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Central Texas Transportation Grants, Resources, and Updates Newsletter

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Federal and State Legislative Updates

FTA Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Technical Assistance Center (TAC)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) launched the PTASP TAC to provide information to transportation agencies involved in improving safety on the systems that serve their states and communities. In addition to providing an online forum and library of resources, the TAC reviews plans, answers questions, and provides training. The resource library includes info for public transportation providers, including bus and rail transit providers, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) on developing Agency Safety Plans.

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

USDOT Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/ Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) created the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation to facilitate collaboration between the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Transportation, providing support and expertise to a multitude of programs that seek to deploy a network of electric vehicle chargers, zero-emission fueling infrastructure, and zero-emission transit and school buses. Initially, the Joint Office will work with states and key stakeholders to build capacity for electric vehicles, plan for charging infrastructure, and implement approved state plans. Additional support is provided for deploying electric school buses and electric transit buses. Technical assistance includes information on the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA)'s 5339(c) Low or No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Program, and tools to locate existing electric vehicle infrastructure and designated Alternative Fuel Corridors, and data for potential charging stations.

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

TxDOT Public Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC)

Sep.7, 2022, 10:00-11:00 AM

To attend, [click here!](#)

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG) Updates

2022-26 Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) FY 23 Funding

The last CTRTAG meeting was held on Thursday, Aug.11th, 9:30-11:00 AM as a hybrid meeting, with the in person meeting held at CTCOG Offices. At this meeting, CTCOG's application for FY 23 TxDOT RPTCP Continuation funding for coordination of the implementation of the Plan was discussed, requiring a letter of support from the CTRTAG Board. CTCOG's application with letter of support was successful, ensuring funding through Aug.31, 2023 to support meetings and planning between various stakeholders for the implementation of strategies within the Plan, including a future Transportation Summit and other projects.

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

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Funding Opportunities and Resources

Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program

USDOT has issued a NOFO announcing more than \$573 million in grant funding for FY 2022 for the program. This program will help improve safety, eliminate lengthy delays at railroad crossings in communities across the country and ultimately lower the costs of transporting goods. This program provides at least \$1 million in funding (with 20% minimum match) for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. Eligible applicants include local governments and political subdivisions. Eligible projects include

- Grade separation or closure;
- Track relocation;
- The improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other measures to improve safety
- Other means to improve the safety and mobility of people ;

The deadline to apply is Oct.4. For more information, click [here!](#)