



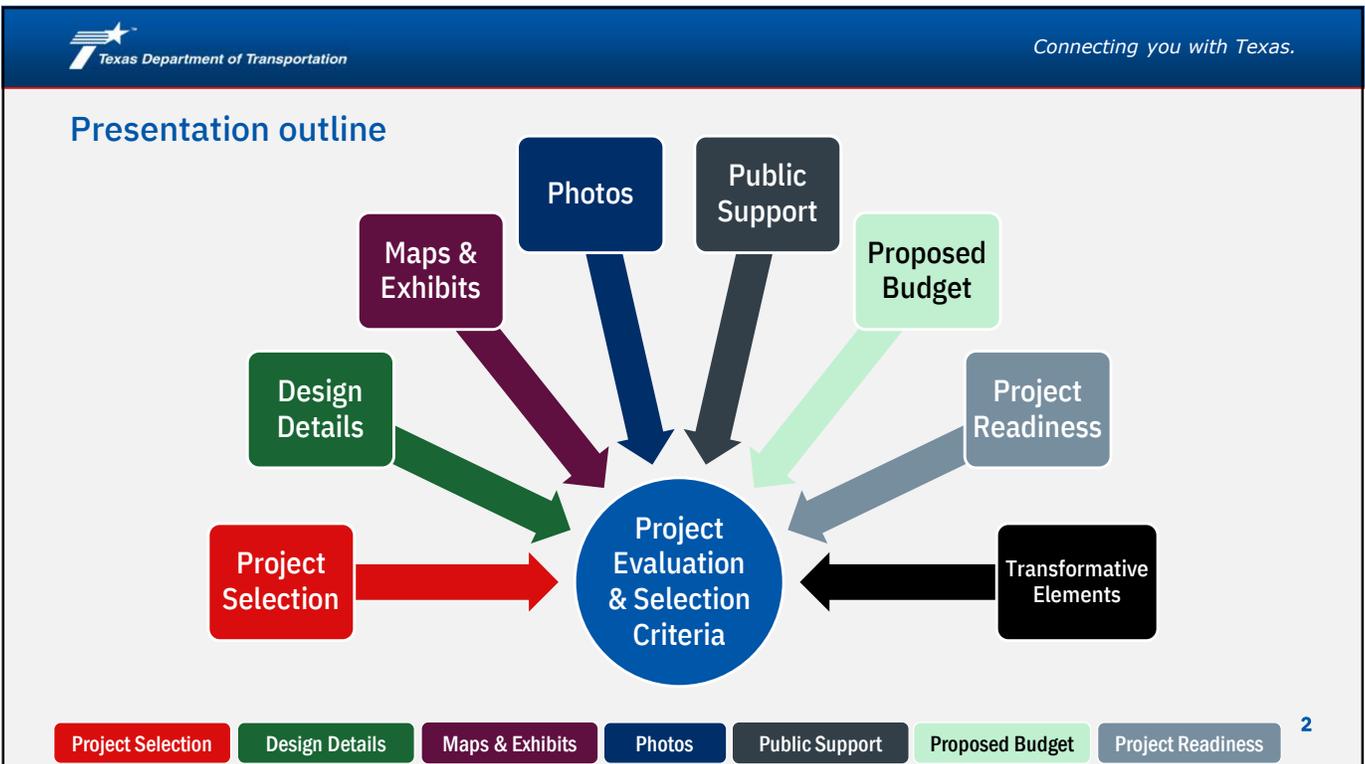
# TxDOT 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program

Best Practices for Detailed Applications

2025 Workshop



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## TxDOT's TA Program Focus Areas

Project sponsors are strongly encouraged to submit projects that:

- Integrate and improve access to **public transportation** by investing in bicycling, wheelchair, and walking access. Specifically, projects that integrate **multiple modes of transportation** such as transit stops, carsharing, bikesharing, micromobility, or other shared-mobility services.
- Improve safety, access, or mobility for people of **all ages and abilities** engaged in active transportation, especially on-system improvements (within TxDOT right-of-way) in support of TxDOT's **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan**, TxDOT's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and other bicycle or pedestrian safety initiatives.
- Enhance bicycle and pedestrian access and safety to **school-related destinations enabling and encouraging** children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school activities.
- Construct segments identified as part of **Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails** network or implement a locally-preferred alternate route.

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## TxDOT 2025 TA Call-for-Projects: Criteria Category Weights

Criteria Category	Criteria Category Weights			
	Community Based	Large Scale*	Network Enhancements	Non-Infrastructure
Safety	25%	25%	20%	30%
Connectivity & Accessibility	25%	25%	20%	30%
Project Readiness	25%	25%	35%	-
Geographic Balance	15%	15%	15%	20%
Community Support & Planning	10%	10%	10%	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Additional points will be added to Large Scale based on Transformative Elements.

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**Criteria Category**

**Criteria Measures**

## Project Selection: Criteria Evaluation Categories

- TxDOT completes analysis based on project location
- TxDOT applies criteria based upon application responses

Criteria Category	Criteria Measures
<b>Safety</b>	Non-motorized crash count
	Non-motorized crash rate
	Documented safety hazards and/or PSAP segments
	Professional judgement of countermeasure appropriateness
<b>Connectivity &amp; Accessibility</b>	Connects to bike, ped, and/or transit infrastructure
	Connects to active transportation destinations
	Eliminates barriers
	Along long-distance bike route
	Population density
	Employer density
<b>Project Readiness</b>	Professional judgement rating of project constructability/ feasibility
	Professional judgement rating of shovel readiness
<b>Geographic Balance</b>	Average percent zero car household
	Average percent unemployed
	Average percent disabled
	Average percent elderly
	Population size (Large Scale only)
	TxDOT District underrepresented in 2023 TxDOT TA awards
<b>Community Support and Planning</b>	Professional judgement of supporting documentation of community support
	Professional judgement of alignment with local planning documents (if provided)

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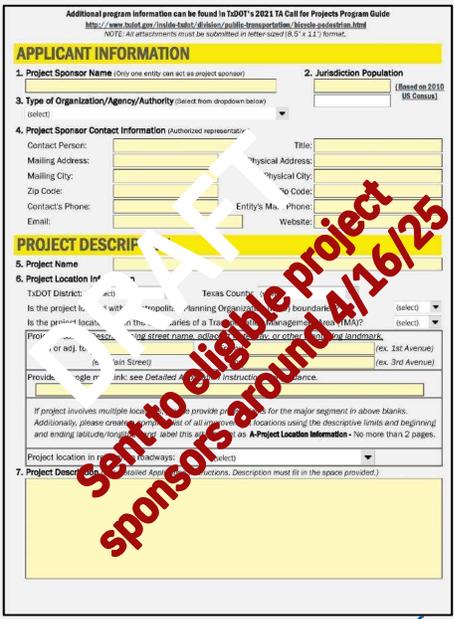


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## Detailed Application

- Detailed Application is where the project sponsor provides details of the project
- TxDOT will use supporting documentation provided in the detailed application to validate information in the detailed application
- It is important to communicate project details clearly in the detailed application and attachments

Required attachments and questions for Detailed Applications will vary by Project Category. Detailed Application Instructions will clarify.



