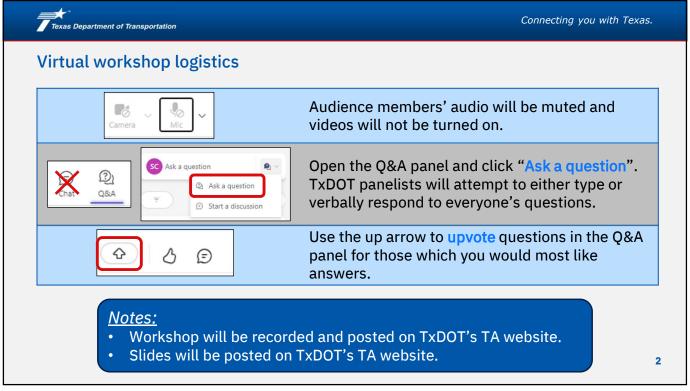
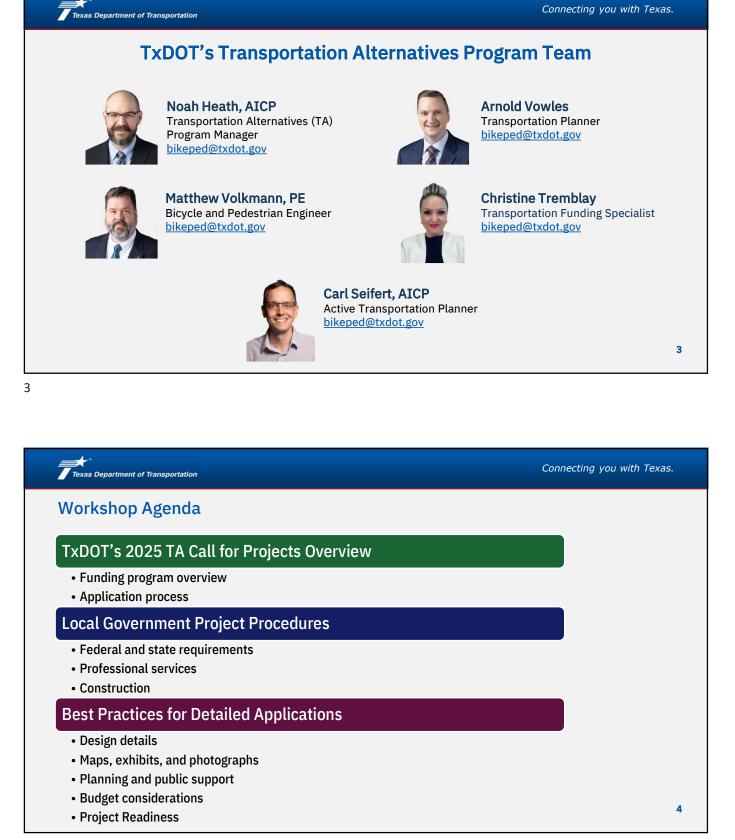


TxDOT 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program

Program Overview Presentation 2025 Workshop









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Overview Presentation

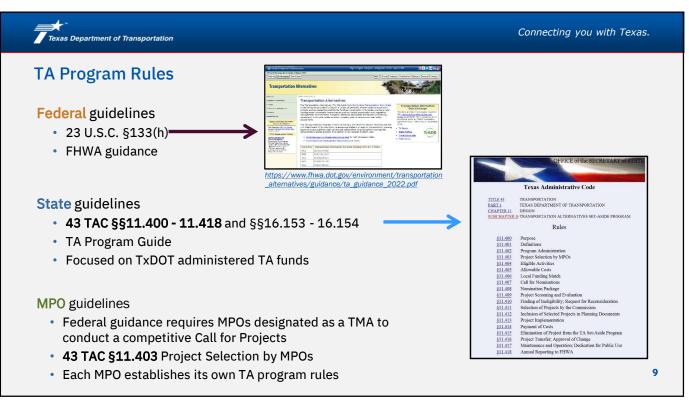
Presentation Agenda

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Planning for TxDC	T's 2025 Call for Pr	ojects Funding
TxDOT funds:		
Population Area	Anticipated Funding Allocation	TxDOT 2025 TA Call for Projects
Nonurban (<5,000)	\$43.5 M	~\$250M to be made available (FY27 – FY29 funds)
Small urban (5,000 to 49,999)	\$19.2 M	
Medium urban (50,000 to 200,000)	\$20.2 M	$\mathbf{\hat{t}}$
Any Area	\$167.1 M	-\ <u></u> ⊅\-
Total	\$250 M	





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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.

