

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Texas Transportation Enhancement 2009 Program Call

October 21, 2009



Transportation Department
North Central Texas Council of Governments

TEXAS ENHANCEMENT (TE) 2009 PROGRAM CALL DETAILS



- TE Program Call opened on Friday, October 9, 2009
- Applications and nomination forms due to TxDOT 5:00 pm, Friday, December 11, 2009
- \$67.5 million available statewide
- Funds offered through the TE Program can be used for projects such as constructing walking and biking trails, improving existing facilities to make them safer and more user-friendly for bicyclists and pedestrians, adding amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists, etc.
- The MPO will provide letters of support for eligible projects and then nominate and rank projects based on regional criteria



TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE, PROJECTS MUST MEET TWO REQUIREMENTS:

- **The project must meet one of the 12 eligible categories**
- **The project must establish a relationship to the transportation system either by function or impact**



ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES

- **Facilities for pedestrians and bicycles**
- **Safety & education activities for pedestrians and bicycles**
- **Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites**
- **Scenic or historic highway programs (includes tourist & welcome center facilities)**



ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES

- Landscaping and other scenic beautification
- Historic preservation
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities including historic railroad facilities and canals
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors, including conversion and use for pedestrian and bicycles



ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES

- **Control and removal of outdoor advertising**
- **Archaeological planning and research**
- **Environmental mitigation**
 - **Water pollution**
 - **Vehicle caused wildlife mortality**
- **Establishment of transportation museums**






GUIDELINES

Program Guide 2009

- Please review and familiarize information
- A few updates have been included
 - We are encouraging local lets if the District agrees that the nominator will be capable of project management
 - The local government should be aware that they will need the cash flow to pay for the project while they seek reimbursement.
- Link to the 2009 Program Guide:
ftp://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/des/te_guide.pdf





Projects that meet the following criteria will be given additional consideration:

- **PS&E complete and ready to let**
- **Funds requested are for construction only**
- **Local match is available and in cash**
- **Property already secured**
- **Environmental documentation is complete**

MPO AREAS

- In this call - a letter from the MPO supporting the project within their area and agreeing to place it on the STIP if selected, is sufficient for the nomination.
- If the MPO elects to rank their nominations, they may later submit their ranking to the District that will coordinate submission with the Division. Due date to DES is no later than February 15, 2010.



NCTCOG TE 2009 Program Call DRAFT Schedule

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| October 9, 2009 | 2009 TE Program Call Opens |
| October 15, 2009 | 2009 TE Program Call Workshop @ NCTCOG |
| October 23, 2009 | Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) Action on Methodology and Process |
| November 12, 2009 | Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Action on Methodology and Process |
| November 13, 2009, 5 p.m. | Project Summary Submittals Due to NCTCOG |
| Week of November 30, 2009 | Nomination Letters Mailed to Applicants |
| December 11, 2009, 5 p.m. | 2009 TE Program Application Due to TxDOT (2 hard copies and 2 discs) |
| December 11, 2009, 5 p.m. | 2009 TE Program Application Due to NCTCOG (1 hard copy and 1 disc) |
| January 22, 2010 | Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) Action on Project Rankings |
| February 11, 2010 | Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Action on Project Rankings |
| February 15, 2010 | MPO Rankings due to TxDOT Districts |

*All documents will be available for download on the NCTCOG website by COB Friday, October 23

NOMINATION FORMAT

- Program guidelines and nomination forms are available for download from the TxDOT website:
<http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/te.htm>
- Completed nomination forms will be submitted to the district on CD. Nominators need to furnish 2 CDs (one for district one for division). Plus 1 original signed form and 2 hardcopies (one for the district and one for the division).
- In addition, 1 hard copy and 1 CD should be submitted to NCTCOG.



Questions ?



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NCTCOG Bicycle and Pedestrian Website:
<http://www.nctcog.org/trans/sustdev/bikeped/>