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sent to eligible project sponsors around 4/16/25

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### Project Categories: Detailed Application Requirements



Community Based



Large Scale



Network Enhancements



Non-infrastructure

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### Project Categories: Detailed Application Requirements



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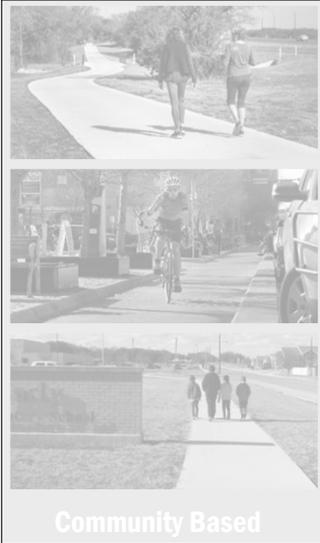
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### Project Categories: Detailed Application Requirements



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### Project Categories: Detailed Application Requirements



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## Design Details

### What do design details convey?

- A comprehensive picture of the project
- How the project meets current standards (see [TxDOT Roadway Design Manual 2024 update](#))
- Constructability and durability
- Safety, accessibility, and project readiness criteria

### How does the project sponsor address design details?

- Project Description (3-4 sentence project description)
- Project Details (drop-downs & fill-ins about project design)
- Project typical section, layout, location map (attachments)
- Itemized Construction Cost Estimate – discussed later

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## Design Details: Detailed Application Questions

### OLD DETAILED APPLICATION

Description | Details | **Safety** | Connectivity & Accessibility | Community Support & Planning | Complexity | Project Timeline

**SAFETY**

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<input type="checkbox"/> High motor vehicle traffic volume	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of lighting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

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 Which of the following features are part of the proposed project? Check all that apply.  
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<input type="checkbox"/> features safety lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Provides facilities for bicyclists separate from facilities for pedestrians	Attachment C.

Final version of Detailed Application will be sent to eligible project sponsors on or around 4/16/25

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## Design Details: Project Description

### 3-4 sentence written description, which includes:

- Facility type (e.g., shared use path)
- Project location (e.g., along FM 345)
- Limits (e.g., from Main Street to Birch Street)
- Width (e.g., 12-foot-wide)
- Major construction items (e.g., pedestrian bridge) or elements that affect motor vehicle traffic patterns (e.g., new medians, new signals, traffic calming elements, road diets, etc.)

Written project descriptions must “fit” in space provided. Ensure all words are visible.

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## Design Details: Sample project descriptions

“The project would construct a **12-foot-wide shared use path** along Brushy Creek from the Sunshine Apartments (public housing) to Comstock Elementary School. The project would include a pedestrian hybrid beacon, ADA-curb ramps, crosswalks, and signage at both termini, as well as a 60-foot-long, 14-foot-wide **bicycle/pedestrian bridge** over Brushy Creek.”

“The proposed project would construct **new 6-foot-wide** ADA-compliant **sidewalks** on both sides of Garner St from Tunica St to James St (1 mile), including **replacing** damaged, non-compliant sidewalks on the north side of Garner St between John St and James St (0.3 mile of total project length). The project includes **curb extensions** at Tunica, John, and James Streets and a raised **median** with pedestrian refuge at John St.”

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## Design Details: Project Location Information and Project Details

### Project Information

- Project Dimensions
  - Total length
  - Facility width
  - Material depth
- Project Location
  - Google map link
  - Written description
  - Latitude/Longitude

### Project Details

- 30% or more plans for review (if available)
- Primary (and Secondary) Facility type
- Surface type/material
- Lighting included?
- Bridge details
  - Construction
  - Number
  - Length
  - Width
  - Superstructure material

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## Design Details: Designs must comply with TxDOT manuals and specifications

Roadway Design Manual  
November 2024

(2024)

Standard Specifications  
for Construction  
and Maintenance of  
Highways, Streets,  
and Bridges

Adopted by the  
Texas Department of Transportation  
September 1, 2024

(2024)

Bridge Design Manual - LRFD  
Bridge Division  
September 2024

(2024)

Texas MUTCD  
Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
Revision 2, October 2014

All manuals are web hyperlinks.

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## Design Details: Roadway Design Manual – November 2024 Update

- Significant changes to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure planning and design guidance

The collage displays several key sections from the updated Roadway Design Manual. It includes the cover of the November 2024 manual, a table of contents, and specific design guidance pages. One page details the 'Comfort Typology of Bicyclists' with a table of user types and their preferences. Another page shows 'Types of Bicycle Facility Users as a Percentage of Total General Population'. A third page illustrates a 'Separated Bikeway with Three Distinct Zones' (Bike Lane, Street Buffer, Parking Lane, and Travel Lane). A fourth page, Figure 15-1, shows the relationship between speed and the risk of serious injury to pedestrians, with a table indicating that as speed increases, the risk of injury also increases significantly.

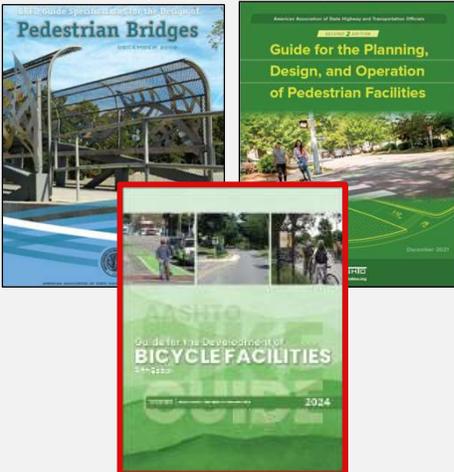
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## Design Details: Nationally recognized design guides

**AASHTO**  
(adopted by TxDOT)



**NACTO**  
(optional)



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# Design Details: FHWA bikeway design guidance



All manuals are web hyperlinks.

