

**2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Call for Projects
for the Large Urbanized North Central Texas Region**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Question:** Who should be contacted at NCTCOG regarding an agency's balance of MTP Policy Bundle Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)?
Answer: Please contact Daniel Snyder at 817-608-2394 or dsnyder@nctcog.org.
2. **Question:** Can an agency submit an Active Transportation category application and request Regional TDCs if only a portion of a project consists of a Regional Veloweb trail?
Answer: The primary focus of the project application must be for new construction of a Regional Veloweb trail. Please contact NCTCOG staff to discuss project details if you have questions.
3. **Question:** Is an electronic speed radar sign eligible as a traffic calming measure?
Answer: Mobile speed radar signs are not eligible for funding under NCTCOG's call for projects. A permanent electronic speed radar sign may be eligible if it is proposed along a corridor with documentation of motorists speeding and bicycle and/or pedestrian crashes.
4. **Question:** Are educational activities for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects subject to the three-year time frame to obligate TA Set-Aside funding?
Answer: Yes.
5. **Question:** What must be in place for the obligation of funds deadline of December 2025?
Answer: To obligate funds, the project must have an executed funding agreement, signed and sealed plans that have been approved by TxDOT, environmental clearance, as well as additional required documents. With these items, TxDOT is able to request the Federal Project Authorization and Agreement (FPAA) and a State Letter of Authority (SLOA). After these authorizations are received, the local government can proceed with advertisement and bid opening.
6. **Question:** Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) are real property rights that must follow the Uniform Act. Agencies may not know at the time of submitting a project application if a TCE will be needed. Must a TCE be obtained before submitting a project application? Is the cost of a TCE eligible for reimbursement?
Answer: No, a temporary construction easement does not need to be obtained before submitting an application. However, the cost of TCEs is not eligible for funding reimbursement.

7. **Question:** Do roadway project have to be built to federal standards instead of just TxDOT/City standards?
- Answer:** For all roadway projects with state and federal funds, and all projects on the state highway system regardless of funding source, the local government must develop the project using design criteria in TxDOT's Roadway Design Manual. AASHTO's Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities is to be used for design of bicycle lanes and paths. The local government can submit an alternate criterion for TxDOT approval. Please refer to Local Government Project Management Guide, Sec 4.5 (<https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot/lgp/procedures/guide.pdf>).
8. **Question:** Would projects funded by the TA CFP be a prevailing wage project?
- Answer:** Yes. Since federal funds will be used, prevailing minimum wage for certain job classifications as per Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 will be used. Please refer to FHWA 1273 and Sec 7.6 of Project Management Guide.