

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

2025 CALL FOR PROJECTS PROGRAM GUIDE





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A. SUMMARY OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

On January 3, 2025, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT or the department) announced a statewide Call for Projects for the **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside** (**TA**) program (including available and anticipated future funds) for bicyclist and pedestrian infrastructure and planning. TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects features a two-step application process described in this program guide. Additionally, this program guide outlines the requirements of TA funds and the evaluation and selection processes for this competitive Call for Projects. Important dates to remember are provided in Table 1.

What's New for TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects

For the TxDOT 2025 TA Call for Projects, the following changes have been implemented that differ from the 2023 TxDOT TA Program Call.

- Additional communities are eligible for the Community-Based project category. Specifically, communities with populations of 50,000 or less which are located inside Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) are now eligible for funding under the Community Based project category. See Section B for details.
- 2. The maximum number of applications that one project sponsor can submit is two.
- 3. TxDOT intends to recommend to the Texas Transportation Commission (Commission) a maximum of one new TA award per project sponsor per community.

Table 1: TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects Important Dates

| Milestones | Date |
|---|------------------------------|
| TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects opens | January 3, 2025 |
| Virtual and in-person workshops | January 6 – January 24, 2025 |
| Responses to workshop questions posted | January 31, 2025* |
| Preliminary Application (PA) deadline | February 21, 2025 |
| District coordination meeting | Before April 4, 2025* |
| TxDOT PA review complete | April 11, 2025 |
| TxDOT notifies sponsors of eligibility and provides Detailed Application | April 16, 2025 |
| Detailed Application (DA) deadline | June 20, 2025 |
| TxDOT DA review complete | August 22, 2025* |
| Commission award | October 2025* |

*Target dates

TxDOT Focus Areas

For the 2025 TA Call for Projects, the department is particularly interested in projects that reflect a high degree of collaboration and community consensus while directly contributing to the department's safety, mobility, and connectivity goals. 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 use bicycle and pedestrian facilities to travel to school activities.
- Construct segments identified as part of Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails network or implement a locally-preferred alternate route¹.

Proposed projects may be located on state-maintained roadway right-of-way (on-system) or along public-accessible on- or off-street property owned or authorized for use by the project sponsor (off system).

Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

In 2023, TxDOT created the <u>Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP)</u> to address the rising number of pedestrian-related crashes occurring on Texas roadways. The PSAP provides TxDOT District staff, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and the general public, analyses which identifies locations of concern for pedestrian safety as well as suggested countermeasure investments to create safer conditions for pedestrians. For the TxDOT 2025 TA Call for Projects, TxDOT recommends local governments use the <u>TxDOT PSAP Screening Tool</u> to assist with identifying potential project locations. See Section M.

¹ For information on the Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Network, visit: <u>https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/modes-of-travel/bicycle/plan-design/tourism-study.html</u>.

TA Funding Availability

The department intends to make available approximately \$250 million in TA funds associated with FY 2027 through FY 2029, consistent with anticipated funding levels associated with the IIJA and subsequent funding bills. TxDOT administers TA funding suballocated to population areas of 200,000 or less that are outside TMAs. In addition, TxDOT is administering TA funding designated for use anywhere in the state. As such, in TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects, TxDOT will award projects in four project categories; community-based, large scale, network enhancements, and non-infrastructure (planning), described further in Section B.

Sub-allocated funds: Fifty - nine percent of TA funding is suballocated by population. A portion of suballocated funds is administered by MPOs in urbanized areas (200,000 or more in population) that are TMAs. TxDOT administers suballocated funds for population areas that are smaller than 5,000 (nonurban), population areas of 5,000 to 49,999 (small urban), and population areas of 50,000 to 200,000 (medium urban).

Table 2 provides a high-level overview of TA funding available for suballocated areas, as well as anywhere in the state. A minimum of \$82.9 million is available for nonurban, small urban, and medium urban communities; the remaining funds are available to communities of any size anywhere in the state. All or some portion of these funds may be awarded as a result of this Call, depending on the actual amount of funding available and the number of suitable TA project applications received by the department. Depending on the volume and complexity of project applications, the department may elect to stagger recommended awards, so that the total funding is not awarded all at once but issued over a series of months. Additionally, the department may elect to award additional funds to projects that have already been awarded TA funds through TxDOT's competitive process in a previous call by advancing these projects early in a separate minute order for Commission consideration. This applies to projects requesting additional TA funds due to unforeseen substantial project overruns, which jeopardize implementation of the project as originally intended.

At the conclusion of the 2025 TA Call for Projects' application and competitive project evaluation process, applicants will be:

- Awarded available TA funding by the Commission; or
- Eliminated from further consideration in this call for projects. Project sponsors may resubmit these projects for consideration during future Calls for Projects.

Funding types listed in Table 2 may be awarded to projects in any category in this Call for Projects.

Table 2: TxDOT 2025 TA Program Funding

| Funding Type | Population Size | ТМА | Anticipated Program Funding for TxDOT TA 2025 Call for Projects |
|--------------|---|-------------------|---|
| | Nonurban Areas (Less than 5,000) | | \$43.5 million |
| Suballocated | Small Urban Areas (5,000 to 49,999) | Outside | \$19.2 million |
| | Medium Urban Areas (50,000 to 200,000) | | \$20.2 million |
| Any Area | Any Population Size | Inside or Outside | \$167.1 million |

Note: Funding types listed above may be awarded to projects in any category in this Call for Projects

ALTERNATIVE FUNDING OPTION:

TxDOT's priority with this program call is to fund projects using TA funding. However, TxDOT reserves the right to use other federal and/or state resources to implement a project submitted under this program call that is located within TxDOT right-of-way and advances the department's ADA/pedestrian safety, accessibility, and mobility goals. After consultation with the project sponsor, TxDOT may elect to assume oversight of project development and/or construction using TxDOT resources. Projects developed under this option could be identified during either Step 1 or Step 2 of the program call process. A local match may be required for on-system ADA/pedestrian projects advanced by TxDOT under this alternative funding option.

Two-Step Application Process

TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects involves a two-step application process, as depicted in Figure 1. This two-step approach is intended to enhance the quality of project applications and to foster communication between project sponsors and TxDOT District staff. TxDOT's 2025 TA program call timeline is illustrated in Figure 2. Project sponsors must complete both steps in order for a project to be considered for funding under this program call. Project sponsors are limited to two applications per sponsoring entity.

Step 1 - Preliminary Application: Project sponsors seeking TA funding must complete the Preliminary Application (PA)² and submit it to TxDOT as specified in the PA instructions before close of business on **February 21**, **2025**. Applications received after this deadline will not be eligible to compete for funding in this program call. The PA provides high-level project information that will allow the department to determine funding eligibility and potential project development issues. As part of Step 1, TA project sponsors are recommended to schedule and attend a meeting (in person or virtually) before end of day on April 4, 2025, with TxDOT District representatives to review the PA and discuss the overall project. TxDOT reserves the right not to advance any project to Step 2 that was not reviewed by the TxDOT District during a coordination meeting with the project sponsor.

