

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

2019 Call for Projects Recommendations
for the North Central Texas Region

Regional Transportation Council

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What is the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program?

- Similar to the previous Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Transportation Enhancements (TE)
- Requires states to sub-allocate to areas based on population
- MPOs serving urbanized areas with populations over 200,000 are responsible for selecting projects through a competitive process



Eligible Project Activities

- Shared-Use Paths (Trails)
- On-Street Bikeways
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Signalization
- Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps
- Traffic Controls and Calming Measures
- Signage
- Road Diets



Federal Funding Allocation for Fiscal Year 20

	Western Region (Fort Worth District) (34%)	Eastern Region (Dallas District) (66%)	Total
TA Set-Aside Funds Available	\$ 2,700,960	\$ 5,243,040	\$ 7,944,000

Evaluation and Scoring Criteria

Category	Scoring	Description
Regional Network Connectivity	25	Improves connectivity of Mobility 2045 regional paths and bikeways between cities and counties.
Mobility	20	Improves connections and access to transit.
Safety	15	Improves safety and provides facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists with a high level of comfort and suitability for users of all ages and abilities.
Reducing Barriers	10	Provides safe crossing of existing travel obstacles such as major roadways, interchanges, railroads, and bodies of water.
Congestion Reduction	10	Provides alternative travel options as an option to motor vehicle trips in areas with greater opportunity for walking and bicycling.
Destination Density	5	Provides access to areas with a high density of major employers and destinations.
Air Quality Benefits	5	Improves air quality by supporting non-motorized facility usage.
Equity	5	Improves access to disadvantaged populations and underserved communities.
Local Network Connectivity	5	Implements locally planned priorities.



Additional Considerations

Category	Scoring	Description
Project Readiness and Other Factors	20	Project readiness / ability to obligate funds and initiate construction quickly. Other factors related to project impact upon the community and local match.
Project Innovation	5	Project implements innovative or new treatments and technology that can serve as a model for the region.



2019 TA Set-Aside Applications Received and Requested Federal Funding

	Western Region (Fort Worth District)	Eastern Region (Dallas District)	Total
Total Number of Applications Received	13	16	29
Federal Funding Requested	\$ 13,344,691	\$ 20,603,864	\$ 33,948,555
Federal Funding (FY 20) Available	\$ 2,700,960	\$ 5,243,040	\$ 7,944,000
Requested Funding Exceeding Available Funding	\$ 10,643,731	\$ 15,360,824	\$ 26,004,555

TA Set-Aside Funding Recommendations – Fort Worth District

	Nominating Entity	Project Name	Recommended TA Set-Aside Funds (FY20)
1	City of Grapevine ¹	Cotton Belt Trail Segment 2	\$ 1,923,024
2	City of Grapevine	Cotton Belt Trail Segment 1	\$ 777,936
Total			\$ 2,700,960

¹ = Project construction to be implemented by DART. Funding for design of the entire 26-mile Cotton Belt Trail corridor was approved by the Regional Transportation Council on October 11, 2018.

\$ = Highlighted project indicates reduced recommended federal funding based on availability and increased local match.

TA Set-Aside Funding Recommendations – Dallas District

	Nominating Entity	Project Name	Recommended TA Set-Aside Funds (FY20)	Recommended TA Funds (FY 21) ²
1	City of Plano ¹	Cotton Belt Trail Segment 26	\$ 1,700,718	\$ 0
2	City of Richardson ¹	Cotton Belt Trail Segment 21	\$ 460,851	\$ 0
3	City of Dallas ¹	Cotton Belt Trail Segments 18 and 20	\$ 2,419,157 ³	\$ 0
4	City of Coppell ¹	Cotton Belt Trail Segment 3	\$ 662,314 ³	\$ 1,567,454 ³
5	Dallas County	Harry Hines Multimodal Connection	\$ 0	\$ 2,399,747
Total			\$ 5,243,040	\$ 3,967,201

¹ = Project construction to be implemented by DART. Funding for design of the entire 26-mile Cotton Belt Trail corridor was approved by the Regional Transportation Council on October 11, 2018.

² = TA funds (FY 21) will be utilized assuming authorization as part of the next federal transportation bill. If not available it will be backfilled with CMAQ.

³= 929,785 Policy Bundle Transportation Development Credits requested and recommended to award.

Recommended Funding

Funding Categories	Western Region (Fort Worth District)	Eastern Region (Dallas District)	Total Federal	Local Match	Grand Total
TA Set-Aside Funds (FY 20) Recommended	\$ 2,700,960	\$ 5,243,040	\$ 7,944,000	\$ 2,599,744	\$ 10,543,744
TA Funds (FY 21) Recommended ¹	\$ 0	\$ 3,967,201	\$ 3,967,201	\$ 599,937	\$ 4,567,138
Total Recommended TA Set-Aside Funding	\$ 2,700,960	\$ 9,210,241	\$ 11,911,201	\$ 3,199,681	\$ 15,110,882

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Schedule

	Milestone	Date
✓	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) – Info on CFP	11/14/18
✓	Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) – Info on CFP	12/07/18
✓	Regional Transportation Council (RTC) – Info on CFP	12/13/18
✓	Call for Projects Opens	12/17/18
✓	Deadline for Meetings to Review Applications for Completeness	2/8/19
✓	Call for Projects Closes	3/01/19, 5 PM
✓	Resolutions Due (If not included with the Application)	3/29/19, 5 PM
✓	Review of Projects / Scoring by NCTCOG	March–April 2019
✓	Public Meetings	May 13, 2019
✓	Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) – Action on Selected Projects	5/24/19
➔	Regional Transportation Council (RTC) – Action on Selected Projects	6/13/19
	Individual Meetings with TxDOT District Staff	June–July 2019
	Submittal Deadline for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modifications (November 2019 Cycle)	7/26/19
	Approval of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	November / December 2019

Requested Action

RTC Approval of:

- The proposed list of projects to fund through the 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA Set-Aside) Call for Projects, as provided in Reference Item 4.2.
- Administratively amending the TIP/STIP and amending other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.



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