TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

2020 Call for Projects Recommendations for the North Central Texas Region

Regional Transportation Council
September 10, 2020
Kevin Kokes, AICP
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)

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<tr>
<th>Funding</th>
<th>Western Subregion Fort Worth District (34%)</th>
<th>Eastern Subregion Dallas and Paris Districts (66%)</th>
<th>Total Funding Available</th>
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<tr>
<td>Anticipated Funds (FY 21-22-23)</td>
<td>$8,102,880</td>
<td>$15,729,120</td>
<td>$23,832,000</td>
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<td>Previously Awarded Funds (FY 21)*</td>
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<td>- $3,967,201*</td>
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<td>Available Funds (FY 21-22-23)</td>
<td>$8,102,880</td>
<td>$11,761,919</td>
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* FY21 Eastern Subregion funds awarded by RTC on 6/13/19 as part of the 2019 Call for Projects.
Evaluation and Scoring
# Active Transportation Category Evaluation and Scoring Criteria

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<th>Scoring</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Regional Network Connectivity</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Improves connectivity of Mobility 2045 regional paths and bikeways between cities and counties.</td>
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<td>Transit Accessibility</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Improves connections and access to transit.</td>
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<td>Safety</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Improves safety and provides facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists with a high level of comfort and suitability for users of all ages and abilities.</td>
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<td>Congestion Reduction</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Provides alternative travel options as an option to motor vehicle trips in areas with greater opportunity for walking and bicycling, thus improving air quality.</td>
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<td>Equity</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Improves access to disadvantaged populations and underserved communities.</td>
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<td>Reducing Barriers</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Provides safe crossing of existing travel obstacles such as major roadways, interchanges, railroads, and bodies of water.</td>
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<td>Project Readiness and Other Factors</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Project readiness / ability to obligate funds and initiate construction quickly. Other factors related to innovation, project impact, and local match percent.</td>
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<td>Problem Identification</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Addresses an identified problem, and the problem is significant.</td>
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<td>Planning Support</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Supported by a SRTS Plan or local planning effort, and supportive municipal policies and plans (ADA Transition Plan and Complete Streets Policy).</td>
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<td>Potential to Increase Walking and Bicycling</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Likely to increase the number of students that walk or bicycle to school.</td>
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<td>Equity</td>
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<td>Improves school access and safety for disadvantaged populations and underserved communities.</td>
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<td>Community Support</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Community support is demonstrated through letters of support, a public meeting, and past participation in encouragement or education events.</td>
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## 2020 TA Applications Received and Requested Federal Funding

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<td><strong>Total Number of Applications Received</strong></td>
<td>12</td>
<td>26</td>
<td><strong>38</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Active Transportation: 22 Applications (Federal Funding Requested)</strong></td>
<td>$ 5,422,587</td>
<td>$ 41,263,270</td>
<td><strong>$ 46,685,857</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Safe Routes to School: 16 Applications (Federal Funding Requested)</strong></td>
<td>$ 13,530,928</td>
<td>$ 7,684,215</td>
<td><strong>$ 21,215,143</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Federal Funding Requested</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 18,953,515</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 48,947,485</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 67,901,000</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Federal Funding Available</strong></td>
<td>$ 8,102,880</td>
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<td><strong>Requested Funding Exceeding Available Funding</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 10,850,635</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 37,185,566</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 48,036,201</strong></td>
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Project Applications Received (38)
Recommended Projects
## 2020 TA Funding Recommendations
### Western Subregion (Fort Worth District)

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<th>Project Name</th>
<th>Recommended TA Funds</th>
<th>Recommended TDCs</th>
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<tr>
<td>City of Arlington</td>
<td>Webb Elementary School SRTS</td>
<td>$788,987</td>
<td>157,797</td>
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<td>City of Arlington</td>
<td>Crow Leadership Academy SRTS</td>
<td>$1,668,585</td>
<td>333,717</td>
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<td>City of Arlington</td>
<td>Thornton Elementary School SRTS</td>
<td>$1,452,534</td>
<td>290,506</td>
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<td>City of Fort Worth</td>
<td>East First/East Fourth St</td>
<td>$2,332,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$6,242,106</strong></td>
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<td>City of Dallas</td>
<td>Elam SRTS Improvements</td>
<td>$ 1,962,980</td>
<td>392,596</td>
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<td>City of Dallas</td>
<td>Rosemont SRTS Improvements</td>
<td>$ 758,351</td>
<td>151,670</td>
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<td>City of Dallas</td>
<td>Ross Avenue Shared-Use Path</td>
<td>$ 3,836,092</td>
<td>767,218</td>
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<td>City of Dallas</td>
<td>Zaragoza SRTS Improvements</td>
<td>$ 325,661</td>
<td>65,132</td>
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<td>Dallas Area Rapid Transit</td>
<td>Bridge for Cotton Belt Veloweb Trail at Plano Pkwy</td>
<td>$ 2,911,792</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Dallas County</td>
<td>Fair Park/East Dallas Trail Phase 1</td>
<td>$ 1,603,876</td>
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<td>Dallas County</td>
<td>Rowlett Rd Multimodal Improvements</td>
<td>$ 4,179,705</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>City of Richardson</td>
<td>Greenville Ave Multimodal Improvements</td>
<td>$ 1,702,948</td>
<td>340,589</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$ 17,281,405</strong></td>
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Project Applications Recommended (12)
## Recommended Funding (All Sources)

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<th>Local Match</th>
<th>Transportation Development Credits</th>
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<td>Active Transportation</td>
<td>$14,234,413</td>
<td>$3,588,498</td>
<td>1,107,807</td>
<td>$17,822,911</td>
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<td>Safe Routes to School</td>
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<td>Grand Total</td>
<td><strong>$23,523,511</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,588,498</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,965,625</strong></td>
<td><strong>$27,112,009</strong></td>
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• 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)

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<td>TA Funds Available to Transfer from West to East (FY 23)</td>
<td>($ 1,860,774)</td>
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<td>TA Funds (FY 24) Recommended</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$ 3,658,712</td>
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<td>Total Recommended¹ TA Funds</td>
<td>$ 6,242,106</td>
<td>$ 17,281,405</td>
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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

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