

CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATE NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

January 17, 2023

Federal Transportation Funding: FY 2023 Discretionary Grant Preparation Checklist

Over \$32 billion is available to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) in FY 2023 Budget Authority to provide competitive grant funding to local governments, MPOs, transit agencies, and State departments of transportation. USDOT has created a checklist for applicants for future funding programs to help them prepare and take advantage of available funding. The checklist provides steps on how to:

- Coordinate Between Agencies and Stakeholders
- Get Familiar with the DOT Calendar of Funding Opportunities
- Budget For and Secure Your Non-Federal Match
- Ensure Your Project is on the TIP/STIP
- Get Ready to Apply For and to Administer Federal Funding
- Know your Justice 40 designated Census Tracts
- Prepare Your Capital Project's Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)
- Budget for Meaningful Public Involvement
- Build a Strong Workforce Development and Labor Plan
- Understand NEPA and Other Federal Requirements as you Consider Whether to Seek Funding

For more information and to apply, click [here](#)!

FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Flexibility

The FY 2023 omnibus appropriations bill that became law on Dec.29, 2022, included a special provision that would grant cities, counties, and regions greater flexibility when using their remaining State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds (SLFRF). This flex would allow local governments to use SLFRF funds for more uses, including transportation infrastructure. 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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FRA Grade Crossing Safety

January 23, 12:00-2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

The FRA will provide updates on Grade Crossing Safety to include field efforts and grant opportunities..

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