On or about April 16, 2025, TxDOT staff will advise all project sponsors of project eligibility based on project location, population size, project type, entity, and initial project readiness. The Detailed Application will be made available to each eligible project sponsor at that time. If the project sponsor is eligible and plans to use Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) for local match, this should be identified on the PA. A description of TDCs and criteria for eligibility are described in *Local Match for TA Projects* in Section B of this document.

<u>Step 2 - Detailed Application</u>: All eligible project sponsors may progress their projects to Step 2. The Detailed Application (DA) requires a more comprehensive overview of the proposed project, including a detailed construction budget and demonstration of how the proposed project meets specific TA evaluation criteria. All project sponsors must submit their DA(s) to TxDOT by **June 20, 2025**, as specified in the DA instructions.

Project sponsors may submit no more than **two applications** in TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects. Additionally, the same project application **cannot** be submitted in multiple project categories.

² The Preliminary Application is available for download on the TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Programs website. <u>https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html</u>

Figure 1: 2025 TA Program Call – Two-Step Process

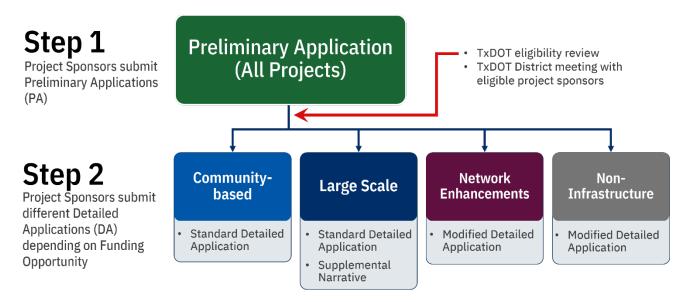
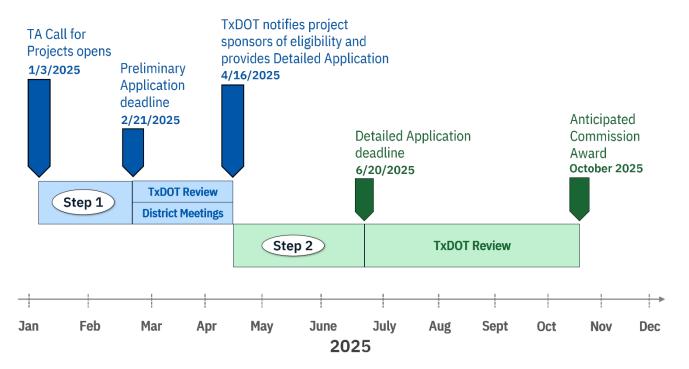


Figure 2: 2025 TA Program Call Timeline



Available TxDOT Technical Assistance

During the application process, TxDOT makes the following technical assistance resources available.

- Following submittal of the Preliminary Application, each project sponsor has the opportunity to meet with TxDOT District staff to discuss project complexity, red flags, constructability issues, etc.
- Should the project sponsor require additional technical resources to complete the detailed application after meeting with TxDOT staff, they may request use of TxDOT's technical assistance for project feasibility review and budget analysis in the detailed application. *Note:* This type of assistance is prioritized for smaller and more disadvantaged communities.
- TxDOT provides a variety of online technical assistance resources, including the following:
 - Unique Aspects of TxDOT's TA Program (<u>Video</u> and <u>Brochure</u>)
 - Decision tree for determining project category (PDF)
 - Construction cost estimate assistance tool (<u>PDF</u>)
 - Guidance for initiating railroad coordination (PDF)
 - General timeline for project initiation and development (PDF)
 - Video tutorial for creating and sharing google maps (Video)
 - Best Practices for creating maps for TxDOT's TA Program applications (Video)
 - TxDOT's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Screen Tool (Webpage)

Contact your TxDOT District TA Coordinator (see Section K. TxDOT District/Division TA Coordinators) for more information beyond the above resources.

B. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA) ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

The TA Program, as administered by TxDOT, provides funding to plan for and construct a variety of alternative transportation projects that improve safety and mobility for non-motorized travelers and mitigate congestion by providing safe alternatives to motor vehicle transport. TA Program funding is authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law", which continues the TA Program as established under previous federal transportation funding bills. The TA Program provides funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including Safe Routes to School (SRTS)-type infrastructure projects. The TA Program is codified in 23 U.S.C.§133(h).

The TA Program provides opportunities to expand transportation choices and enhance bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and planning. Each state department of transportation reviews the guidance provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and develops rules to administer their TA Program according to that state's priorities. In Texas, the department's TA Program operates under

rules adopted by the Commission, which may be found in 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC)

Project Location Restrictions for TA Projects

TxDOT administers statewide TA Program funds that are available to communities of any population size anywhere in the state, as well as TA funds suballocated for projects located <u>outside</u> the smoothed boundary of Census Urbanized Areas greater than 200,000 in population, which have been identified as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs). Projects located outside TMAs (i.e., in nonurban, small urban, and medium urban areas) are eligible for all project categories in TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects. Starting with the 2025 TA Program Call, communities located <u>inside</u> TMAs with populations of 50,000 and fewer are also eligible for all project categories. Communities located <u>inside</u> TMAs with populations of 50,001 and greater are only eligible to apply for three of the four project categories: Large Scale, Network Enhancements, and Non-Infrastructure. Please reference the <u>Interactive Eligibility</u> Map to determine which project categories your community is eligible for.

Project Categories and Eligible TA Project Activities

Eligible TA activities for TxDOT's 2025 TA Program Call for Projects are provided below for each of the project categories.

Projects in the **Community-Based** project category are eligible for reimbursement for construction and engineering costs for communities located <u>outside</u> of TMAs as well as communities located <u>inside</u> TMAs with populations of 50,000 and fewer. TA awards in this project category may range between \$250,000 and \$5 million in estimated costs related to:

- 1. Bicycle infrastructure improvements
- 2. Shared use paths
- 3. Sidewalk improvements
- 4. Infrastructure-related projects to improve safety for non-motorized transportation

Examples of community-based projects include accessible sidewalks with curb extensions, buffered bicycle lanes with bike parking at bus stops, or shared use paths with shade trees and safety lighting.

Projects in the **Large Scale** project category are eligible for reimbursement for construction and engineering costs in communities of any size and may range between \$5 million and \$25 million related to:

- 1. Bicycle infrastructure improvements
- 2. Shared use paths
- 3. Sidewalk improvements

³ In Texas, TA funds for the Recreational Trails Program are administered through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

- 4. Infrastructure-related projects to improve safety for non-motorized transportation
- 5. Construction of boulevards and other roadways that are located primarily in the right-of-way of divided highways and that improve access for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users and do not reduce on-system roadway capacity unless such a reduction has the prior approval of the department⁴

According to FHWA, a boulevard is defined as a walkable, low-speed (35 mph or less) divided arterial thoroughfare in urban environments designed to carry both through and local traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. An eligible "boulevard" project should demonstrate some of the following elements:

- Traffic calming measures
- Context-sensitive bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Compliance with accessibility requirements and guidelines
- Promotion of transit corridor through additional protected stops and routes
- Environmentally efficient lighting, landscaping, and water-saving systems

For more information about boulevards related to TA projects please reference <u>FHWA's definition and</u> <u>guidance</u>.