Progra	m Eligibility					
	Community- Based	Larg	ge-Scale		vork ements	Non- Infrastructure
Where?	 Outside of TMA & <200k <u>or</u> Inside of TMA & <=50k in population* 			Anywher	e in Texas	
Who?	 Local governme School districts 	nts	• Transit a • Small MF	gencies POs (<200k)	sponsor	the request of a ee Program Guide)
What?	Preliminary er & construction and pede infrastru	gineering** cor n for bicycle ^{to} estrian lir		constructio to enhance infrastruc limited or and no	ith limited n elements e bike/ped cture with no design o ROW sition	Non- motorized planning documents

Eligible Project Sponsors for TxDOT TA Call for Projects

- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities
- Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- Tribal governments
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that serves an area with a population of 200,000 or less

- Nonprofit
- Other governmental entity responsible for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than an MPO that serves a population greater 200,000 or a state agency)

Who?

• A State (**TxDOT**), at the request of an entity listed above

Who? Texas Department of Transportation **Partnership Considerations** Partnering with local governments (city, county, etc.) Entities with limited federally funded construction experience Entities without ROW ownership - Recommended for nonprofits, school districts, transit agencies - Required for unincorporated places (aka Census designated place (CDP)) Partnering with transit agencies - Projects with transit nexus (within 1/2-mi for pedestrian/3-mi for bicycle) - May be appropriate for urban/metro transit agencies - Project components must be eligible under FTA program rules Partnering with TxDOT (at the request of an eligible entity) - Typically along on-system roadway or benefit to state highway system - State participation is at discretion of TxDOT District All projects are subject to same competitive evaluation process 15 State can implement a project after award even if State was not a participant in application

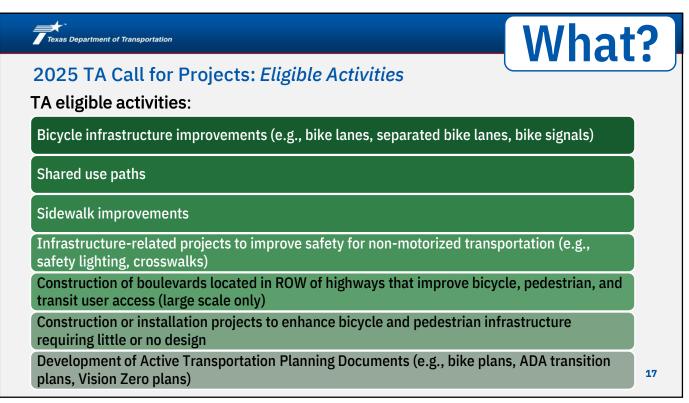
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Eligible Phases of Work

- For TxDOT's TA funds, *federally reimbursable phases* include
 - <u>Preliminary engineering, environmental documentation, construction, and construction-related</u> <u>activities (infrastructure projects)</u>
 - Right-of-way acquisition on a case-by-case basis as approved by TxDOT. ROW acquisition
 must facilitate project execution within TA Program obligation requirements and be
 supported by affected property owners.
 - <u>Planning activities (non-infrastructure projects)</u>
 - <u>TxDOT's direct state costs for oversight (all projects)</u>
- The Detailed Application must include estimated costs for all activities for which the project sponsor is seeking reimbursement
- Reimbursable activities are limited to actual, documented costs incurred <u>after</u>:
 - Project award,
 - Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA),
 - Federal Project Authorization & Agreement (FPAA), and
 - TxDOT authorization to proceed

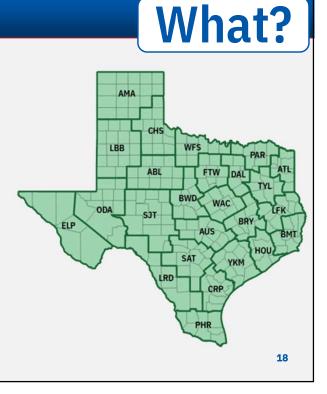
Federal and State requirements must be met for all activities with *federal participation*

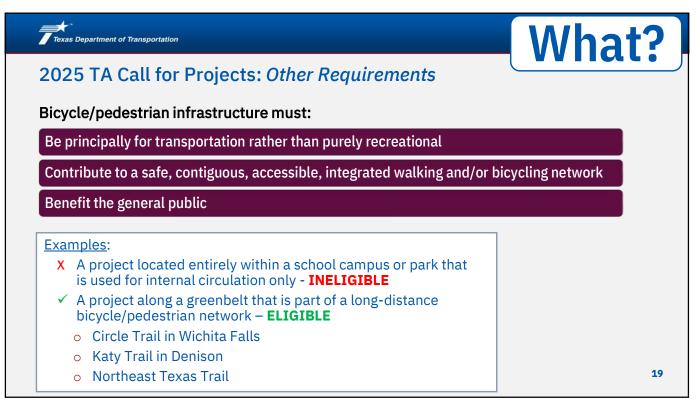
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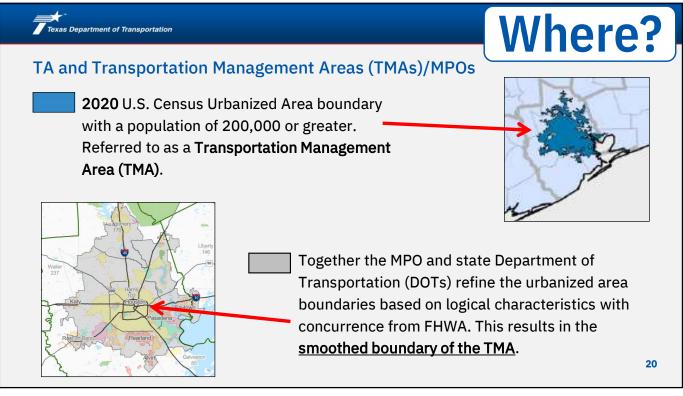


