

CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATES NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

July 24th, 2023

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP)

This program has now opened for applications for FY 2023! The TxVEMP's All Electric Program provides grants to local governments, individuals, and any legal entity for replacing diesel-fueled vehicles with all-electric models, along with supporting infrastructure. Governmental entities may request up to 100% of incremental costs for a project while non-governmental entities may request up to 75%. Eligible projects include replacing or repowering a vehicle or a piece of equipment including:

- Class 8 Local Freight and Port Drayage Trucks.
- Class 4-8 School Bus, Shuttle Bus, & Transit Buses.
- Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks.
- Airport Ground Support Equipment.
- Tier 0, Tier 1, or Tier 2 diesel-powered airport ground support equipment.
- Forklift and Port Cargo Handling Equipment.
- Tier 0, Tier 1, or Tier 2 diesel-powered forklifts and port cargo handling equipment.
- Refueling Infrastructure.

Allowable alternative fuels are electricity and hydrogen. At least 51% of the vehicle or equipments' total miles must take place in a priority area-these areas include Bell County. Deadline to apply is **August 31st, 2025**. For more information and to apply, go here:

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Texas State Infrastructure Bank

The State Infrastructure Bank is a revolving loan fund which provides loans at below market interest rates to any public or private entity that can construct, maintain, or finance a transportation project eligible under USC Title 23. Economically disadvantaged counties are eligible for reduction in interest rates- FY 2023 disadvantaged counties include Bell, Milam, and Coryell counties. Funds are limited to \$53 million per project and \$107 million per borrower. Upcoming deadlines are August 28th, September 25th, and October 30th, 2023. For more information and to apply, click [here](#)!

FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Texas Delivers 2050 Freight Mobility Plan

The Texas Delivers 2050 Freight Mobility Plan has been completed and adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission, and is awaiting approval by FHWA. The Plan contains a framework of policy, programmatic, technology and operations recommendations that seek to:

- Strengthen the freight and logistics industry in Texas.
- Support Texas' growing population and economy while preserving the quality of life.
- Preserve, enhance, and further evolve the Texas Multimodal Freight Network.

as well as a Freight Investment Plan with immediate next steps laid out. For more information and to read the Plan, click [here](#)!



CTRAG UPDATES AND EVENTS

Central Texas Transportation Resources

As a result of the Central Texas Public Transportation Summit held on April 26th, 2023, CTRTAG staff created a "Central Texas Transportation Resources" document containing information on public and private transportation providers and entities that work with transportation in and around the region, tools for improving transportation infrastructure or service, and funding sources for stakeholders to be able to coordinate and partner with each other to address identified needs and implement potential solutions from the Summit. Stakeholders can update the document with new information as needed.



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If you would like to collaborate on this document or would like to work on a project to address your transportation needs, please reach out to dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org. To view the 2022-26 RCTP, click [here](#).