Large scale projects may include high impact projects that substantively improve mobility options such as: long-distance active transportation routes (e.g., bicycle tourism trails), comprehensive or area-wide accessibility improvements, active transportation connections to intermodal hubs (e.g., first/last-mile solutions at transit stations), shared use paths in rail or utility corridors, and improvements that mitigate barriers to bicycling and walking (e.g., pedestrian/bicycle bridges).

Large scale projects may be composed of multiple elements that work together to create a connected network. The project sponsor should demonstrate how the elements contribute to a connected network in the project description, the maps, the planning section, and in the transformational narrative.

Projects in the **Network Enhancements** project category are eligible for reimbursement for light construction/installation projects in communities of any size. These projects are intended to be quick turnaround projects that directly connect to and enhance existing active transportation networks and can be completed within one year after award. Projects should have limited or no design and no ROW acquisition activities. For projects located in communities of 200,000 or less in population, the minimum project cost is \$250,000; for projects located in communities greater than 200,000, the minimum project cost is \$1M. Examples include:

1. Traffic signal improvements in support of active transportation networks (e.g., pedestrian/bikefriendly traffic signal phasing improvements, pedestrian signal head additions)

⁴ Boulevard projects in TxDOT ROW must receive written approval from the TxDOT District Engineer for the TxDOT District the project is located in.

- 2. Bicycle/pedestrian counters
- 3. Bike-share bikes and kiosk installations
- 4. Citywide bike parking installations
- 5. Citywide high visibility crosswalk installations
- 6. Separated bike lane upgrades (converting existing bike lanes into separated bike lanes)
- 7. Citywide ADA upgrades
- 8. Traffic calming activities directly supporting active transportation networks (mini roundabouts, curb extensions/bulb-outs)

Projects in the **Non-Infrastructure** project category are eligible for development of planning documents to assist communities of any size in developing non-motorized transportation networks. The minimum project award is \$100,000. Examples include:

- 1. Safe Routes to School plans
- 2. ADA Transition plans
- 3. Pedestrian, Bicycle and/or Micromobility plans
- 4. Safety action plans for pedestrians or bicyclists
- 5. Active Transportation plans that plan for multiple non-motorized transportation modes

Please refer to Section D. Allowable Costs for more details. For additional details about the above eligible project activities, refer to 43 TAC §11.404(a). Whether proposed as an independent project or as an element of a larger transportation project, the project must be limited to a logical unit of work and be constructible as an independent project.

Consistent with federal guidance outlined in 23 USC 217, TxDOT-selected TA projects should be principally for transportation rather than purely recreational and must contribute to a safe, contiguous, accessible, integrated walking and bicycling network that provides travelers with a real choice of transportation modes.

Projects, or substantially similar projects, previously submitted in a MPO administered TA call for projects may be submitted for TA funding under this program call. If the MPO Call for Projects is not completed prior to the deadline for Step 2 of TxDOT's 2025 TA Program Call (Detailed Application phase) and the project is still under consideration for funding by the MPO, then the project will be ineligible due to the concurrent MPO consideration [see TAC RULE §11.403(j)].

A project that is still under consideration for TA funding by an MPO is ineligible for TxDOT TA funding awards.

Additionally, projects under an existing local agreement (i.e., Advance Funding Agreement) may not be resubmitted under this program call unless substantial additional funding is being requested for

unforeseen project costs and this program call will not delay the original project from being implemented on schedule. Table 3 summarizes eligibility information.

Due to the amount of funding available in this Call for Projects, the importance of optimizing funding so that funds are successfully obligated and projects are implemented in accordance with federal requirements, TxDOT will maintain some flexibility in regard to total funding awarded to each project category. Project funding amounts shown on row three of Table 3 are intended as targets. Depending on the number of applications and project amounts received during the Call for Projects, TxDOT may award projects with costs that exceed these targets. Conversely, project sponsors submitting projects in the Large Scale project category or that exceed funding targets should develop the project with phasing in mind, with options for scaling the project back if TxDOT is not able to award the total amount requested.

Additionally, TxDOT is targeting total awards of between \$10 million and \$20 million for the Network Enhancements and between \$5 million and \$10 million for Non-Infrastructure, but the total amount of funds awarded to these project categories will depend on the amount and suitability of applications received.

Refer to the decision tree in Figure 3 for assistance in determining which project category your project matches.

Table 3: TxDOT's 2025 TA Project Categories

| Project Category | Community-Based | Large Scale | Network | Non- |
|----------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| | | _ | Enhancements | Infrastructure |
| Eligible Areas | Outside of TMA & | | Any Population Area | |
| | <200k <u>or</u> | | | |
| | Inside of TMA & <=50k in population ¹ | | | |
| | | | | |
| Local Match | 20% ² | - | | |
| Target Project | \$250,000 to \$5M per | \$5M to \$25M per | \$250,000 minimum for | \$100,000 minimum ⁴ |
| Funding Amounts | project | project | cities <200,000; | |
| | | | \$1M min otherwise ³ | |
| Eligible Project | Local governments | •Transit agencies | •TxDOT at the request of a spo | onsor |
| Sponsors | School districts | •Small MPOs (<200k) | •Others (see Eligible Sponsors |) reference section |
| Eligible Activities | Preliminary engineering ⁵ | and construction for | Quick construction or | Planning documents to |
| | Bicycle infrastructure im | provements | installation activities | assist communities in |
| | Shared use paths | | Support active | developing non- |
| | Sidewalk improvements | | transportation networks | motorized |
| | Infrastructure-related pr | | Infrastructure projects with | transportation |
| | safety for non-motorized | - | limited or no design and no | networks |
| | | - | ROW acquisition activities | |
| | that are located primarily divided highways and tha | | Can be completed quickly after award (a year) | |
| | bicyclists, pedestrians, an | | alter award (a year) | |
| | not reduce on-system roa | | | |
| | such a reduction has the | | | |
| | Department (for Large Sc | | | |
| Project Examples | | | Traffic signal phasing | SRTS plan |
| | shared use paths | that substantively | improvements (e.g., leading | Pedestrian plan |
| | between key | <u>improve mobility</u> | pedestrian intervals) | Bike plan |
| | destinations and existing | | Citywide pedestrian signal | Safety action plan for |
| | facilities | Long-distance active | head additions | pedestrians or |
| | Bike lanes, sidewalks, or | | Citywide bike/ped counters | bicyclists |
| | shared use paths | (e.g., bicycle tourism | Bike share bikes and kiosk | Active transportation |
| | between schools and | trails) | installations | plan |
| | neighborhoods •Eliminating barriers, | Comprehensive accessibility | Citywide bike parking installations | ADA transition plan |
| | improving safety, filling | improvements | Citywide high visibility | |
| | in gaps in bike/ped | Intermodal hubs | crosswalk installations | |
| | network | Shared use paths in | Separated bike lane (SBL) | |
| | Safety lighting for | rail or utility corridors | upgrades (converting existing | |
| | pedestrians/bicyclists | Improvements that | bike lanes into SBL) | |
| | | mitigate barriers to | •Citywide ADA improvements | |
| | | bicycling and walking | Mini roundabouts | |
| | with populations holow 50.00 | (e.g., bridges) | Curb extensions/bulb-outs | |

¹ Entities within TMAs with populations below 50,000 are now eligible for Community Based.

