

# CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATES NEWSLETTER

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

May 8, 2023

### FHWA Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program

This Program's discretionary portion will provide grants of \$100,000 and greater to make transportation infrastructure and service, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail, more resilient to extreme weather events. Applicants including MPOs and local governments can apply for several different funding categories, including:

- **Planning Grants:** Develop Resilience Improvement Plans for States and MPOs; resilience planning, predesign, design, or the development of data tools to simulate transportation disruption scenarios, including vulnerability assessments; technical capacity building to facilitate the ability of the eligible entity to assess the vulnerabilities of its surface transportation assets and community response strategies. Up to **\$45 million in grants available. Match not required.**
- **Resilience Improvement Grants:** May be used to improve the ability of an existing surface transportation asset to withstand one or more elements of a weather event or natural disaster, or to increase the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure from the impacts of changing conditions, such as sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. Up to **\$638 million in grants available. At least 20% match.**
- **Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grants:** May be used for activities that strengthen and protect evacuation routes that are essential for providing and supporting evacuations caused by emergency events including activities that will improve evacuation routes, provide safe passage during an evacuation, and reduce the risk of damage to evacuation routes as a result of future emergency events. Up to **\$45 million in grants available. At least 20% match.**

Deadline to apply is **Aug.18, 2023.**

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

## FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### Texas Legislative Session H.B No 3812

The 88th Texas legislative session began on January 10th, 2023. Among the bills filed, there are several that could impact the transportation system in the State. H.B. No. 3812 would establish the Texas Infrastructure Fund under the State treasury to award grants to public and private entities for infrastructure projects including highways, bridges, toll roads, rail, and other transit projects. The Comptroller would develop eligibility and grant amounts.

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



## CTR TAG UPDATES AND EVENTS

### Central Texas Public Transportation Summit

This Summit was held on Apr.26th at the Copperas Cove Civic Center to help public transportation stakeholders collaborate to determine needs, challenges, and brainstorm solutions and partnerships to address these challenges! Great feedback was received on what public transportation service currently looks like and potential solutions to our current needs and challenges-including through microtransit, creating new volunteer driver programs, Transit Management Associations) municipal contributions to public transportation, Business Improvement Districts/Transportation Reinvestment Zones/Public Improvement Districts, and increased organizational cooperation.



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### Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group Meeting

The next CTRTAG meeting will be held **May.18th, 9:30-11:00 AM** at CTCOG offices at **2180 N. Main Street, Belton, TX**. The agenda can be viewed [here](#).