

CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATES NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

January 30, 2023

Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Areas of Persistent Poverty Program

The FTA has announced \$20,041,870 in funding for the Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Program for FY 2023. The AoPP Program provides funds to entities that are eligible recipients or subrecipients for Section 5307, 5310, or 5311 funds to assist Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities for planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for any public transportation project eligible under Chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, including improved transit services, new transit routes, engineering for transit facilities and improvements to existing facilities, innovative technologies, planning for low or no emission buses, planning for a new bus facility or intermodal center that supports transit services, integrated fare collections systems, or coordinated public transit human service transportation plans. "Area of Persistent Poverty" include any county with 20% or more of the population in poverty from the 1990 and 2000 Census and most recent annual poverty estimate and any Census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20% in the American Community Survey from 2014-2018. Non-federal match will be 10% or less of the net project costs.

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](#)!



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..

To attend, click [here](#)!