

CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATE NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

February 26, 2024

FTA 5339(c) Low or No Emission and 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Programs

The FTA 5339(c) Low or No Emission and 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Programs are released under one NOFO.

The Low or No Emission Program offers \$1,103,963,762 for FY 2024 for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities. Eligible applicants are designated recipients of FTA grants, including states and local governmental authorities.

The Bus and Bus Facilities program provides \$390,045,823 for FY 2024 to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities. Eligible applicants are those that allocate funds to fixed-route bus operators, states, or local governmental authorities that operate fixed- route bus service.

Recipients are permitted to use up to 0.5 percent of their requested grant award for workforce development activities eligible under federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5314(b)) and an additional 0.5 percent for costs associated with training at the National Transit Institute. Federal share for bus equipment and facility acquisition/construction to comply with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or ADA is 90%, 85% to bring buses into compliance, and 80% for other costs. Deadline to apply is **April 25, 2024**. For more information and to apply, go [here](#)!

FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

FHWA Bridge Investment Program

This program offers grants to states, MPOs, and political subdivisions to fund the replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or protect one or more bridges on the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) under 23 U.S.C. 144(b). There is no minimum or maximum award for planning grants, but bridge project costs cannot exceed \$100 million including a 20% match. \$20 million available for planning grants and \$9.62 billion for FY 2023-FY 2026. Deadline to apply for project grants is March 19, 2024. For more information, click [here](#)!



CTRTAG UPDATES & EVENTS

CTRTAG Meeting and Fort Cavazos Pilot Microtransit Zone

The last CTRTAG meeting was held in person on **February 15th, 9:30-11:00 AM** at CTCOG Offices. A presentation was made by Colin Piethe, city planner with Oakland, CA, over the city's mobility wallet program. There was discussion on CTRTAG's 2022-26 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP), including the HOP's pilot microtransit zone on Fort Cavazos-The Cavazos Connector. The Cavazos Connector is comprised of five zones where personnel can utilize ridesharing microtransit similar to Uber or Lyft as well as a circulator route with 28 stops at medical facilities, gyms, dining facilities, exchange locations, and more! The route runs a bus every 15 minutes. When this pilot program began there were 7 riders-this grew to 562 on February 14. The Cavazos Connector will officially launch on **March 2**.

To view the February 15 CTRTAG meeting, click [here](#). To access the 2022-26 RCTP, Click [Here](#)!



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