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# Design Details: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



## 36 CFR Part 1190 - Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) for Pedestrian Facilities

"The proposed guidelines apply to pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way. The proposed guidelines define the public right-of-way to mean "public land or property, usually in interconnected corridors, that is acquired for or dedicated to transportation purposes"...."

- Sidewalks
- Shared use paths
- Pedestrian crossings
- Pedestrian signals

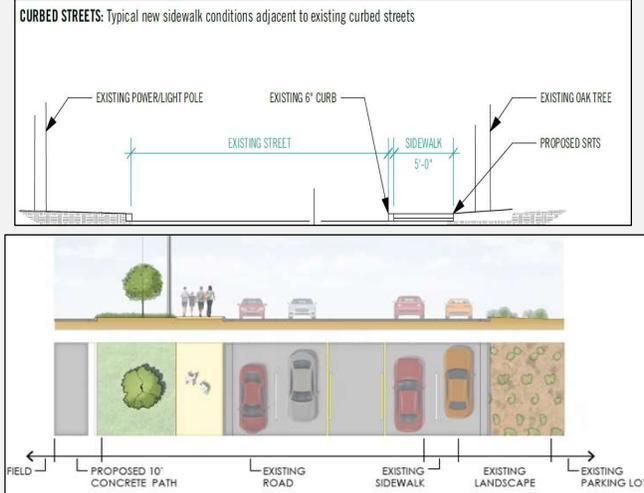
<https://www.access-board.gov/prowag/>



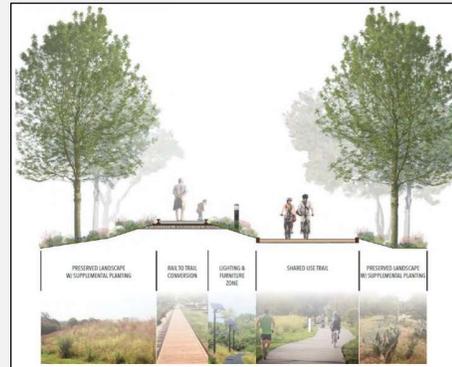
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## Design Details: Typical sections (DA attachments)

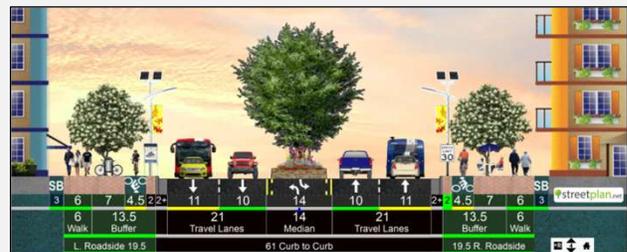
**CURBED STREETS:** Typical new sidewalk conditions adjacent to existing curbed streets



- Demonstrate compliance with standards
- Show how the project fits into existing footprint as well as the built and natural environments



## Design Details: Typical sections (attachments)



**Free online tools:**  
[streetmix.net](http://streetmix.net)  
[streetplan.net](http://streetplan.net)

## Maps & Exhibits

What do maps convey?

- Need and purpose
- Context
- Connectivity
- Accessibility
- Safety countermeasures
- Communities/areas served

What should be included?

- Project limits and location (all maps)
- Schools, transit, major destinations (Map 2- Connectivity)
- Important community landmarks and features (Map 2- Connectivity)
- Identified safety hazards (Map 1- Safety)
- Proposed countermeasures (Map 1- Safety)
- Elements of project complexity (ROW, Utilities, RR x-ing, etc.) (Project location map)
- Existing and/or planned pedestrian/bicycle routes (Map 2- Connectivity)

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## Maps & Exhibits: Project location map - REQUIRED

**Identifies:**

- Street names
- Clearly labeled project type
- Callout with facility details
- Major landmarks or destinations to orient reviewer



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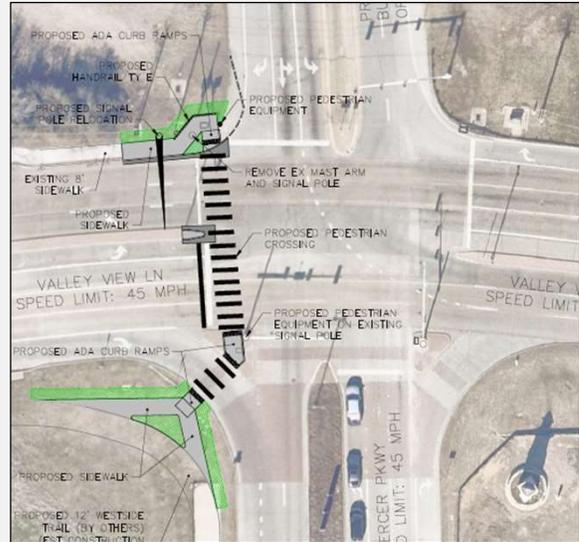
## Maps & Exhibits: Project layout - REQUIRED

**Identifies:**

- Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Safety countermeasures
- Interactions between auto and non-motorized traffic
- Transit connections
- Preserved landscape features

**Includes:**

- Scale
- Context
- Street names



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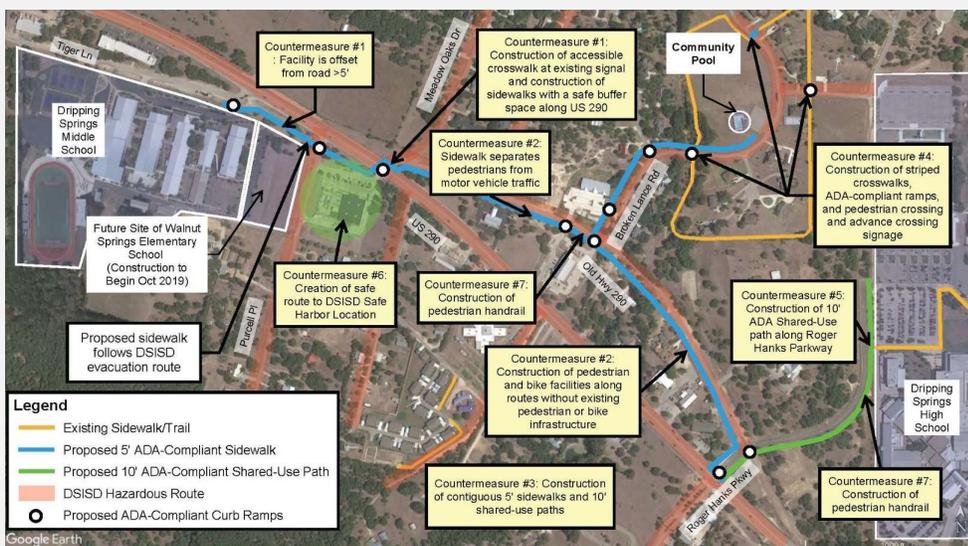
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## Maps & Exhibits: Safety Hazard Countermeasures Map - REQUIRED



