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Central Texas Transportation Grants, Resources, and Updates Newsletter

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Federal and State Legislative Updates

Federal Approval of First 35 State Plans to Build Out EV Charging Infrastructure

More than two-thirds of Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Deployment Plans from States have been approved ahead of schedule under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program, established and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The NEVI Program provides \$5 billion in formula funding for States over five years to develop EV chargers over 53,000 miles of highways across the country. When States have their Plans approved, they are able to request reimbursement for projects directly related to the charging of a vehicle, including upgrade of existing and construction of new EV charging infrastructure, operation and maintenance costs of these charging stations, installation of on-site electrical service equipment, community and stakeholder engagement, workforce development activities, signage, data sharing activities, and related mapping analysis and activities. 10% of NEVI funding is set aside for discretionary grants to fill national gaps. Remaining Plans are expected to be approved by Sep.30.

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

Texas Highway Freight Investment Plan Development

The State's Freight Mobility Plan 2023 update will include a Freight Investment Plan (FIP), a list of projects that are partially funded through the State's Unified Transportation Plan (UTP), a ten year Plan which authorizes the distribution of funding for construction across 12 project areas, and is approved annually by the Transportation Commission. The FIP will be created by first identifying freight needs and gaps on the Texas Multimodal Freight Network (TMFN), mapping projects in the UTP, then identifying the gap between needs and planned projects to create a final prioritized FIP. Each project currently in the UTP will be scored based on their effectiveness in addressing current freight needs. There are currently over 2,100 UTP projects on the Texas Highway Freight Network that are freight related.

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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

Texas A&M Transportation Institute's (TTI) Truck Congestion Analysis Tool (TCAT) and Freight Fluidity Visualization Tool

TxDOT in collaboration with the TTI has developed several tools for analyzing freight movement throughout Texas, including TCAT and the Freight Fluidity Visualization Tool. TCAT allows users to access mobility performance measures across the State's major roads based on traffic volumes from TxDOT's Roadway-Highway Inventory and proprietary traffic speed data. These measures include annual delay, delay per mile, congestion cost, and travel time index for custom corridors and road segments. The Freight Fluidity Visualization Tool provides a visualization of the types of commodities shipped through the State either by tonnage or value, with bars representing roadway performance based on truck delay or reliability based on a planning time index. Access TCAT [here](#) and the Freight Fluidity Visualization Tool [here!](#)