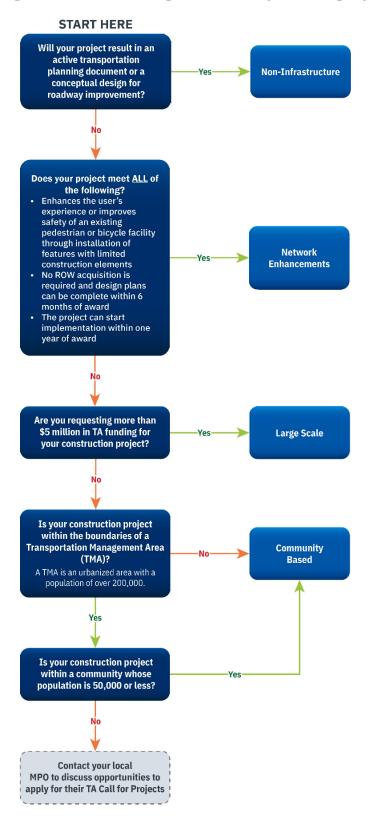
² Some communities may be eligible for TDCs which allow for 100% federal TA funds to be applied to the project in lieu of a local match.

³ Target total award for all projects in this category ~\$10M-\$20M.

⁴ Target total award for all projects in this category ~\$5M-\$10M.

⁵ For projects with less than 30% final design complete. See Section D for details.

Figure 3: 2025 TA Program Call Project Category Decision Tree



Local Match for TA Projects

TA funding provides 80% federal funds with a 20% minimum local match required. The local funding match may be provided in one of the following ways:

- Cash provided by the project sponsor, or
- Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) for projects that meet specific economic criteria, or
- State funds in limited circumstances.

A brief description of TDC eligibility is provided below.

Funds from other federal programs may be used as local funding match only when specifically authorized by federal law or regulation. Donated services may not be accepted as local funding match but may help reduce the overall cost of the project to the sponsor and would not be included in the project budget or scope of work. Third party cash donations paid to the project sponsor for use as the local match may be acceptable, if authorized by law.

TxDOT may, in certain circumstances, apply state funds to local match for projects that are on-system or fulfill ADA Transition Plan recommendations. This will be at the discretion of the TxDOT district the project is located in.

TA is a reimbursement program. After a project is authorized to proceed, allowable expenses are incurred by the project sponsor and reimbursement must be requested from the department. If a project selected by the Commission is implemented by the department, instead of incurring expenses and requesting reimbursement as the project is implemented, the project sponsor must provide the local funding match prior to the commencement of project activities for each phase of work as outlined in the local agreement (i.e., Advance Funding Agreement).

Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)

Toll or transportation development credits are a federal transportation funding tool used to meet federal funding matching requirements. States accrue TDCs when capital investments are made in federally approved tolled facilities including toll roads and bridges. For TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects, all projects that meet the economic criteria below may be eligible to apply for state TDCs that allow for 100% federal TA funds to be applied to the project in lieu of a local match. Under TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for TDCs is as follows:

- The project is located in an economically disadvantaged county certified by the Commission for FY 2025, <u>or</u>
- 2. The project is located in a city/Census Designated Place (CDP) that meets all of the following criteria:
 - Population less than 200,000⁵
 - Below state average per capita taxable property value⁶
 - Below state average per capita income⁷, and
 - Above state average unemployment⁸

Appendix A identifies cities and CDPs that are eligible for TDCs. For a map of cities and CDPs eligible to use TDCs for local match please use this link:

(https://txdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=4f51dc8c26594005b7e09a7be 703d4ad).

For rural projects located outside jurisdictional boundaries or CDPs not identified on the map, contact <u>TxDOT-PTN</u> for guidance.

Eligible TA Project Sponsors

Entities eligible to receive TA funds are listed below.

- A local government
- A regional transportation authority
- A transit agency
- A natural resource or public land agency
- A school district, a local education agency, or a school⁹
- A tribal government
- A metropolitan planning organization (MPO) that serves an area with a population of 200,000 or less
- A nonprofit
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for, or oversight of, transportation or recreational trails (other than an MPO that serves a population greater 200,000 or a state agency)
- A state, at the request of an entity listed above

⁵ U.S. Census Bureau; 2020 Decennial Census, Total Population

⁶ Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; 2022 City Rates and Levies, Total Property Market Value and U.S. Census Bureau; 2022 <u>Population and Housing Estimate Tables</u>

⁷ U.S. Census Bureau; 2022 5-Year Community Survey, Table DP03, Per Capita Income

⁸ U.S. Census Bureau; 2022 5-Year Community Survey, Table DP03, Civilian Unemployment Rate

⁹ Public and private universities are eligible project sponsors

Refer to 23 U.S.C.§133(h)(4) for further details/descriptions of the above entities. A project sponsor may need to provide the department a reference to its enabling legislation or if a project sponsor is a non-profit, documentation of non-profit status, for review to determine eligibility.

According to 23 U.S.C.§133(h)(4)(B), state departments of transportation (DOTs) at the request of another eligible entity are eligible project sponsors. Additionally, MPOs with a population of 200,000 or less are eligible project sponsors for TA funds. Moreover, state DOTs and MPOs of any size may provide assistance with applications or carry out a TA project once it is awarded funds even if the state DOT or MPO was not involved in the application for the project. For more information, see Section H. Project Implementation.

Entities with limited experience performing construction and associated engineering with federal funds and entities without ROW ownership are strongly encouraged to partner with local governments (city, county, etc.) on construction-related projects. <u>Only one entity is permitted to serve as a project</u> <u>sponsor and enter into an agreement for project implementation with TxDOT</u>. The project sponsor is 100% responsible for the local match and project development.

Typically, a local government serves as the project sponsor because the majority of the improvements are located on property maintained by the local government. When a third party, such as a school district or nonprofit entity, partners on a project or agrees to provide a portion of the local funding match, it would be the project sponsor's responsibility to execute an agreement with the third party for any funding commitments and secure any right-of-entry for project construction while remaining the sole project sponsor.