**Identify:**

- Project improvements in relation to hazards
- Gaps filled or safety concerns mitigated by project improvements

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## Maps & Exhibits: Potential Safety Hazards

Be sure to feature the safety hazards to be mitigated by proposed project on your

### Map 1- Safety:

- High roadway speeds (45 mph or greater)
- [Featured on PSAP Pedestrian Safety Screening Tool](#)
- Hazardous intersection/conflict point
- Uncontrolled intersection/crossing
- Lack of bike/ped infrastructure
- High motor vehicle traffic volume
- On-street parking
- Wide roadway crossing (3 or more lanes)
- Lack of lighting
- Other

DESCRIPTION | DETAILS | **CS070** | Connectivity & Accessibility | Community Support & Planning | Complexity | Project Timeline

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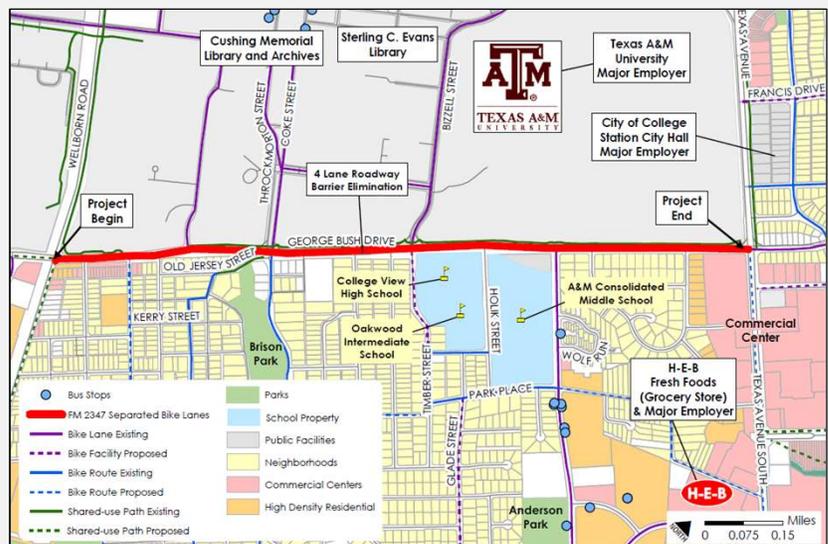
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## Maps & Exhibits: Connectivity map (REQUIRED)

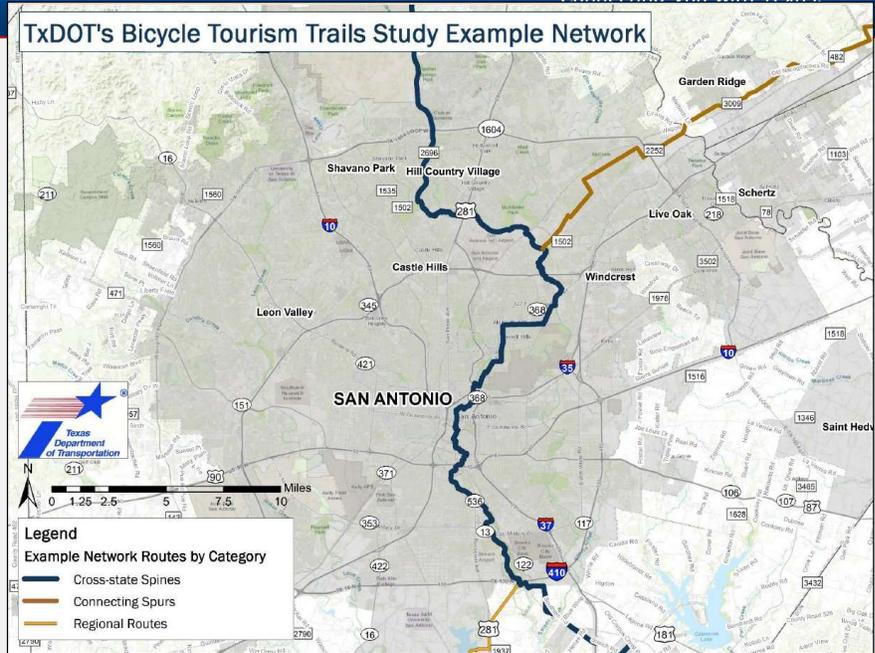
### Connectivity Map(s) can:

- Identify project improvements in relation to destinations, community amenities, and other related projects.
- Show connections to bike/ped infrastructure, transit, commerce, residential areas, schools, etc.



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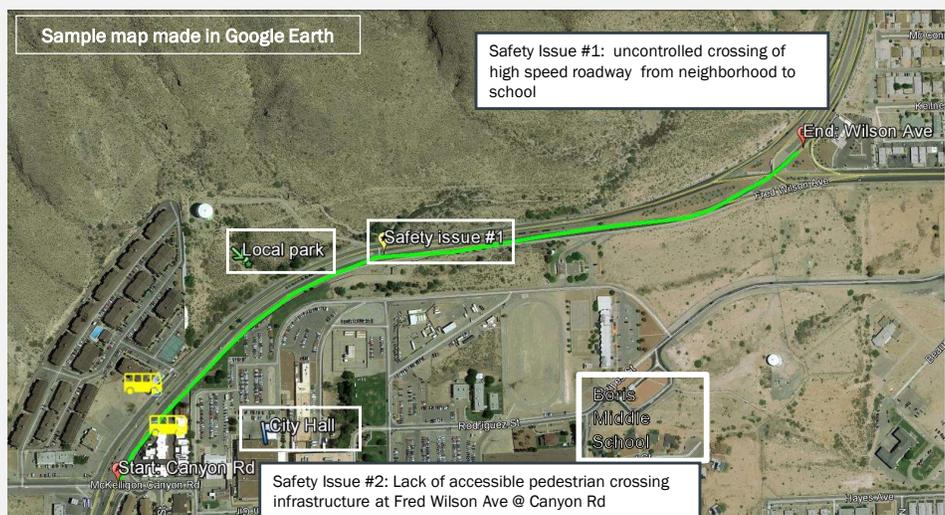
# Maps & Exhibits: Project is on Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Example Network



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# Maps & Exhibits: Maps can be made easily!

