

CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATE NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

January 9, 2024

TxDOT FY 2024 Coordinated Call for Projects

TxDOT's Public Transportation Division has opened its coordinated call for projects for FY 2024! Eligible applicants are able to apply for the following programs:

- **49 U.S.C. § 5304 Planning Assistance (PLN):** Assists small urban and rural transit agencies as well as local governments, non-profits, and for-profits to develop projects and strategies to support the coordination of public, private, specialized, and human service transportation services. Funds may also be used to support training educational programs, and demonstration projects.
- **49 U.S.C. § 5311(b)(3) Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP):** Projects can develop training and training materials to improve the quality of information and technical assistance available to local transit operators, develop networks of transit professionals, and support the coordination of public, private, specialized, and human service transportation services. Eligible applicants are rural and urban transit districts and non-profits.
- **49 U.S.C. § 5311 Rural Discretionary (RD):** Assists public transportation providers in rural areas to provide passenger transportation services to the general public using the most efficient combination of knowledge, materials, resources and technology.
- **49 U.S.C. § 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program (ICB):** Supports connections, services, and infrastructure to meet the intercity mobility needs of residents in rural areas. Eligible applicants are rural and urban transit districts, local governments, and non-profits.

Deadline to apply is **January 19th, 2024**. For more information and to apply, click [here](#)!

FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Inflation Reduction Act EV Tax Credit Eligibility

The U.S Treasury issued guidelines in December detailing new battery sourcing requirements for the U.S. electric vehicle supply chain away from Foreign Entities of Concern (FEOC), including China. Taking effect starting Jan.1, 2024, to qualify for the up to \$7,500 tax credits at least 60% of its battery components must be manufactured or assembled in the U.S. By 2029 100% of battery components must be manufactured or assembled in the U.S. The number of qualifying EV models dropped from 43 to 19. For more information, click [here](#)!



CTR TAG UPDATES & EVENTS

CTR TAG Meeting and Local Agency Update

The next CTR TAG meeting will be held in person on **February 16th, 9:30-11:00 AM** at the CTCOG Offices. One of the strategies in the 2022-26 RCTP is to introduce a "Local Agency Update" to CTR TAG meetings. This Update will serve to have local city leaders address the Board to discuss their public transportation needs and efforts! If your city, organization, or other entity would like to speak to the CTR TAG Board to discuss your public transportation capacity and needs to be addressed or develop partnerships at our next meeting, please reach out to dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org.

To access the 2022-26 RCTP, Click [Here](#)!



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Central Texas Public Transportation Summit Stakeholder Survey

In December staff sent out a survey to attendees of the Central Texas Public Transportation Summit in April 2023 to gauge new transportation needs, partnerships, and projects. New needs were more private transportation providers, door to door service, and a bus route from downtown Temple to the industrial park. A new project is microtransit on Ft. Cavazos.