Dallas	Rosemont SRTS Improvements	\$ 758,351	151,670
3	City of Dallas	Ross Avenue Shared-Use Path	\$ 3,836,092	767,218
4	City of Dallas	Zaragoza SRTS Improvements	\$ 325,661	65,132
5	Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Bridge for Cotton Belt Veloweb Trail at Plano Pkwy	\$ 2,911,792	0
6	Dallas County	Fair Park/East Dallas Trail Phase 1	\$ 1,603,876	0
7	Dallas County	Rowlett Rd Multimodal Improvements	\$ 4,179,705	0
8	City of Richardson	Greenville Ave Multimodal Improvements	\$ 1,702,948	340,589
Total			\$ 17,281,405	1,717,205

Project Applications Recommended (12)



Legend

- Active Transportation (6)
- Safe Routes to School (6)

Recommended Funding (All Sources)

Subregion	Federal	Local Match	Transportation Development Credits	Total
Active Transportation	\$ 14,234,413	\$ 3,588,498	1,107,807	\$ 17,822,911
Safe Routes to School	\$ 3,046,992	\$ 0	609,398	\$ 3,046,992
Eastern Total	\$ 17,281,405	\$ 3,588,498	1,717,205	\$ 20,869,903
Active Transportation	\$ 2,332,000	\$ 0	466,400	\$ 2,332,000
Safe Routes to School	\$ 3,910,106	\$ 0	782,020	\$ 3,910,106
Western Total	\$ 6,242,106	\$ 0	1,248,420	\$ 6,242,106
Grand Total	\$ 23,523,511	\$ 3,588,498	2,965,625	\$ 27,112,009



East/West Equity Balance

- Fewer projects/funding totals recommended in the western subregion results in a funding balance of \$1,860,774.
- The western subregion balance under this call for projects is recommended to be awarded to projects in the eastern subregion, since TA funds are subject to congressional recissions and must be programmed and obligated in a timely manner.
- An equal amount of CMAQ and/or STBG funding will be made available to other transportation projects in the western subregion to offset the balance transfer to the eastern subregion.
- This adjustment will be reflected in the quarterly East/West Equity Tracking Report.

Recommended Funding (Federal)

Funding Categories	Western Subregion	Eastern Subregion	Total
TA Funds Available (FY 21-22-23)	\$ 8,102,880	\$ 11,761,919	\$ 19,864,799
TA Funds Available to Transfer from West to East (FY 23)	(\$ 1,860,774)	\$ 1,860,774	-
TA Funds (FY 24) Recommended	-	\$ 3,658,712	\$ 3,658,712
Total Recommended¹ TA Funds	\$ 6,242,106	\$ 17,281,405	\$ 23,523,511

¹ TA funds will be utilized assuming authorization as part of the next federal transportation bill. If TA funds are not available, project funding will be backfilled with CMAQ and/or STBG.

Schedule

Milestone	Date
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – Info on CFP	November 20, 2019
Call for Projects Public Workshop	January 21, 2020
Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) – Info on CFP	January 24, 2020
Regional Transportation Council (RTC) – Action on CFP	February 27, 2020
Call for Projects Opens	March 2, 2020
Deadline for Meetings to Review Applications for Completeness	April 10, 2020
Call for Projects Closes	May 15, 2020, 5 PM
Review of Projects / Scoring by NCTCOG	May – July 2020
Public Meetings	August 2020
STTC – Action on Selected Projects	August 28, 2020
RTC – Action on Selected Projects	September 10, 2020
Individual Meetings with TxDOT District Staff	September – October 2020
Submittal Deadline for TIP Modifications	October 23, 2020
Approval of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	March / April 2021



Requested RTC Action for Approval:

- The list of projects to fund through the 2020 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects, as provided in Electronic Item 9.2.
- Administratively amending the TIP/STIP and amending other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.
- Per program rules, Project Sponsor must execute an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) with TxDOT within one year of project selection.
- Per program rules, projects must advance to construction within three years from selection or the funding may be reprogrammed.
- Per program rules, cost overruns are the sole responsibility of the Project Sponsor.
- Transferring Western allocation of TA funding to the East, with the same amount of CMAQ or STBG funds to be transferred back to the Western Subregion.
- East/West Equity tracking reports will reflect adjustments for funding in the western subregion to offset the balance transfer to the eastern subregion with this call for projects.

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