- Google Earth, Google maps, Powerpoint, and other FREE online map creation software



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## Photographs

### What do photographs convey?

- Context, including built and natural environment
- Existing conditions
- Need for project
- Safety hazards
- Accessibility issues
- Connectivity
- Environmental considerations

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## Photographs provide context

- Historic districts
- Environmental features
- Separated vs on-street pathways
- Repurposed bridges
- Proposed infrastructure location in context

Drainage culvert along SH 150 facing south (5/14/23)



Adjacent historic buildings along SH 29 facing west (7/19/16)



Intersection of West Magnolia and 288B  
Non compliant slopes on the existing sidewalk, support poles in sidewalk, steep drop off out side of pole.

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### Photographs demonstrate existing conditions

- 1. Poor conditions
- 2. Absent facilities
- 3. Worn paths



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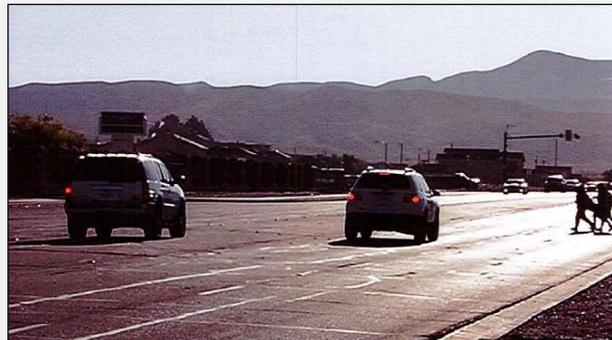
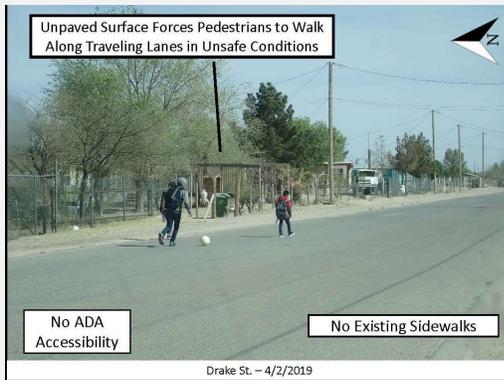
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### Photographs identify locations of unsafe conditions

- Kids walking in streets
- Unsignalized crossings



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## Photographs show connectivity to existing infrastructure

- Connections to existing infrastructure
- Fills gaps in the sidewalk or bikeway network



Project will connect to existing and previously funded SUP

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## Photography: Labeling Best Practices

- Group well-labeled photographs together for attachments (i.e., using Word, PowerPoint, or Publisher).
- Photograph labels should identify: location, direction of photograph, date taken, and items of note.
- Please compress or reduce photo file size.



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## Public and stakeholder support

### What does public/stakeholder support convey?

- Community awareness and interest in the project
- Partnerships and coordination
- Transparency
- Consistency with local planning

### How is public and stakeholder support documented?

- Public outreach documentation
- Local bicycle, pedestrian, safe routes to school, or other transportation plan (attach relevant pages)
- Property ownership and acquisition information
- TxDOT District letter of concurrence
- Collaborative implementation
- Local match commitment (**Project Sponsor resolution**)

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## Local Support: Best Practice - Public involvement summary

Date	Event	Outcome
12/31/2012	Public Meeting - SRTS Plan	Presented proposed Milam ISD SRTS Plan to community; general public support
2/14/2014	Open House - Milam MS Trail	Presented trail project to neighborhood; 12 citizens attended; all in support of project
3/17/2014	Website and online survey - Milam MS Trail project	50 citizens visited website and took survey; 88% supported the project

- 6/1/2014 Meeting with adjacent property owner - property owner agreed to relocate fence to accommodate project construction (letter attached)
- 7/15/2014 Presentation to Milam ISD PTA - MISD passed resolution supporting project (resolution attached)
- 7/17/2014 Presentation to Whispering Oaks Neighborhood Association (WONA) - WONA passed a resolution in support of project (resolution attached)
- 7/20/2014 Presentation to Milam City Council - ordinance supporting the project (ordinance attached)
- 7/27/2014 News article - described community presentations and local support (article attached)
- 2/14/2017 Letter from Congressman Johnson - expressed support for project (letter attached)
- 2/16/2017 Letter from Downtown Business Alliance - supports project (letter attached)
- 2/20/2017 Letter from Mr. Bob Jones - indicated a willingness to enter into negotiations for ROW acquisition (letter attached)

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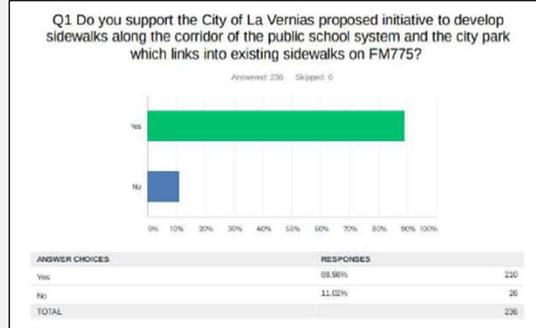
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## Community awareness and support are essential to project success

Public Outreach Log		
Dates	Group	Action Taken
4/20/2021	Transportation Committee	Presented project layouts - continued discussions
04/20/21 - 06/04/21	Stakeholder Outreach	Presented project layout to local business owners - received support signatures
5/3/2021	Parks and Recreation Commission	Presented project layouts - received support resolution
5/5/2021	Stakeholder Outreach	Presented project layouts - Meeting with TxDOT Area office
5/13/2021	Stakeholder Outreach	Coordination with TxDOT District office for project support
5/13/2021	Stakeholder Outreach	Coordination with CAMPO for project support
5/13/2021	Stakeholder Outreach	Coordination with CAPCOG for project support
5/20/2021	Farmers Market Association	Presented project layouts - received support resolution
5/20/2021	Emergency Management Commission	Presented project layouts - received support resolution
5/25/2021	Planning and Zoning Commission	Presented project layouts - received support resolution
5/20/2021	Public Outreach	Published social media notice of Open House
5/20/2021	Public Outreach	Published notice of Open House on website
5/24/2021	Transportation Committee	Presented project layouts - received support resolution
5/25/2021	City Council	Presented project layouts - received support resolution
5/26/2021	Public Outreach	Public newspaper announcement of Open House
6/4/2021	Public Outreach	Public Open House - presented project layout