Clarifications on program costs

- No reimbursement for PS&E activities for projects that are already advanced beyond 30% final design
 - Advanced PS&E scores higher in project readiness criteria
- Clarification on eligible non-infrastructure activities
 - An eligible planning study may include design activities up to 30% final design (includes schematic, ROW mapping & coordination, environmental documentation, railroad coordination, utility identification and coordination, and 30% PS&E).







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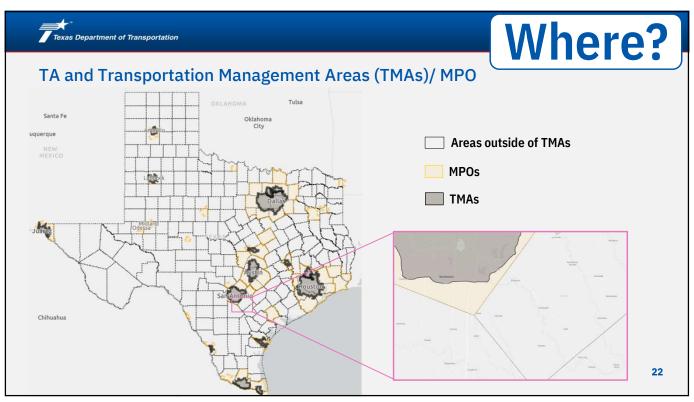
the MPO for concurrent TA calls for projects.

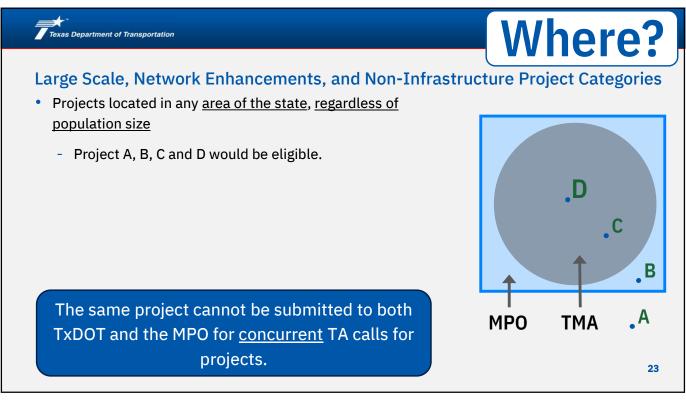
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Where? Texas Department of Transportation **Community-Based Project Category** Eligible Projects located outside the MPO boundary are eligible D (Project A) • Projects located outside the TMA but inside MPO boundaries are eligible (Project B) Projects from project sponsors with populations less than 50,000 located within a TMA are eligible (Project C) **MPO** TMA **Not Eligible** Projects from project sponsors with populations greater than 50,000 located within a TMA are not eligible for TxDOT's The same project cannot be

Community-Based Project Category (Project D)





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Program eligibility	changes	
Community-Based	 Expansion of eligible project sponsors Now includes communities of 50,000 or less inside TMAs 	
Large Scale	No changes	
Network Enhancements	No changes	
Non-infrastructure	No changes	
	ons per entity TA award per project sponsor	
per community		24



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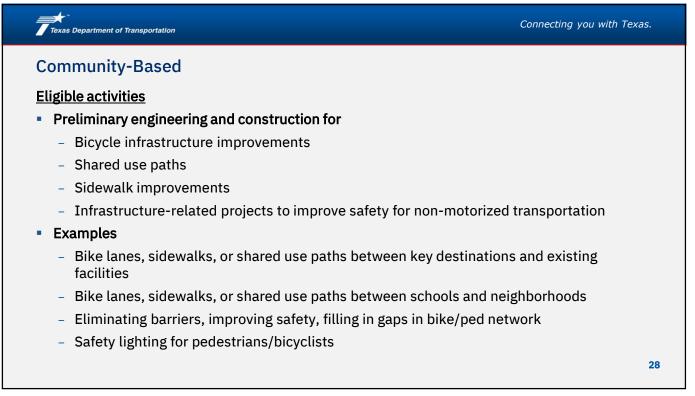
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TxDOT 2025 TA Call-for-Projects: Project Categories

