

CENTRAL TEXAS TRANSPORTATION GRANTS, RESOURCES, AND UPDATE NEWSLETTER

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

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Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

Today the FTA announced the availability of \$13.4 million in grants for this pilot program for FY 2023 to provide funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. Grants will fund projects such as comprehensive or site-specific planning to:

- 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.

All planning work be associated with a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit project. Eligible applicants are current FTA grantees that are either project sponsors or an entity with land use planning authority in an eligible transit capital project corridor. Deadline to apply is **October 10th, 2023**. For more information and to apply, click [here](#)!

USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program

\$100 million is allocated for FY 2023 for states, political subdivisions, public transit agencies, MPOs, and partnerships for projects that utilize innovative technology and data driven methods to address local, regional, or state transportation issues. Projects must include at least one of the following technology areas:

- Coordinated automation
- Connected vehicles
- Sensors
- Systems integration
- Delivery/logistics
- Innovative aviation
- Smart grid
- Traffic signals

Grants will be separated into Stage One grants (up to \$2 million) for Planning and Prototyping and Stage Two Implementation Grants (up to \$15 million). Match is not required for Stage One grants. Deadline to apply is October 10th, 2023. For more information and to apply, click [here](#)!

FEDERAL & STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

2024 Texas Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) Funding

In August Gov. Abbot announced the adoption of the FY 2024 UTP record funding of \$142 billion for Texas' transportation infrastructure over the next ten years. Funding will go to projects including development and delivery projects, right of way acquisition, engineering, routine maintenance contracts, and UTP construction funding on many roads. Funding for rural projects also increased to \$19.2 billion, a major jump from \$2.2 billion in the 2016 UTP. For more information, click [here](#)!



CTR TAG UPDATES & EVENTS

Central Texas Public Transportation Summit Stakeholder Survey

The Central Texas Public Transportation Summit was held on April 26th, 2023. As part of the metrics for the outcomes of the summit, staff distributed a survey to participants to determine if there had been any new transportation partnerships, projects, needs, meetings, and opportunities for collaboration for public transportation since the summit. Five new needs were identified, including need for new on ramps and off ramps, safety improvement affordability, adjustments for inflation on costs, employee transportation for businesses, and having Head Start centers on HOP routes. New projects include street widening, expansion of home delivery services, an intermodal railhead at Fort Cavazos, and attempting to obtain contracts with hospitals for non-emergency medical transportation.



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