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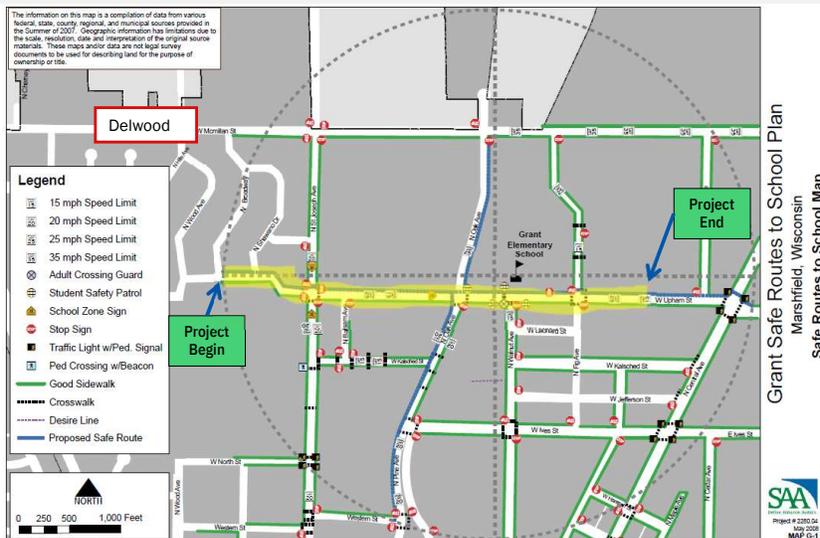
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## Example: Project in Safe Routes to School Plan



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## Example: Project identified in regional plan



# Appendix C Recommended Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Killen-Temple MPO Regional Thoroughfare and Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan Appendix C

Recommended Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

City of Troy

ID	Type	Action	Location	Limits	Existing Condition	In Local Plan	State Highway	Length (mi.)	Cost (\$)
116.1	Pedestrian Sidewalk, Bike Storage	Widely existing sidewalk for ADA compliance. add bike storage	South side of East Main St. South along Front Street	From proposed #101 improvements Eastward to Front St.	2-lane roadway	No	Yes	.1	\$245,000
116.3	Pedestrian Sidewalk, Bike Storage	Widely existing sidewalk for ADA compliance. add bike storage	North side of East Main St	From proposed #101 improvements Eastward to Front St. then crosswalk South	2-lane roadway	No	Yes	.1	\$211,200
TOTAL									\$456,200

\* Cost estimates provided by project sponsoring entity

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## TxDOT letter of consent for projects on/along TxDOT roads

November 15, 2012

Mayor Michael Morgan  
City of Troy  
P.O. Box 389  
Troy, Texas 76579

**Subject: Troy Streetscape Project**

Dear Mayor Morgan:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation to express our enthusiastic support of the pedestrian developments proposed along Main Street (FM 935). We definitely believe that this project will serve the community as it creates a pedestrian friendly atmosphere around the historic downtown district. Travelers along our system will be invited to stop and enjoy the sites and shopping offered the revitalized downtown business district.

I also understand from reviewing your nomination that the scope of your project shall require the use of TxDOT's right-of-way. The Waco District is committed to support this project and will provide the City with adequate right of entry necessary to allow such development along our existing transportation facilities. Your efforts to address safety improvements within TxDOT's and the City's existing traffic facilities should directly impact the traveling public's overall perception of our joint system.

With your comprehensive nomination and widespread community support, I believe that your proposal will receive careful consideration by the Texas Transportation Commission.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jim Reed, Waco District TE Program Coordinator, at (254) 867-2733.

Sincerely,

Albin A. Petter, P.E.  
Interim District Engineer  
Waco District

cc: All Bashi, P. E.  
Kevin Dickey, P.E.  
Jim Reed

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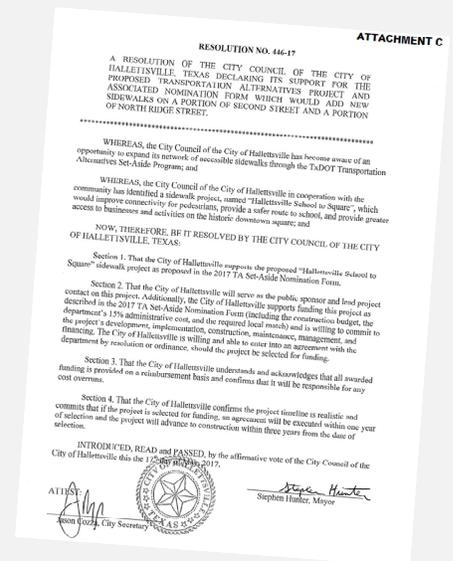
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## Project Sponsor Resolution

- **All** Detailed Applications **must include** a resolution from the project sponsor's governing board
  - Declaring support for the project
  - Committing to develop, implement, construct, maintain, manage, and finance the project
  - Committing to provide the local match (if any)
  - Committing to enter into an Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT if selected for funding
- Plan Ahead!

Sample resolution available at  
[TxDOT's TA website](#)



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## Proposed budget

### What does the itemized budget convey?

- Project scope and scale
- Prevention of potential overruns
- Supports activities described elsewhere in detailed application form
- Project readiness and local support
- Should match scope of project (safety counter measures)

### Where does the project sponsor provide the itemized budget?

- Itemized Construction Cost Estimate (fill-in)
- Additional Construction-Related Costs (fill-in)

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## Technical assistance tools & average low bid unit prices

- Budget guidance available on [TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding webpage](#)
  - List of common items to consider for bicycle and pedestrian projects
  - Include average cost ranges for common bicycle and pedestrian bid items
  - Commonly missed budget items
- Initial guidance will be available for the Preliminary Application
- More detailed guidance will be available for Detailed Application phase

Item No.	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
104 6001	PREPARING ROW				
104 6009	REMOVING CONC (R)				
104 6011	REMOVING CONC (INCHES)				
104 6021	REMOVING CONC (C)				
104 6029	REMOVING CONC (C) (CURB & GUTTER)				
104 6054	REMOVING CONCRETE(MOW STRIP)	LF	600.000	25.00000	15.00000
104 6064	REMOVING CONC (MISC)	CY	1.000	330.00000	330.00000
105 6019	REMOVING STAB BASE & ASPH PAV(14")	SY	17.960.000	4.25000	76.23000
106 6036	REMOVING STAB BASE R	CY	13.444.000	16.30000	219.93720

**Construction Cost Estimate Assistance Tool**

The purpose of this document is to supplement TxDOT's Construction Cost Estimating Guide (CCEG) with recommended practices for the Preliminary Application (PA) and Detailed Application (DA) phases of TxDOT's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) Call for Projects. The CCEG is published by TxDOT's Transportation Programs Division (TPD) Project and Portfolio Management Section and is available on [tdot.gov](#) (Construction Cost Estimating Guide). The objective of the document in coordination with the CCEG is to enhance the accuracy of the preliminary construction cost estimates prepared for the 2023 TA Program Call.