Project Category	Eligible Activities	Eligible Entity	Local Match (without TDCs)	TDC eligibility**	Project Funding
Community- Based	Preliminary Engineering & Construction	 Outside of TMA & <200k <u>or</u> Inside of TMA* & <50k in population 	20%	Ø	\$250,000 to \$5 million per project
Large Scale	Preliminary Engineering & Construction				\$5 to \$25 million per project
Network Enhancements	Projects with limited construction elements to enhance bike/ped infrastructure with limited or no design and no ROW acquisition	Any Population Area	20%	Ø	\$250,000 minimum fo cities <200,000; \$1M min otherwise
Non- Infrastructure	Non-motorized planning documents (e.g., Pedestrian Safety Action Plans) & design activities up to 30% final design			V	\$100,000 minimum

TMAs (Transportation Management Areas) have populations greater than 200,000 and are responsible for competitively awarding their own TA funding.
 Availability of Transportation Development Credits is TBD





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Examples of Community-Based projects, part 2

New Sidewalks/Shared use paths between schools and neighborhoods (City of Texarkana)

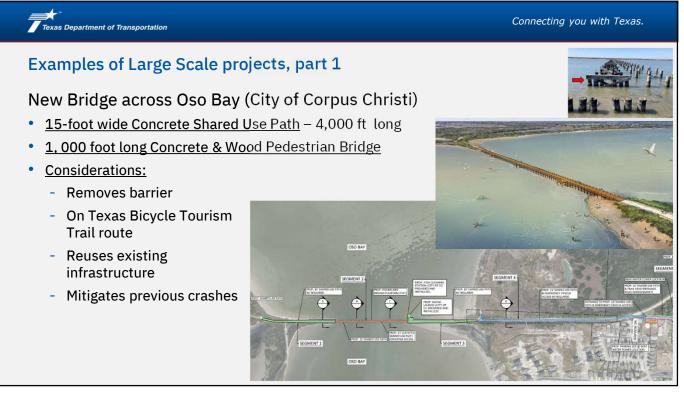
- <u>10-foot wide Concrete Shared Use Path</u> 4,200 ft long
- <u>6-foot wide Concrete Sidewalks</u> 1,000 ft long
- <u>Crosswalks and Signage</u>
- <u>Pedestrian signal and push button</u>
- Preliminary Engineering

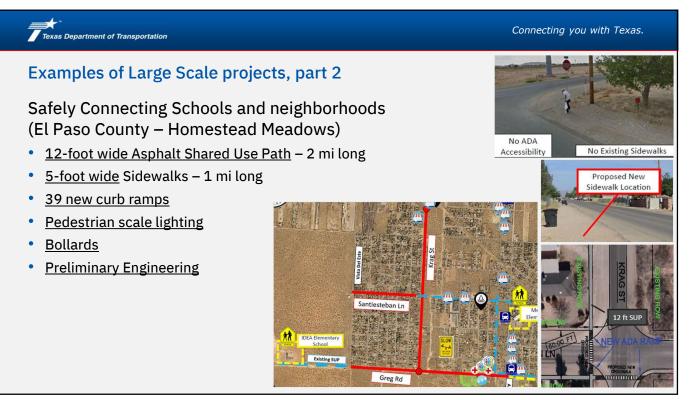






Connecting you with Texas. Texas Department of Transportation Large Scale **Eligible activities** In any area of the state, regardless of population size Preliminary engineering and construction for large scale Bicycle infrastructure improvements _ - Shared use paths - Sidewalk improvements - Infrastructure-related projects to improve safety for non-motorized transportation High impact projects that substantively improve mobility options - Long-distance active transportation routes - Shared use paths in rail or utility corridors (e.g., bicycle tourism trails) Improvements that mitigate barriers to - Comprehensive accessibility improvements bicycling and walking (e.g., ped/bike bridges) - Intermodal hubs - Others?





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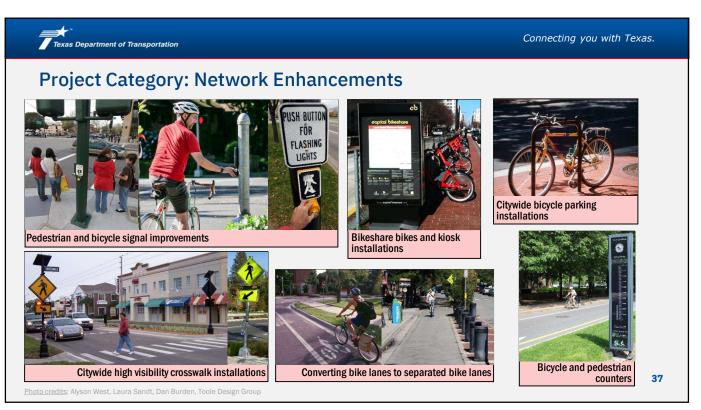
Examples of Large Scale project with transit nexus

