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Central Texas Transportation Grants, Resources, and Updates Newsletter

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Federal and State Legislative Updates

USDOT Announce New Guidance and \$6.4 Billion to Help States Reduce Carbon Emissions Under the IIJA

USDOT's Federal Highway Administration announced a new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) created under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The CRP will be \$6.4 billion in formula funding for states and localities over five years to help states develop carbon reduction strategies. The CRP will fund a wide range of projects designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources, including installing infrastructure to support the electrification of freight vehicles or personal cars, to constructing Bus Rapid Transit corridors, to facilitating micro-mobility and biking. Under the CRP, states must also develop carbon reduction strategies in consultation with Metropolitan Planning Organizations to identify projects and strategies tailored to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in their states, although states and localities may begin using the CRP funds even before plans are developed and reviewed. For more information, including the Federal guidance, click [here!](#)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

The IIJA also establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will provide \$5-6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is not yet posted. The NOFO is anticipated to be released in spring of 2022. Once the NOFO is posted, Eligible entities may apply, including:

- Metropolitan planning organizations;
- Counties, cities, towns, other special districts that are subdivisions of a State, and transit agencies; and
- Multijurisdictional groups of the above entities.

Funds may be used to:

- Develop or update a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan.
- Carry out projects and strategies identified in Plan.

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

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG) Updates

Local Agency Update

As part of CTRTAG's implementation of the 2022-26 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan, one of the strategies in the implementation matrix is to introduce a "Local Agency Update" to CTRTAG meetings. This Update will serve to have local city leaders address the Board to discuss their public transportation needs and efforts! The first Local Agency Update will be held at the next CTRTAG meeting on Thursday, May.19th.

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

If you are interested in providing a Local Agency Update for your City/County, contact dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org.

Funding Opportunities

USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity

The Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant is a NOFO consolidating three separate grant programs into one application. The programs included in the NOFO are:

- Up to \$1 billion for the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program, which is designed to fund major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs. Eligible projects could include highway, bridge, freight, port, passenger rail, and public transportation projects of national and regional significance.
- \$1.55 billion for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Program, which generally provides grants to rebuild infrastructure and create jobs by funding highway and multimodal freight and rail projects.
- Roughly \$300 million for the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program, which supports projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas.

The deadline for applications is May 23, 2022.

For more information on the program, [click here!](#)