Additionally, project sponsors may partner with transit agencies on projects that support safe, accessible connections to transit. TA funds may be transferred to a compatible Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program for implementation when a project has a transit nexus and when all project components are eligible under the receiving FTA Program rules. A transit nexus is defined as providing connecting pedestrian facilities within ½ mile of transit service or providing connecting bicycle facilities within 3 miles of transit service. Above, Table 3 summarizes eligibility information.

C. PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection criteria for TxDOT's TA Program were developed to support TxDOT's mission of connecting Texans to where they need to go and the department's vision to be a forward-thinking leader delivering mobility, enabling economic opportunity, and enhancing quality of life for all Texans. Additionally, TxDOT hosted a workshop to receive input from MPO and TxDOT stakeholders to establish evaluation criteria. These criteria were reviewed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and TxDOT staff to establish criteria category weights for each of the project categories. The department will evaluate the potential benefit to the state of each eligible TA project, as well as the project's potential to enhance the surface transportation system. The department intends to recommend and implement projects in various communities across Texas and includes evaluation criteria and local match assistance to ensure that projects in disadvantaged communities are afforded access to TA Program funds.

Table 4 outlines the criteria categories and measures that will be used to evaluate all eligible projects. The table includes a brief description of each evaluation criterion and a list of measures for each category. Table 5 provides the criteria category weights by project category. In the Detailed Application, project sponsors will address the criteria categories by responding to questions targeted toward specific evaluation criteria. A Detailed Application form and instructions will be provided to eligible project sponsors by TxDOT on or around April 16, 2025.

| Criteria Category | Criteria Description | Criteria Measures | Evaluation Details |
|------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| | | Non-motorized crash count | TxDOT GIS analysis |
| | | Non-motorized crash rate | TxDOT GIS analysis |
| Sofoty | Demonstrates need for safety improvement and appropriate safety countermeasures | Documented safety hazards and/or PSAP segments ¹ | Analysis of application responses |
| Safety | • Provides safer and/or less intimidating accommodations for walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized travel | Professional judgement of countermeasure appropriateness ¹ | Analysis of application responses |
| | | Proposed infrastructure elements | Analysis of application responses |
| | Improves active transportation access to destinations of | Connects to bicycle, pedestrian, and/or transit infrastructure | Analysis of application responses |
| | interest such as business districts, downtown, centers of business activity, high density residential, and/or | Connects to active transportation destinations | Analysis of application responses |
| Connectivity & Accessibility | employment centers Supports multi-modal connections | Eliminates barriers | Analysis of application responses |
| Accessionity | Eliminates barriers to pedestrians, bicycle riders, and wheelchair users | Along long-distance bike route | Analysis of application responses |
| | Supports investments in local/interregional tourism, | Population density ² | TxDOT GIS analysis |
| | especially Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails | Employer density ² | TxDOT GIS analysis |
| Project | Demonstrates the ability to advance the project to construction immediately, if selected for funding Identifies comprehensive, detailed construction cost estimate | Professional judgement rating of project constructability/feasibility | Analysis of application responses |
| Readiness | Meets and/or exceeds design criteria established by US Access Board, FHWA, AASHTO, TxDOT, and/or NACTO Past project sponsor performance on previous projects that TxDOT provided oversight | Professional judgement rating of shovel readiness | Analysis of application responses |
| | | Average percent zero car household | TxDOT GIS analysis |
| | Enhances livability by improving active transportation access and improves mode choice in underserved | Average percent unemployed | TxDOT GIS analysis |
| | communities | Average percent disabled | TxDOT GIS analysis |
| Geographic | Supports smaller communities (Large Scale only) | Average percent elderly | TxDOT GIS analysis |
| Balance | Balances distribution in areas underrepresented in prior TA | Population size (Large Scale only) | TxDOT analysis |
| | awards (Community Based, Network Enhancements, and Non-Infrastructure project categories) | TxDOT District underrepresented in 2023 TxDOT TA award | TxDOT analysis |
| Community | Public outreach demonstrates positive community support Established community partnerships commit to collaboratively implement project | Professional judgement of supporting documentation of community support | Analysis of application responses |
| Support & Planning | Project demonstrates a link to formal transportation planning efforts (e.g., ADA Transition Plan) Demonstrates commitment to provide the local match | Professional judgement of alignment with local planning documents (if provided) | Analysis of application responses |

Table 4: Criteria Categories, Descriptions, and Measures

¹ Criterion includes roadway segments identified as Potential Pedestrian Crash Risk or as a Targeted Analysis Density Tier of Low, Medium, High, or Very High by the Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. For appropriate countermeasures project sponsors can reference proposed countermeasures featured in PSAP. ² Criterion only applies to Community Based TA Medium Urban projects and Large Scale Active Transportation projects. Detailed applications for Large Scale projects will also be required to submit narrative responses to support a criteria category called Transformational Elements. Additional points may be added to Large Scale projects based on Transformative Elements scores.

| Additional Criteria Category | Criteria Description | Criteria Measures |
|--|--|--|
| Transformational Elements (Large Scale only) | Eliminates significant barrier for peds and/or bikes, Mitigates significant impacts to underserved communities, Leverages and/or complements other existing projects in community, Features significant economic development potential, Features innovative partnerships, Applies innovative, smart, or connected technologies. | Professional judgment of narrative response |

Table 5: Criteria Categories Weights by Project Category

| | 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% | |

*Additional points may be added to Large Scale projects based on Transformative Elements scores.

As noted in Table 4 in the Project Readiness criteria category, past performance is considered during scoring. Project sponsors who failed to execute AFA's within a year of Commission award or failed to let a project for construction within three years following Commission award on a previously awarded TA project may receive lower scores for project readiness.

Evaluation Process

A department evaluation committee will oversee an evaluation process that will result in a recommended list of projects submitted during this Call for Projects to receive funding. TxDOT staff will initially screen each proposed project to determine whether it is eligible for funding under applicable federal and state law and determine whether the proposed project would meet technical standards established by applicable law and acceptable professional practice. After projects are screened for eligibility, department staff will manage the review and evaluation of detailed applications submitted during TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects, and then will recommend projects to Commission.

This Call for Projects features a two-step application process. The first step will culminate in an eligibility determination subject to TA Program rules based on responses in the preliminary application. Department staff will verify the eligibility of the project sponsor, the proposed project activity, and the project location. At the end of Step 1, eligible project sponsors will be notified of their eligibility to submit a detailed application during Step 2. A detailed application with instructions will be provided to eligible project sponsors at that time. If the project sponsor, project activity, or location is determined to be ineligible at any time during the application process, then the project sponsor will be notified that the project will not be considered for funding under this program (see Section G).

In Step 2, each eligible project will be scored—criteria category scores are weighted using the list of criteria and weights provided above in Tables 4 and 5.

During project evaluation, TxDOT may identify potential constructability concerns (e.g., drainage issues, limited ROW, substantially inadequate budget, etc.). In this situation, TxDOT may recommend a project be phased and advanced for preliminary engineering (i.e., PS&E and environmental documentation) only. If a project is awarded preliminary engineering funding only, the project must be resubmitted in a future call for projects to be considered for construction funding.