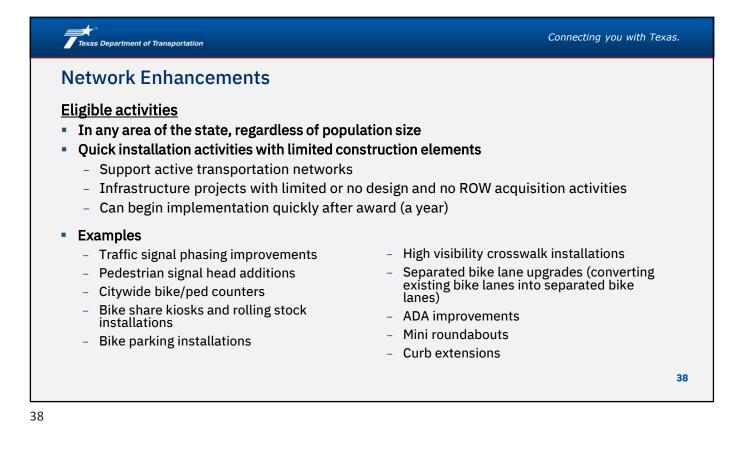
SUP connects Park & Ride to neighborhoods (City of Houston)

- <u>Transit + Bike/Ped network connectivity</u> 3.3 miles of new SUPs connect Houston METRO's busiest Park & Ride to trails and neighborhoods.
- <u>Mitigates highway, bayou, and intersection barriers</u> SUP investments create multiple safe active transportation crossings (including I-10 and Grand Pkwy).











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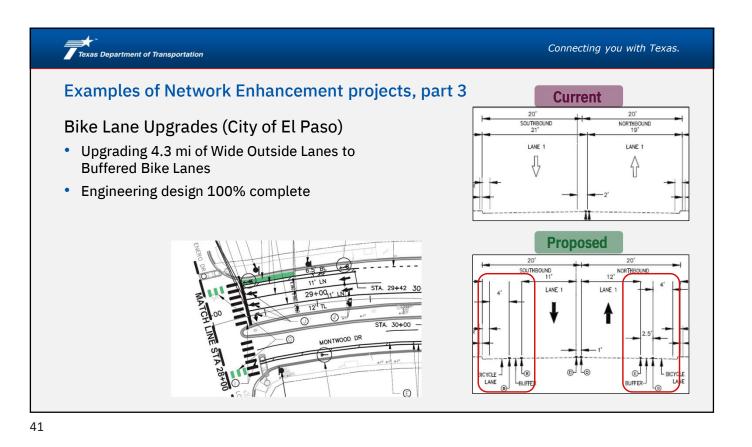
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Examples of Network Enhancement projects, part 2

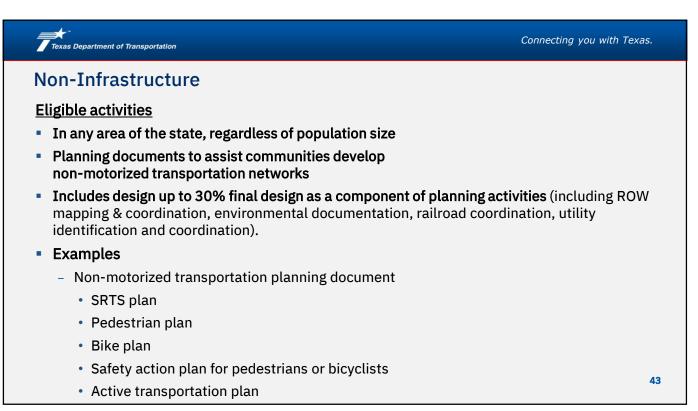
Intersection Improvements (City of Pflugerville)

- Pedestrian safety investments at 15 intersections.
 - Pedestrian signal heads, curb ramps, crosswalks, stop bars, illuminated street signs, pedestrian push buttons, etc.
- · Limited (or no) engineering design required