- Parameter-Based Estimation (Ballpark costs)**
  - Calculate dimensions of proposed infrastructure
  - Select a dimensional cost inside the ranges shown by Project Type
  - Multiply the calculated dimension by the chosen cost
- Historical Bids-Based Estimation**
  - Base Estimate**
    - Calculate known quantities
    - Multiply by average unit cost
  - Allowances**
    - Identify known items with unknown quantities
    - Apply appropriate percentage of base estimate
  - Contingency**
    - Larger Risk, Larger Percentage of Total Estimate
    - Max 15% for Detailed Application

**Preliminary Application (PA) Estimates**  
Both Estimation Methods (Parameteric and Historic Bids Based) are acceptable when preparing estimates for PAs. Contingency % is limited to 30% for PAs.

**Detailed Application (DA) Estimates**  
Parameteric Estimation is not acceptable when preparing estimates for DAs. A ballpark estimate can be used as a starting point or a check on the reasonableness of a bids-based estimate. Allowances should be refined and reduced for DAs. Contingency % is limited to 15% Max for DAs.

<https://www.txdot.gov/business/road-bridge-maintenance/contract-letting/bid-items-and-index.html>

## A detailed budget will help control costs



## Budget items to remember

- Mobilization
- Site preparation
- Erosion control/revegetation
- Lighting
- Curb/driveway work
- Traffic control
- Demolition
- Remediation of hazardous conditions

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## Examples of eligible vs ineligible activities

### Eligible activities

- Preliminary Engineering
- *Incidental* landscaping, environmental mitigation, utility adjustments
- Land survey for ROW demarcation
- Construction engineering and inspection
- Project administration
- Acquisition of ROW (determined on a case-by-case basis)

**vs.**

### Ineligible activities

- Application preparation
- *Major* landscaping, environmental mitigation, utility adjustments
- Legal services

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## Proposed safety countermeasures included in Itemized Budget

Work Activities	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
Mobilization	1	LS	\$72,000	\$72,000
Barricades, Signs and Traffic Control	1	LS	\$60,000	\$60,000
Remove Concrete Pavement (drive/intersection)	2,489	SY	\$30	\$74,667
Remove Concrete Curb & Gutter x 1	500	LF	\$6	\$3,000
Preparing Right of Way	2	AC	\$6,000	\$12,000
Embankment (FINAL), density controlled	5,000	CY	\$30	\$150,000
Excavation (special)	1,840	CY	\$20	\$37,545
Relocate Signage	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
Lime Treated Subgrade (6 in)	8,149	SY	\$7	\$58,675
6 ft wide sidewalk - 4 in Concrete ★	5,256	SY	\$54	\$283,824
12 ft wide shared use path - 6in Concrete ★	2,893	SY	\$115	\$332,733
Curb ramps - 12 ft wide	2	EA	\$6,000	\$12,000
Curb ramps - 6 ft wide	30	EA	\$3,000	\$90,000
Cross Walk (Thermo) ★	7	EA	\$3,000	\$21,000
Conduit for signal (bore) - 4 inch	800	LF	\$120	\$96,000
Pedestrian Signal (head, pole, wiring complete)★	8	EA	\$24,000	\$192,000
Concrete Driveway Replacement (6 in thick)	2,489	SY	\$78	\$194,133
Sod Re-establishment	11,440	LF	\$2	\$27,456
Extension of existing Culvert	1	LS	\$75,000	\$75,000
Bike Route Signage	1	LS	\$60,000	\$60,000
Pavement Markings and signage (bike/ped)★	1	LS	\$12,000	\$12,000
Erosion Control	1	LS	\$16,800	\$16,800
Cobra head light pole -200 ft spc. - wire incl. ★	23	EA	\$12,000	\$276,000
Barrier in area where path nears road ★	1	LS	\$150,000	\$150,000
Utility Adjustments (sanitary sewer manholes)	1	LS	\$4,800	\$4,800
Storm Sewer (fill existing ditch)	2,000	LF	\$90	\$180,000
Retaining Wall -4 ft tall (west side near V.M)	1	LS	\$65,000	\$65,000
Concrete Curb and Gutter	2,200	LF	\$24	\$52,800

★ Safety Countermeasures

Proposed safety countermeasures not included in the budget will be removed from final project evaluation score.

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## Project readiness

### What does project readiness convey?

- TA projects must let for construction within 3 years! Readiness is important.
- Awareness of potential pitfalls, challenges, and delays
- Consideration of all phases of project development
- Understanding of TxDOT's project development processes

### How does the project sponsor demonstrate project readiness?

- Project Details
- MPO TIP Letter (as attachment – grouping is encouraged!)
- Environmental Documentation, if available (as attachment)
- Property Ownership and Acquisition Information, if necessary (as attachment)
- Railroad Support/Right-of-Entry, if necessary (as attachment)
- Project Timeline (fill-in and as attachment)
- Itemized Construction Cost Estimate (fill-in)

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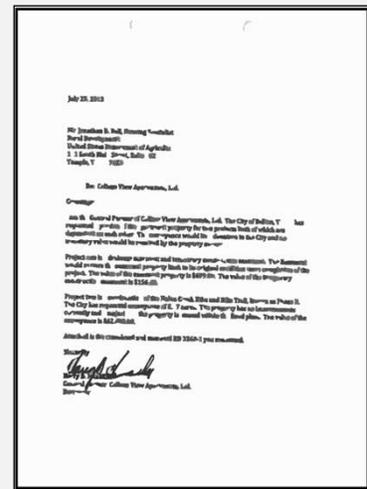
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### Advanced coordination may be necessary

- Railroad agreements**
- Individual listing in TIP/STIP
- ROW acquisitions
- Utility relocations
- Resource agency coordination
- Environmental permits**