A project that does not complete Step 1 successfully will not be evaluated in Step 2. An application package that fails to include items required in the instructions for the preliminary and detailed applications will be considered incomplete and may not be considered for funding. The department may request supplemental information, as needed, to conduct project screening and evaluation. If a project sponsor is nonresponsive or fails to adequately address requests for supplemental information, their application will be considered incomplete and may not be considered for funding.

The evaluation committee will provide project selection recommendations and supporting documentation to the director of the division responsible for administering the TA Program. The director of the responsible division will review the recommendations and supporting documentation and provide a list of recommended projects to the Commission for consideration.

D. ALLOWABLE COSTS

For TxDOT's 2025 TA Program call, the department's TA funds are available for:

- Project construction
 - May include construction engineering & inspection services, if the project sponsor is planning to local let.
- Preliminary engineering and design, including preparation of construction plans, specification, and estimates (PS&E), and associated survey work
 - Projects that have advanced beyond 30% final design will <u>not</u> be reimbursed for PS&E.
 Projects with final designs beyond 30% contribute to a higher score for project readiness and are expected to be implemented quicker than projects requesting reimbursement for PS&E.
- Environmental documentation
- Planning activities associated with development of planning documents to assist communities develop non-motorized transportation networks.
 - Eligible planning studies may include related design activities up to 30% final design (includes schematic, ROW mapping & coordination, environmental documentation, railroad coordination, utility identification and coordination, and 30% PS&E).
- 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.

Any project costs incurred prior to selection by the Commission, execution of a local agreement, and authorization from the department to proceed will not be eligible for reimbursement. The Commission will specify an amount of federal TA funds for each project. See Section F for details.

Projects funded under 23 U.S.C.§133, including TA projects, shall be treated as projects on a federal-aid highway (23 U.S.C.§133(i)). This subjects all TA projects to various federal-aid requirements (e.g., Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, Buy America, planning, environmental review, procurement and letting, etc.). Guidance regarding such requirements is found in the **TxDOT Local Government Projects Toolkit** (**LGP Toolkit**) at <u>https://www.txdot.gov/government/processes-procedures/lgp-toolkit.html</u>. The LGP Toolkit provides specific information regarding the applicable laws (see Project Policy Manual), procedures (see Project Management Guide), and best practices (see Best Practices Workbook) that must be adhered to regarding some or all phases of a TA project. Relevant portions of the LGP Toolkit are referenced in this guide.

Projects selected by the Commission will include the addition of up to 15% TxDOT administrative fee (based on the total estimated project construction or planning study cost) for TxDOT's direct state costs associated with the department's administration and oversight of the project. The department's

administrative fee will be 80% federally funded with a 20% local match. The 20% local match for TxDOT's administrative cost can be provided utilizing the local match options outlined Section B.

The following costs are <u>not</u> eligible for federal reimbursement under this program call with TxDOT's TA funds:

- Environmental mitigation
- Utility adjustments (unless incidental to the project and approved as part of the project scope)
- Landscape improvements (unless incidental to the project and approved as part of the project scope)
- Acquisition of right-of-way and other property purchases that are not approved by TxDOT
- PS&E activities for projects that are already advanced beyond 30% final design at the time of the Detailed Application

The total amount for incidental construction activities (such as minor utility adjustment, minor drainage improvements, roadway repair, etc.) should not exceed 30% and amenities are allowed up to 10% of the project's construction budget.

If any element in a project application fails to meet federal and state requirements (e.g., warrants or conditions for traffic signals), the item will not be considered an eligible expense for reimbursement. A project construction budget must have a minimum of 75% of its cost items eligible for reimbursement in order to remain in competition. Ineligible items will not be funded. The project sponsor will need to demonstrate a willingness and ability to pay ineligible costs and/or demonstrate that the TA project is constructible as an independent project without the ineligible items.

Project sponsors are responsible for 100 precent of any project overruns above the federally authorized amount. However, project overruns may be evaluated by the responsible division administering the program, in coordination with the project sponsor, on a case-by-case basis to determine if the project will continue and how the additional costs will be covered. The criteria for determining if the project may receive additional federal funding to cover overruns were established in 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §11.411(d) and are outlined below.

If program funds remain or are returned to the program due to cost underruns, the responsible division may apply additional TA Set-Aside funds, on a needs basis, for project overruns based on:

- 1. Justification of overruns,
- 2. Timing of request,
- 3. Availability of funds,
- 4. A reasonable expectation of the ability of the project sponsor to complete the project, and
- 5. If overrun requests exceed available funds, application of additional funds will be based on the economic criteria outlined below:
 - Project is located in an economically disadvantaged county certified by Commission for FY 2025, <u>or</u>

- b. Project is located in a city/Census designated place (CDP) that meets the following criteria:
 - i. Population less than 200,000¹⁰
 - ii. Below state average per capita taxable property value¹¹
 - iii. Below state average per capita income¹², and
 - iv. Above state average unemployment¹³

¹⁰ U.S. Census Bureau; 2020 Decennial Census, Total Population

¹¹ Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; 2022 City Rates and Levies, Total Property Market Value and U.S. Census Bureau; 2022 <u>Population and Housing Estimate Tables</u>

¹² U.S. Census Bureau; 2022 5-Year Community Survey, Table DP03, Per Capita Income

¹³ U.S. Census Bureau; 2022 5-Year Community Survey, Table DP03, Civilian Unemployment Rate

E. 2025 PROJECT SPONSOR WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

TxDOT will host project sponsor workshops in-person and virtually to provide information and guidance on TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects. Potential project sponsors, consultants, and others interested in the program are invited to attend any scheduled workshop listed below. Registration is required for virtual meetings. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend or participate, please contact the coordinator identified below at least five business days in advance of the meeting. Recordings of the virtual workshops will be available for review on the TxDOT webpage (<u>https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html</u>) in the weeks following the workshops. Questions submitted during the workshops or received by January 27, 2025 will be reviewed and responses posted on the program webpage on or around January 31, 2025.

January 6, 2025 (1:00PM – 4:00PM) Virtual Workshop <u>Click Here to Register</u>

Coordinator: Noah Heath (316) 876-7184

January 10, 2025 (1:00PM – 4:00PM) TxDOT Tyler District Office Assembly Room 2709 W Front St. Tyler, Texas 75702 Coordinator: <u>Gary Rushing (</u>903) 510-9107

January 14, 2025 (9:00AM – 12:00PM) North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Council Room 616 Six Flags Dr., Centerpoint Two Arlington, TX 76011 Coordinators: FTW <u>Iftekhar Ali (</u>817) 370-3565 DAL <u>Rachael Twiggs, P.E.</u> (214) 320-6669

January 17, 2025 (9:00AM – 12:00PM) TxDOT Lubbock District Office Mesquite Room 135 E Slaton Hwy. Lubbock, Texas 79404 Coordinator: Logan Atwood (806) 748-4435 January 21, 2025 (9:00AM – 12:00PM) TxDOT Austin District Office Building 7 Auditorium 7901 N Interstate Hwy 35, Austin, TX 78753

Coordinator: Michelle Meaux (512) 832-7049

January 23, 2025 (9:00AM – 12:00PM) TxDOT Pharr District Office Conference Center 600 W. US 83 Expressway Pharr, TX 78577 Coordinator: Agustin Ramirez (956) 702-6306

January 24, 2025 (9:00AM – 12:00PM) Virtual Workshop <u>Click Here to Register</u>

Coordinator: Noah Heath (316) 876-7184

F. SELECTION OF TA PROJECTS BY THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Texas Transportation Commission (Commission) will select TA projects through a competitive process administered by the department.