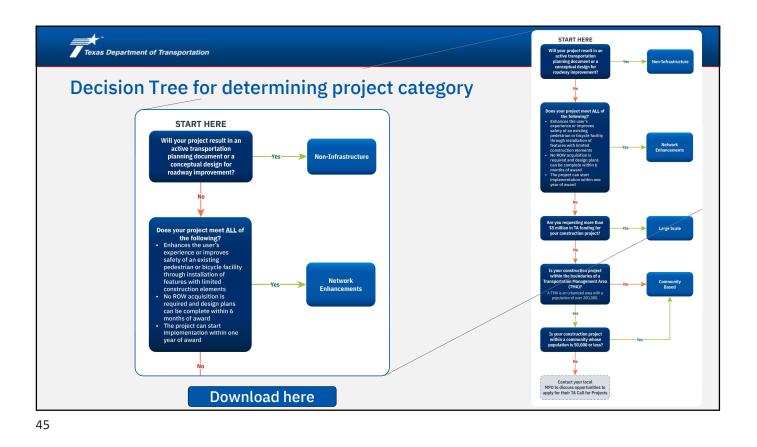


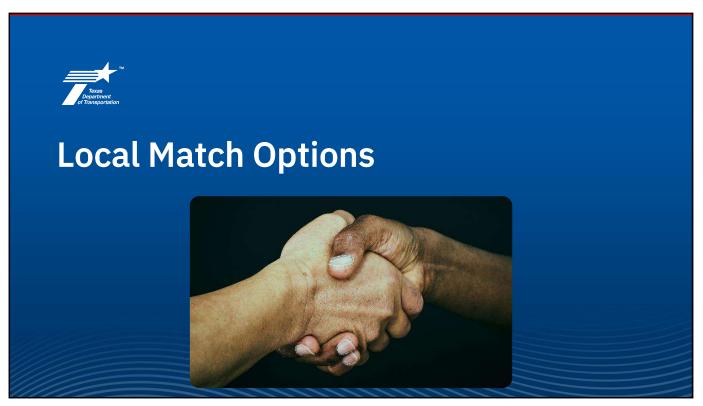


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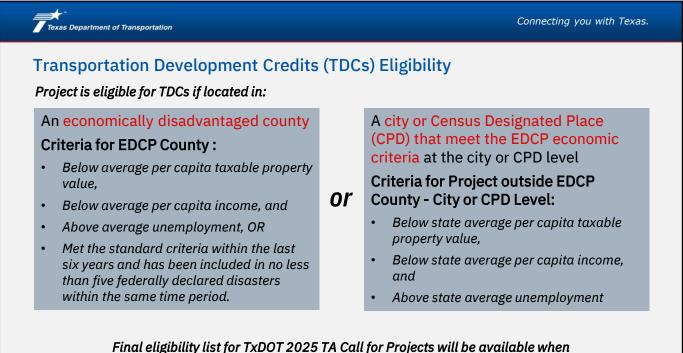


Local Match for TA Funding

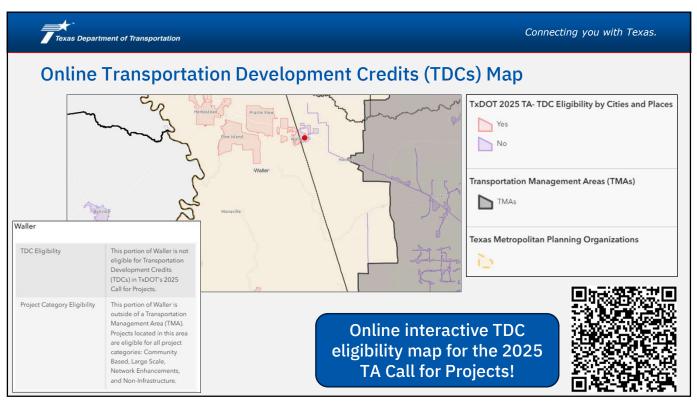
- Federal TA program requires 20% minimum local match for construction
- TxDOT offers flexibility in local match for construction:
 - Cash
 - Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)
 - Overmatch
- The 20% local match for TxDOT's administrative cost can be provided by project sponsors utilizing the local match options outlined above



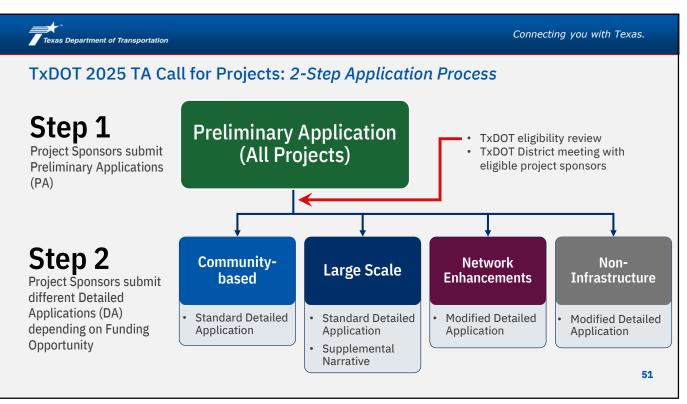
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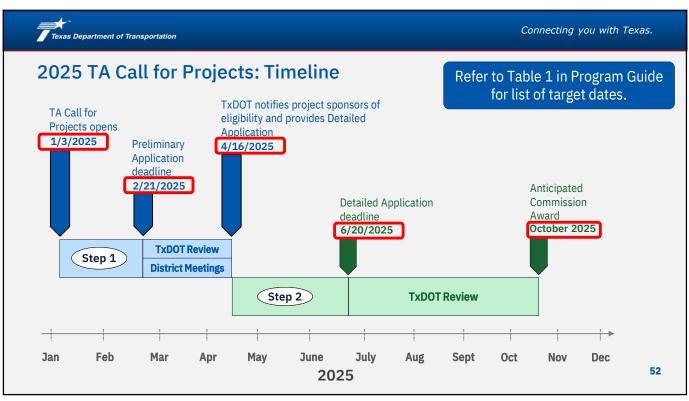


