



COVID-19  
Infrastructure  
Program:  
Round 4

Regional Transportation Council

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# BACKGROUND

- ◇ Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the economy has suffered large setbacks and there is an urgency to stimulate the economy.
- ◇ As was done in 2009, the idea is to inject much needed cash into the local and state economies using infrastructure investment.
- ◇ North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff recommends funding a fourth round of projects.
- ◇ These projects meet one or more of the policies outlined in Mobility 2045 and/or assist in reaching the region's federal performance targets.
- ◇ Some of these projects have been the subject of discussions between NCTCOG staff and regional partners over the past several years and this action seeks to bring them to a conclusion. Others were submitted by local governments for consideration.

# PROJECT TYPES

- ◇ Roadways
- ◇ Complete Streets
- ◇ Bicycle/Pedestrian
- ◇ Intersection Improvements
- ◇ Strategic Partnerships (e.g., planning studies, engineering, additional funding on existing projects, non-traditional funding type)

# SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS

- ◇ Eligibility criteria considered:
  - ◇ For Roadway/Intersection projects, facility must be at least a Major Collector on the Federal Functional Classification System or can justifiably be added
  - ◇ For projects with a capacity increase, additional lanes must be warranted
- ◇ Selection criteria considered include:
  - ◇ Traffic volumes/Level of service
  - ◇ Air quality benefits/Cost effectiveness
  - ◇ Consistency with the Mobility Plan
  - ◇ Project addresses a safety issue (history of vehicle crashes)
  - ◇ Project addresses federal performance measures (e.g., bridge condition, pavement condition, part of the roadway freight network)
- ◇ The specific criteria/process used for each project type is included in the Council mailout

# RECENT STIMULUS FUNDING

- ◇ As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signed into law in December 2020, \$9.8 billion of additional funding was set aside for transportation infrastructure.
- ◇ Of that amount, \$803 million is allocated to TxDOT and \$164 million is allocated to MPOs in Texas.
- ◇ Approximately \$54M is allocated to the Dallas-Fort Worth region.
- ◇ These funds will be added to the region's existing balance of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds in FY 2022/2023.
- ◇ Propose to incorporate these funds into existing project selection efforts (COVID Round 4+ and the 10 Year Plan).

# WEST/EAST FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

<b>West/East Sub-Region Funding Split of Recommended Projects</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>West %</b>	<b>East %</b>
CMAQ <sup>1</sup>	\$8.44M	\$31.37M	21.2%	78.8%
STBG <sup>2</sup>	\$24.48M	\$75.19M	24.6%	74.4%
RTR <sup>3</sup>	\$1.32M	\$0	100%	0%
RTC Local	\$0.25M	\$0	100%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34.49M</b>	<b>\$106.56M</b>	<b>24.5%</b>	<b>75.5%</b>

Funding distributions only take Regional Transportation Council (RTC) funds into account and do not include local matches

<sup>1</sup> Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

<sup>2</sup> Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

<sup>3</sup> Regional Toll Revenue

# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUNDING

Project Type	CMAQ Funds	STBG Funds	RTR Funds	RTC Local Funds	Non-RTC Funds	TDCs <sup>1</sup>	Total
Roadways	\$0	\$32.95M	\$0	\$0	\$7.55M	1.88M	\$40.50M
Complete Streets	\$8.80M	\$19.50M	\$0	\$0	\$14.88M	0.44M	\$43.18M
Bicycle/ Pedestrian	\$19.60M	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2.25M	2.12M	\$21.85M
Intersection Improvements	\$11.41M	\$3.40M	\$0	\$0	\$4.69M	0.87M	\$19.50M
Strategic Partnerships	\$0	\$43.82M	\$1.32M	\$0.25M	\$5.23M	4.84M	\$50.62M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39.81M</b>	<b>\$99.67M</b>	<b>\$1.32M</b>	<b>\$0.25M</b>	<b>\$34.60M</b>	<b>10.15M</b>	<b>\$175.65M</b>

<sup>1</sup> Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are not cash and do not count in total funding

# APPROVAL TIMELINE

<b>Meeting/Task</b>	<b>Date</b>
Deadline to Submit Project Requests	January 29, 2021
STTC Action	March 26, 2021
<b>RTC Action</b>	<b>April 8, 2021</b>
Public Involvement	April 2021
TIP Modification Submittal Deadline for August Cycle	April 23, 2021
Anticipated Federal Highway Administration Approval	October 2021

# ACTION REQUESTED

- ◆ RTC approval of:
  - ◆ The proposed projects outlined in the tables in the mail out, and
  - ◆ Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other administrative/planning documents as needed.

# QUESTIONS?

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