COVID-19 Infrastructure Program: Round 4

Regional Transportation Council
April 8, 2021
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, 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 Mobility 2045 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 and this action seeks to bring them to a conclusion. Others were submitted by local governments for consideration.
PROJECT TYPES

- Roadways
- Complete Streets
- Bicycle/Pedestrian
- Intersection Improvements
- Strategic Partnerships (e.g., planning studies, engineering, additional funding on existing projects, non-traditional funding type)
SUMMARY OF THE 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 a capacity increase, additional lanes must be warranted

Selection criteria considered include:
- Traffic volumes/Level of service
- Air quality benefits/Cost effectiveness
- Consistency with the Mobility Plan
- 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 specific criteria/process used for each project type is included in the Council mailout
RECENT STIMULUS FUNDING

- As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) 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 TxDOT and $164 million is allocated to MPOs in Texas.
- Approximately $54M is allocated to the Dallas-Fort Worth region.
- These funds will be added to the region’s existing balance of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds in FY 2022/2023.
- Propose to incorporate these funds into existing project selection efforts (COVID Round 4+ and the 10 Year Plan).
## West/East FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

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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

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\(^1\) Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are not cash and do not count in total funding
## APPROVAL TIMELINE

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ACTION REQUESTED

♢ RTC approval of:

♢ The proposed projects outlined in the tables in the mail out, and

♢ Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other administrative/planning documents as needed.
QUESTIONS?

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