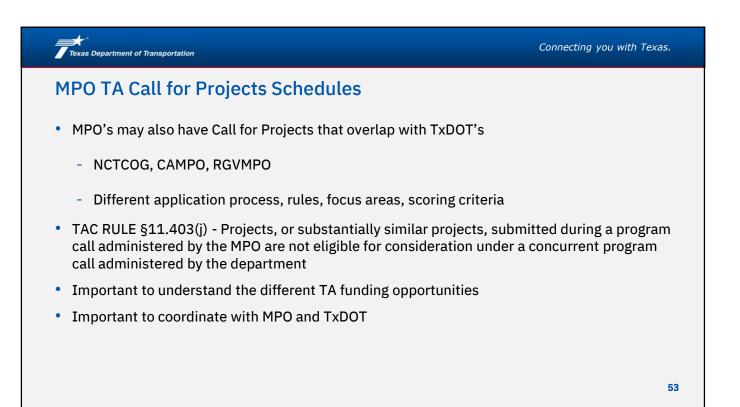
Call opens in January 2025.



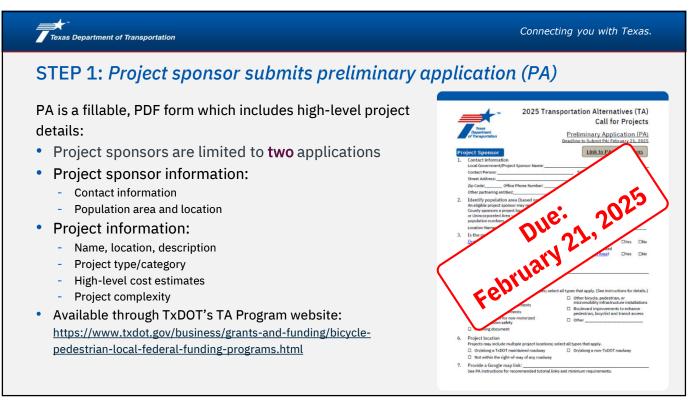












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STEP 1: TxDOT District Review Meeting with Project Sponsor

Project sponsors are expected to meet with TxDOT District staff to review proposed projects to:

- Discuss TA program details with project sponsor
- Understand proposed project concept and complexities
- Discuss cost estimates

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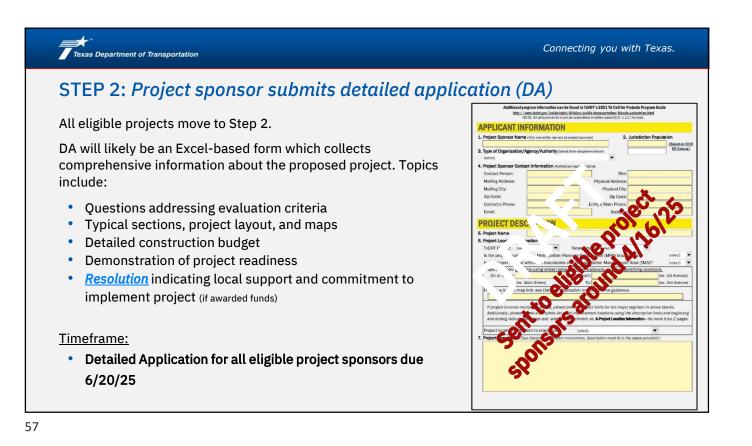
- Identify project readiness
- Discuss potential project sponsorship opportunities