The Commission, by written order, will select projects for funding under the TA Program based on:

- 1. Recommendations from the director of the division responsible for administering the TA Program
- 2. The project's potential benefit to the state
- 3. The project's potential to enhance the surface transportation system
- 4. Funding availability

The Commission is not bound by project recommendations provided by the department. The department will notify the sponsors of selected projects.

The Commission will specify an amount of federal TA funds for each project selected. Refer to Section D. Allowable Costs for information on project cost overruns.

The number of project applications and individual project complexity may result in Commission action over one or more meetings to expedite project implementation.

The Commission is not bound by project awards, if anticipated federal funding associated with TxDOT's TA program is not appropriated.

G. FINDING OF INELIGIBILITY AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The department will notify the project sponsor of ineligible project activities proposed and the reason for the determination by certified mail, return receipt requested. A request for reconsideration may be initiated only by a certified letter from the project sponsor setting forth reasons in support of a finding of eligibility to the department's executive director with a CC: to the director of the division responsible for the TA Program (see addresses below). The letter requesting reconsideration MUST be received by the department no later than 15 days after the project sponsor received the department's notification of ineligibility, as established by the certified mail return receipt. A request for reconsideration must be mailed to the following parties:

| To: | TxDOT Executive Director | Copy: | TxDOT – PTN Director |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| | 125 E. 11 th Street | | 125 E. 11 th Street |
| | Austin, Texas 78701 | | Austin, Texas 78701 |

The determination of the executive director (following consultation with department and FHWA staff) in response to a project sponsor's request for reconsideration will be final.

H. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The project sponsor shall implement or arrange for implementation of each project selected by the Commission in accordance with statutory requisites and contracting procedures applicable to the type and character of the project. In accordance with 23 CFR §635.105, TxDOT ensures that a project sponsor "is adequately staffed and suitably equipped to undertake and satisfactorily complete" a project, and therefore, the department, in its sole discretion, may decide to perform certain phases or otherwise complete a project on behalf of a project sponsor. All projects shall be developed to current standards and specifications established or recognized by the federal government, the department, and the TA rules.

Local Government Project Requirements

All project sponsors awarded funding under the TA Program who propose to manage and perform any work on the project will be required to designate a "Responsible Person in Charge" (RPIC), a "Project Manager" (PM), and a "Qualified" person in accordance with TxDOT's Local Government Project Program (LGPP). Refer to the TxDOT Local Government Projects Toolkit for requirements: <u>https://www.txdot.gov/government/processes-procedures/lgp-toolkit.html</u>.

Through its LGPP Qualification Program, the department offers a 12-hour course (LGP101) to train and qualify individuals to work on state or federally funded projects. Training is complete when at least one individual who will be working actively and directly on the project successfully completes and receives a certificate for the LGP101 course. The individual who completes this training is designated as the project sponsor's "Qualified" person. The "Qualified" person may be an employee of the local government or an employee of a firm that has been contracted by the local government to perform oversight of the project. The department requires all persons "Qualified" through this program to successfully complete the LGPP qualification course at least once every three years. For local government project guidance and training, visit the department's LGPP website: http://www.txdot.gov/government/programs/local-government-projects.html. It is recommended that

the project sponsor's "Qualified" person complete the LGPP training as soon as possible.

In order for the department to authorize a local entity to manage elements of a project with FHWA or state funds, the department MUST perform a Local Government Risk Assessment. This assessment allows the department to evaluate the project sponsor's qualifications to perform one or more elements of the project development process for an FHWA- or state-funded project and set an appropriate level of department oversight. Refer to the department's guidance for Local Government Risk Assessment and Participation/Responsibilities in AFAs at:

http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot/lgp/funding/guidance.pdf.

Adding Projects to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

TA projects may be grouped in the TIP/STIP unless the project doesn't meet the definition of a grouped project, is considered regionally significant, or is required to be individually listed in accordance with MPO policy. If a project selected by the Commission is to be implemented in a metropolitan area, the department will request that the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for that area immediately begin the process required to include the selected project in its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as appropriate; however, *it is the project sponsor's responsibility to make sure the project is included in the MPO's local TIP*. Early coordination with the MPO is strongly recommended. For projects in population areas outside the boundaries of an MPO, the Department will immediately begin the process to include projects in its rural TIP and STIP, as appropriate. Projects that are individually listed must be identified in the MPO's TIP or in the department's rural TIP before the project can be added to the STIP. The STIP is updated quarterly and requires FHWA approval.

Execution of Local Agreement with the Department

All TA project sponsors must enter into a local agreement (e.g., Advance Funding Agreement) with the department and comply with all federal and state procedures applicable to development of federal-aid transportation projects. The local agreement must be executed by the project sponsor within one year of the date of selection by the Commission or risk loss of federal funding.

Development of the local agreement for TA projects can begin immediately after project selection. As part of the agreement process, a determination will be made as to whether the project's federally participating preliminary engineering and construction letting (advertisement for bids and contract management) will be performed by the department or by the project sponsor. At the department's discretion, TA projects may be developed and/or let for construction by the department. Alternatively, project sponsors may seek department authorization for local project development and/or construction letting of their project(s).

In accordance with federal and state rules, the department will perform a Local Government Risk Assessment to determine the project sponsor's qualifications to perform one or more elements of the project development process. For additional information refer to *Local Government Project Requirements*, above, and: <u>http://www.txdot.gov/government/programs/local-government-</u> <u>projects.html</u>. This determination dictates many subsequent steps in the project development process. A project sponsor requesting local responsibility for project development or construction letting will need to demonstrate adequate cash flow to accommodate the payment of 100% of costs pending reimbursement of the federal and/or state share of allowable costs for TA projects. The department's local district office will make the final determination after consultation with division staff and the project sponsor. See *Construction Letting by the Project Sponsor* and *Construction Letting by the Department* below. Regardless of whether the project is developed and let for construction by the department or by the project sponsor, the department will have oversight responsibility and will incur direct state costs associated with project development, plan review (generally conducted at 30%, 60%, 90%, and 100% complete), and construction oversight. The detailed application will automatically apply up to 15% fee to the project budget for the department's direct state costs, based on the total estimated cost for construction. The department's direct state costs are eligible for federal reimbursement in accordance with the program rules.

