

CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATES NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

JUNE 19, 2023

USDOT Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

This program provides \$150,000 to \$360,000 for FY 2023 for local governments and political subdivisions with populations less than 150,000 located outside of an urbanized area to obtain service from financial, technical, and legal advisors or new staff for development phase assistance for USDOT eligible transportation projects, including cost-benefit analyses, feasibility studies, environmental review and permitting, statutory and regulatory analysis, and evaluation of costs. No match is required. The deadline to apply will be **Sep.27, 2023**. Applications open Aug.14, 2023. For more information and to apply, click [here](#)!

USDOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program

The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program and Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) program have been combined under one NOFO for 2023, which will be released soon. The combined NOFO will provide funds to local governments, MPOs, and non-profits for capital construction, planning, and regional partnerships to plan and implement projects for the removal, retrofit, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access, or economic development. \$1.15 billion is available for construction, \$185 million for planning, and \$450 million for the Regional Partnership Challenge. For more information, click [here](#)!

FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Texas H.B. No. 4885

This bill, signed into law and effective September 1st, 2023, amends the Health and Safety Code to create the Texas Hydrogen Infrastructure, Vehicle, and Equipment Grant Program to fund the purchase, construction, and installation of infrastructure, vehicles, and equipment powered by hydrogen. For more information, click [here](#)!



CTR TAG UPDATES AND EVENTS

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group Meeting

The next CTRTAG meeting will be held August 10th, 9:30-11:00 AM at CTCOG offices at 2180 N. Main Street, Belton, TX. One of the strategies in the 2022-26 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) is to hold a "Local Agency Update" at CTRTAG meetings. If you are a city, county, or organization representative dealing with public transportation services or needs, reach out to dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org to request providing an update on needs, projects, or areas for partnership.

To view the 2022-26 RCTP, click [here](#).



Talking Freight

July 11th, 12:00-1:00 PM
Registration Fee: Free
To register, click [here](#)!