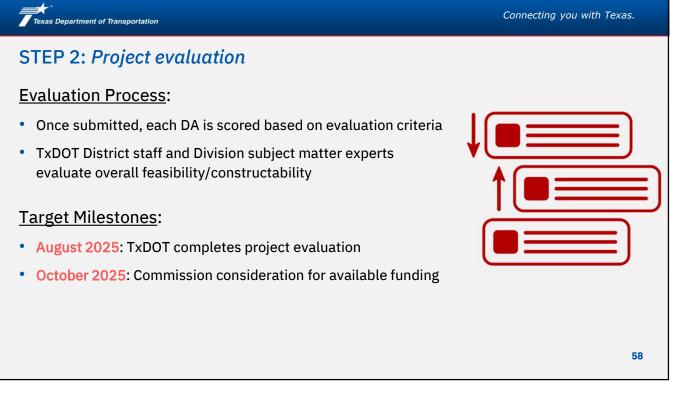
District meeting deadline - 4/4/2025

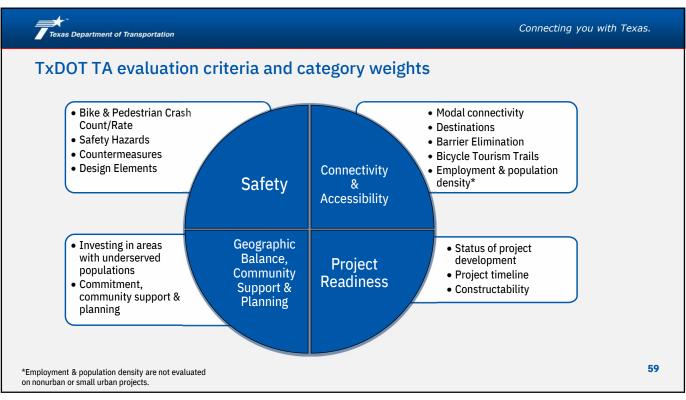
Project sponsors should contact the District TA Coordinator to set up the District meeting if they have not been contacted by March 14, 2025.



Connecting you with Texas. Texas Department of Transportation STEP 1: TxDOT-PTN Completes Eligibility Review After February 21st, TxDOT-PTN will review all submitted PAs to determine eligibility of: project sponsor, • project location, and project activities Timeframe: All project sponsors will be notified of eligibility and (if appropriate) provided Detailed Applications on or around April 16, 2025. A project that does not successfully complete 56 Step 1 will not be evaluated in Step 2.







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TxDOT 2025 TA Call-for-Projects: Criteria Category Weights					
	Criteria Category Weights				
Criteria Category	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%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	



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Technical Assistance Activities During Call for Projects

- Prioritizing smaller disadvantaged communities
- During application process:
 - Provide project sponsors feedback on project and budget before final detailed application is submitted
 - Each project sponsor meets with TxDOT district staff
 - May request use of engineering consultant to assist with application/project review



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TxDOT-PTN TA Program Website

Available now:

• Program Guide

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- Preliminary Application
- Preliminary Application Instructions
- Interactive map showing TMAs/TDCs

Check for future updates:

- Workshop presentations
- FAQs



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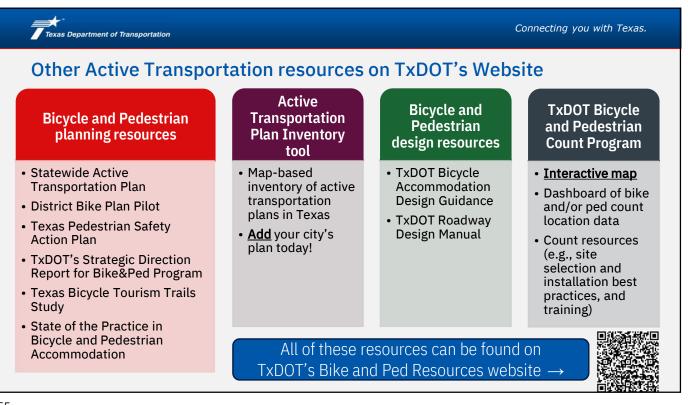
Online TA technical assistance resources

- Unique Aspects of TxDOT's TA Program → <u>Video</u> and <u>Brochure</u>
- Decision tree for determining project category → <u>PDF</u>
- Construction cost estimate assistance tool → <u>PDF</u>
- Guidance for initiating railroad coordination → <u>PDF</u>
- Video tutorial for creating and sharing google map \rightarrow <u>Video</u>
- Best practices video for creating maps for TxDOT's TA Program applications → <u>Video</u>
- General timeline for project initiation and development → <u>PDF</u>

All technical assistance resources can be found on TxDOT's TA website \rightarrow <u>here</u>



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TxDOT 2025 TA Call for Projects: Project Sponsor Workshops

Workshop location	Date	Time	Registration
Virtual	Jan 6, 2024	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Registration Link
Tyler	Jan 10, 2024	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Please email Gary Rushing as a courtesy.
Arlington	Jan 14, 2024	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Please email <u>Rachael Twiggs</u> as a courtesy.
Lubbock	Jan 17, 2024	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Please email Logan Atwood as a courtesy.
Austin	Jan 21, 2024	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Please email <u>Michelle Meaux</u> as a courtesy.
Pharr (Rio Grande Valley)	Jan 23, 2024	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Please email <u>Agustin Ramirez</u> as a courtesy.
Virtual	Jan 24, 2024	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration Link



