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Central Texas Transportation Grants, Resources, and Updates Newsletter

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Federal and State Legislative Updates

TxDOT Section 5310 Funding Stakeholder Workshops

Every two years the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) accepts applications for 5310 program funding in early February. Before the Call for Projects, the Public Transportation Division (PTN) provides Public Involvement (PI) Workshops to get public input in 17 districts statewide. PI Workshops allow stakeholders (elderly, individuals with disabilities, and their advocates) to have a voice as to what is working in their area and what the unmet needs are. Each TxDOT District will be holding an entirely virtual workshop throughout early December 2022 and January 2023. Meeting link and registration details will be publicized prior to meetings for Districts that cover the CTCOG region. The **Bryan District** workshop covering Milam County is scheduled for **Dec.6, 2022, 1:00-3:00 PM**, and the **Waco and Brownwood District** workshops covering Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Mills, and San Saba counties are scheduled for **Dec.12, 2022, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**. To review the 2022-26 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) to see what strategies are being implemented to assist the elderly and disabled, [click here!](#)

For more information and to attend the workshops, [click here!](#)

Texas Transportation Forum

The 2023 Texas Transportation Forum will be held on **Jan. 29 - 31, 2023** in Austin, Texas! The Forum has established itself as the premier regional opportunity to discuss critical state and national transportation topics. With over 4 hours of built-in networking time and over 12 hours of programming and content, join fellow transportation experts, local, state, and federal policy makers, community leaders, industry and stakeholders, and educators for dynamic thought-leadership and interactive sessions. After the 2023 Texas Transportation Forum, this event will be held every two years, like the Texas Legislative session. Registration is \$550 for TxDOT attendees, \$650 for non-profits and representatives from education entities, and \$850 for industry attendees (Prices will be \$100 more after Nov.30). To register and view the agenda, click [here!](#)

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG) Updates

CTRTAG Meeting and Local Agency Update

The next CTRTAG meeting will be held on Thursday, **Feb.16th, 9:30-11:00 AM** as an **in person meeting** held at CTCOG Offices. As part of CTRTAG's implementation of the 2022-26 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan, one of the strategies in the implementation matrix is to introduce a "Local Agency Update" to CTRTAG meetings. This Update will serve to have local city leaders address the Board to discuss their public transportation needs and efforts! If your city, organization, or other entity would like to speak to the CTRTAG Board to discuss your public transportation capacity and needs to be addressed or develop partnerships at our next meeting, please reach out to dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org. To access the 2022-26 RCTP, [Click Here!](#) Like our Central Texas Transportation Facebook page [here!](#)

Funding Opportunities and Resources

USDOT Thriving Communities Program

The USDOT Thriving Communities Program (TCP) allows USDOT selected technical assistance providers to provide technical assistance and capacity building support to communities that may lack the staffing or technical expertise to scope, fund, and develop infrastructure projects. The TCP will provide two years of in-depth assistance to selected communities to help them plan and develop comprehensive transportation, housing, and community revitalization activities. MPOs, cities, counties, and transit agencies are eligible to submit letters of intent for this program; Deadline to submit is Dec.6, 2022. To read the guidance, [click here!](#)

NCST Webinar: Exploring the Impacts of e-Commerce on Urban Transportation, Land Use, and Shopping Behavior

Dec.1, 2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, click [here!](#)