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Central Texas Transportation Grants, Resources, and Updates Newsletter

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Federal and State Legislative Updates

Technical Assistance Guide to Help Communities Unlock Resources From Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The White House released a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law technical assistance guide to help state, local, Tribal and territorial governments navigate, access, and deploy infrastructure resources. The Biden Administration has identified over \$700 million in dedicated funding across more than 65 technical assistance programs, including 14 for transportation assistance. This guide, building on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook and Rural Playbook, highlights programs that help communities navigate programs and resources that can help them deliver infrastructure projects. While some of these programs offer hands-on and intensive planning and delivery support for communities, others are more self-directed resources and tools such as webinars and websites, or funding that can support project planning. The White House Infrastructure Implementation Team has engaged with a range of external stakeholders including, philanthropic, labor and nonprofit organizations, to highlight available nongovernmental resources and create a pipeline to assist communities in quickly and equitably accessing and deploying federal infrastructure funding. This includes Bloomberg Philanthropies, Emerson Collective, Ford Foundation, and the Kresge Foundation, who are launching the [Local Infrastructure Hub](#), which offer technical assistance to help small towns and mid-size cities develop strong applications and a series of webinars to help cities identify the grant opportunities that align with community need. To access the Technical Assistance Guide click [here!](#)

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

The Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the new Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) discretionary grant program, funded with \$1 billion from 2022-26 for planning, capital construction, and technical assistance to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of transportation infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access, or economic development. The NOFO will be released Summer, 2022. For more information on the program, [click here!](#)

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG) Updates

CTRTAG Quarterly Meeting and Central Texas Transportation Facebook Page

The last CTRTAG meeting was on May.19, 2022 at 9:30 AM. This meeting contained an agenda item discussing progress so far on coordinating and implementing the 2022-26 RCTP from CTCOG and the Hill Country Transit District. HCTD's HOP public transit recently began utilizing Token Transit, a trip planning app which users can use for purchasing bus passes virtually. Token Transit integrates with Google, Apple, and Samsung Pay and can be downloaded directly from the Apple or Google app stores. HCTD also discussed the addition of Route 550 in Killeen, a flex route which serves seniors at 30 minute intervals currently, as well the addition of two of three new buses for their fleet, and potential for public-private partnerships in the future.

As part of the coordination of resources and efforts for the implementation of the 2022-26 RCTP, staff has created a new Central Texas Transportation Facebook page to post resources and updates on implementation of the RCTP. Like and follow the page [here!](#)

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

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

Funding Opportunities and Resources

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program Open for Applications

On May.16, 2022, the NOFO for the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Program was released. This program provides \$200,000-\$50 million for the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for preventing roadway death and injury. The deadline to apply is Sep.15, 2022. To access the NOFO, click [here!](#)