



Central Texas Council of Governments  
2180 N. Main Street, Belton, TX 76513  
Dominic.Elizondo@ctcog.org

## Central Texas Transportation Grants, Resources, and Updates Newsletter

06/06/2022

### Federal and State Legislative Updates

#### Texas Delivers 2050 Workshop

The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting a series of virtual freight workshops to receive input from freight shippers, carriers, facility operators, and other stakeholders to help develop the 2023 Texas Freight Mobility Plan (TFMP). Participants will be able to provide feedback on:

- Freight flows and forecasts.
- Freight needs and challenges
- Solutions and recommendations

To register for these virtual workshops, click below!

- June 14, 2022, 9 - 11 a.m. CT (focusing on urban areas), click [here](#)
- June 15, 2022, 9 - 11 a.m. CT (focusing on rural areas), click [here](#)
- June 17, 2022, 9 - 11 a.m. CT (general statewide workshop), click [here](#)

#### Congress Keeps Supply Chain, FY23 Bills on Summer Agenda

Enhancing connectivity along freight supply chains will dominate transportation policy debates when Congress returns June 6 after its Memorial Day recess. Policymakers are aiming to arrive at a final version of a comprehensive package, which proponents refer to as the Bipartisan Innovation Bill. This Bill includes provisions that will provide more than \$50 billion for the domestic semiconductor chips sector, as well as update certain operations at the Federal Maritime Commission. The purpose of the Bill is to help relieve supply chain bottlenecks by supporting the domestic production of semiconductors, and by requiring carriers to issue certain reports to the Federal Maritime Commission each quarter. The bill also would pave the way for the registration of shipping exchanges.

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, Aug..11th.

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](mailto:dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org).

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!](#)

### Funding Opportunities and Resources

#### FTA's Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning

This program provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. Comprehensive or site-specific planning funded through the pilot program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership potential, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations. Eligible applicants are FTA grantees as of the publication date of the NOFO, and must either be the project sponsor of an eligible transit capital project or an entity with land use planning authority in an eligible transit capital project corridor. The deadline to apply is Jul.25. For more information, click [here!](#)