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## Central Texas Transportation Grants, Resources, and Updates Newsletter

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### Federal and State Legislative Updates

#### FTA Transit Standards Development Program

The FTA has announced the availability of up to \$3,000,000 of Technical Assistance and Workforce Development Program funds to one project for development of voluntary standards and standards-related best practices, guidance, and tools in safety, and other areas in public transportation. Eligible applicants include Counties, cities, institutes of higher education, and non-profits. Deadline to apply is Jan.23, 2023.

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

#### Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) FY 2023-24 Every Day Counts (EDC) Program

The EDC Program is a successful state-based program that helps identify and rapidly deploy proven, yet underutilized, innovations that facilitate greater efficiency in project delivery at the state and local levels, saving time, money, and other resources to ensure infrastructure is built better, faster, and more efficiently. On Dec.2, FHWA announced the innovation categories for FY 2023-24. These are:

- Nighttime Visibility for Safety
- Next Generation TIM: Technology for Saving Lives
- Integrating GHG Assessment and Reduction Targets in Transportation Planning
- Enhancing Performance with Internally Cured Concrete (EPIC<sup>2</sup>)
- Rethinking DBE in Design-Build
- Strategic Workforce Development

The EDC Program will highlight innovative practices in these categories from around the country and provide technical assistance resources in replicating them .

To view practices, click [here!](#)

#### Third-Party Contracting and Procurement Tips Webinar

Dec.13, 1:00-2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

For more information, 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!](#)

A new stop on HOP Route 200 in Temple will be added at I-35 and Gillmeister Lane near the Cinemark Theater on Jan.3!

### Funding Opportunities and Resources

#### USDOT FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program

The USDOT FY 2023 RAISE Program makes a total of \$1.5 billion is available for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve: safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism, state of good repair; partnership and collaboration, and innovation. The minimum award is \$5 million and \$1 million in rural areas, with a \$25 million max. Match is 20%, or 0% if applicant is in a rural area, historically disadvantaged community, or an area of persistent poverty. Eligible applicants include local governments, public agencies, and special purpose districts with a transportation purpose. Deadline to submit an application is Feb.28, 2023. The NOFO will be updated with more information on or before Dec.14. To read the NOFO and to apply, [click here!](#)