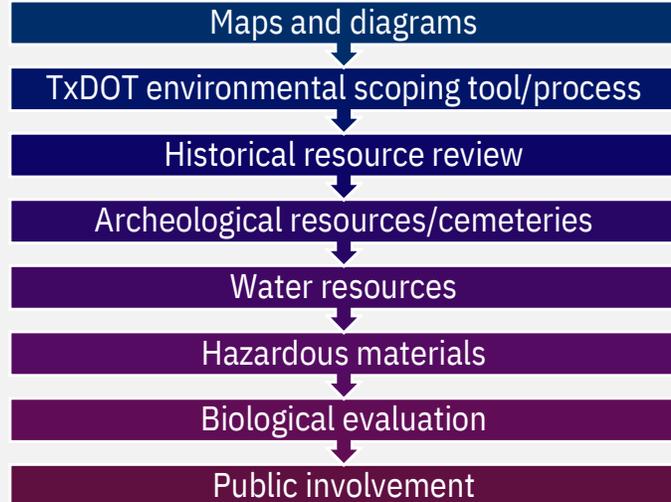
### Advanced coordination may be necessary - Railroads

- **Railroad Impacts and Coordination**
  - Obtaining railroad approval can take several years!
  - Coordination required for all projects that are within 50 feet of railroad (including grade-separated crossings)
  - Coordination required for projects that begin or end within 500 feet from an at-grade highway-rail crossing to ensure traffic control and construction do not interfere with an active crossing
- For projects that reach threshold for railroad coordination, documentation of railroad coordination must be included as an attachment to the detailed application



## Environmental documentation for categorical exclusions

Coordinate with your local TxDOT  
Environmental Coordinator!



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## Historical resources

Be proactive!

- Check the Texas Historical Commission atlas:  
[atlas.thc.state.tx.us/Map](https://atlas.thc.state.tx.us/Map)
- Search for Historic Resources Toolkit on [txdot.gov](https://txdot.gov)

THC coordination occurs prior to environmental approval

Historical properties can affect design – and cost

Use TxDOT pre-certified professionals

Contact your district environmental coordinator to learn more!

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## Transformative Elements score (Large Scale projects only)

Criteria Description	Criteria Measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminates significant barrier for peds and/or bikes</li> <li>• Mitigates significant impacts to underserved communities</li> <li>• Leverages and/or complements other existing projects in community</li> <li>• Features significant economic development potential</li> <li>• Features innovative partnerships</li> <li>• Applies innovative, smart, or connected technologies</li> </ul>	Professional judgment of narrative responses

**Project sponsors only need to respond to the questions that are **relevant** to the subject project.**

Detailed applications for **Large Scale** projects will also be required to submit **narrative responses** to support the Transformational Elements criteria category.

#	Transformational Element Questions
1	Explain how the project addresses a significant barrier for pedestrians and bicyclists? How does the barrier limit bicycle and pedestrian access and how will access improve by addressing the barrier? Does the project close a significant gap, provide new connections, address a deficiency in an active transportation network, or meet an important community need. Will the project result in a convenient and logical route that offers improved access to destinations the community was previously unable to easily reach using non-motorized modes of transportation?
2	Explain how this project will improve bicycle and pedestrian access for historically underserved community residents. If applicable, illustrate and provide documentation on how the project was requested or supported by the underserved community residents with other supporting documentation. If applicable, address any concerns of displacement that may occur as a result of this project.
3	Describe how this project leverages other new or proposed funded projects or other community initiatives that will attribute to the transformative nature of this project? As you address this question, consider how this project relates to a) Transit, b) Land Use, c) The overall non-motorized network, and d) Local policies and/or ordinances
4	If applicable, describe how this project features significant economic development potential by transforming the non-motorized environment? As you address this question, consider how this project relates to a) Tourism, b) Commercial/Service Centers, c) Employment Centers.
5	Describe any innovative local, regional, or interregional partnerships involved in the development and implementation of this project.
6	Will this project propose any solutions that are new to the region? Are there any innovative elements, smart, or connected technologies included in this project?

## Summary

Provide good project details

Use maps, diagrams, and photos that tell a story

Demonstrate good public awareness and support

Include a thorough, comprehensive budget

Plan ahead and coordinate early

Focus on the evaluation criteria

Use Technical Assistance Resources

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## Online TA technical assistance resources

- Unique Aspects of TxDOT's TA Program → [Video](#) and [Brochure](#)
- Decision tree for determining project category → [PDF](#)
- Construction cost estimate assistance tool → [PDF](#)
- Guidance for initiating railroad coordination → [PDF](#)
- Video tutorial for creating and sharing google map → [Video](#)
- Best practices video for creating maps for TxDOT's TA Program applications → [Video](#)
- General timeline for project initiation and development → [PDF](#)



All of these resources can be found on TxDOT's Bike and Ped Resources website →

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# Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP)

What is the Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan?

A data-driven, statewide analysis of locations of both **historic** and **potential** pedestrian crash risk. Offers suggested countermeasure and geographic data analysis to a statewide audience.



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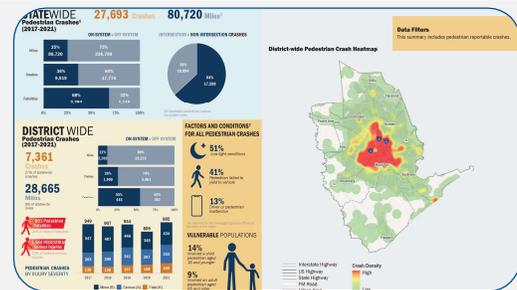


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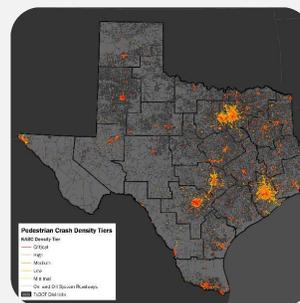
## Products



Pedestrian Safety Screening Tool



TxDOT District Safety Profiles



Statewide Summary Report

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## PSAP Uses

Informs project identification and scoping

Reference source for grant applications (TA, SS4A, ATIP, CRP, Reconnecting Communities, RAISE, etc.)

Informs TxDOT District and MPO Safety Plans

Included in TxDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and Vulnerable Road User Assessment



For more information, downloads, and links, visit [TxDOT's PSAP webpage](#).

## Live PSAP demonstration

Thank you for attending!

Contact us:  
BikePed@txdot.gov

Contact your local District  
TA coordinator



Local TxDOT District staff:

For more information



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