Example 1:

A TA project with an estimated construction cost of \$1,000,000 will have a 15% administration cost of \$150,000, which will be added to the total project cost. TA project costs are 80% federally reimbursable with a 20% local match. The 20% local match for a project with a total project cost of \$1,150,000 is \$230,000, which includes \$30,000 for the direct state cost match.

As outlined in the local agreement, the project sponsor will be required to advance the local match for preliminary engineering phase activities including the associated direct state costs in cash within 30 days of signing the local agreement. At the department's discretion, project reviews will not begin until the local match is received. The project sponsor would subsequently provide the remaining local match for construction and construction oversight, plus any estimated overruns within 60 days prior to the Construction contract being advertised for bids.

Federal Project Authorization and Agreement (FPAA)

The department is responsible for securing the federal funding for each phase of work. Any costs incurred prior to the issuance of the respective FPAA will not be eligible for reimbursement. If design costs are included as part of the project award, the AFA must be executed before the department requests an FPAA from FHWA to obligate the federal funding for the preliminary engineering phase. The environmental documentation must be cleared, all property must be acquired, any major utility adjustments must be completed, and the construction plans must be completed before the department requests an FPAA from FHWA to obligate the federal funding for construction.

It is critical for project sponsors to accurately estimate the time it will take to have the project ready to let. A project timeline is required as part of the Detailed Application. The timeline will be used to identify project funding, establish the year for construction letting, and will be used in evaluating project feasibility/readiness.

TA funding is time-sensitive; TA funds are available for obligation for a period of three years after the last day of the fiscal year for which the funds are apportioned to the state. Due to the limited period of availability of TA funds, approval to adjust the letting date of a TA project must be obtained from the TA Program Manager in the TxDOT division responsible for administering the program.

Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E)

The project sponsor is responsible for plan preparation, environmental documentation, and other design-related activities including required reviews. All bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure design must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet or exceed the minimum design requirements identified in the latest edition of TxDOT's *Roadway Design Manual*. Pedestrian facilities must conform to the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (latest edition) as published by the US Access Board or the 2010 ADA Standards and Texas Accessibility Standards, as applicable. All design criteria for on-road and off-road bicycle facilities must comply with TxDOT's Roadway Design Manual, and Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities (latest edition) as published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). When selecting bicycle infrastructure design elements, it is advisable to refer to FHWA's **Bikeway Selection Guide** and Small Town and Rural Design Guide. When constructing projects along transit routes or connecting pedestrians and bicyclists to transit, it is advisable to refer to FHWA's Improving Safety for Pedestrians and Bicyclists Accessing Transit. For projects proposing to construct a segment of the Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Network (BTTN), refer to recommended design guidelines here: https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/modes-of-travel/bicycle/plan-design/tourism-study.html and the latest route locations on TxDOT's Statewide Planning Map (see layer under "Additional Overlays" menu). As part of a TA application, project sponsors may collaborate with local TxDOT District staff to propose new locally preferred alignments for BTTN routes. Discuss this process with local TxDOT District staff.

For costs associated with consultant services to be eligible for reimbursement, the project sponsor's consultant selection procedures will need to be approved by TxDOT to ensure they meet all federal and state requirements for selection of professional engineering services. These requirements are outlined in the department's Local Government Project Management Guide (http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot/lgp/procedures/guide.pdf).

If reimbursements for engineering/environmental services are authorized, the project sponsor is required to submit plans to the department for review at progressive stages of development to ensure that state and federal standards are met (e.g., 30%, 60%, 90%, and 100% completion). For all other projects, design reviews occur at agreed-upon stages of development. Contact your local TxDOT district office to establish expectations.

If the estimated construction cost of pedestrian elements in the project is \$50,000 or greater, the project must be reviewed by a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). This may require an additional two months in the review process. As a result, include a minimum of three months for TxDOT's final plan review.

Environmental Documentation

Most bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure projects have minimal environmental impacts and, as a result, qualify as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). However, with any action, impacts may occur whereby more substantial environmental documentation could be required [e.g., Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)].

CEs are defined in 40 CFR 1508.1 as actions that the agency has determined normally do not have a significant effect on the human environment.

Some project characteristics have the potential to trigger environmental mitigation, coordination, and/or permitting. Examples of site characteristics that may require additional evaluation (and associated costs) for environmental issues include projects located:

- In publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife/waterfowl refuges
- In or near publicly/privately owned historical/archeological sites
- Within or around properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places
- Within range and/or potential habitat of state or federally protected species
- On land with likely possibility of encountering hazardous materials
- In areas requiring placement of fill in wetlands/waters of the U.S.
- In the Edwards Aquifer Recharge/Contributing Zones
- In the Coastal Management Zone
- In new right-of-way or previously undisturbed right-of-way

A project sponsor is responsible for completing the following tasks if their Project is selected:

- Providing all reports, documents, analysis, and information required for completion of TxDOT's environmental review process as specified in TxDOT's Environmental Affairs Division's (ENV's) guidance and instructions, including but not limited to the guidance and instructions provided on ENV's Environmental Compliance Toolkits web page on www.txdot.gov.
- Conducting coordination with other agencies and public involvement as specified in ENV's guidance and instructions, including but not limited to the guidance and instructions provided on ENV's Environmental Compliance Toolkits web page on www.txdot.gov. (ENV's Environmental Guide Volume 2 has instructions about which entity is responsible for agency coordination for specific types of resource impacts. The references to "district environmental staff" in ENV's instructions means the local government or their consultant when it is a local government that is advancing the project instead of a TxDOT district. A project sponsor should discuss with district environmental staff to determine responsibility for resource agency coordination, since it differs depending on the agency.)

- Obtaining all required permits, authorizations, and approvals required by applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Ensuring that the Project complies with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Performing any mitigation identified during the environmental review process

The department will review and, if warranted, approve the reports, documents, analysis, and information provided by the Project Sponsor. The department will issue the environmental clearance for the Project (i.e., categorical exclusion determination, finding of no significant impact, or record of decision) in accordance with its authority under the NEPA Assignment program (23 USC 327) if the department determines that the Project Sponsor has satisfied all prerequisites as specified in ENV's guidance and instructions.

For more information on the department's environmental processes please refer to the following resources:

- Categorical Exclusions for transportation projects in FHWA's regulations at 23 CFR 771.117: <u>https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-23/chapter-I/subchapter-H/part-771/section-771.117</u>
- *TxDOT's Environmental Compliance Toolkits*: <u>http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/compliance-toolkits.html</u>
- TxDOT's LGP Management Guide Chapter 5: <u>http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot/lgp/procedures/guide.pdf</u>

Environmental approval is a required step in the project development process and can take as little as a few weeks or as much as several months. The length of this process depends on the complexity of the project and the completeness and accuracy of submitted information. A Memorandum of Understanding between FHWA and TxDOT under 23 USC 327 that was renewed in December of 2019 assigns authority to TxDOT to make FHWA project decisions for assigned projects. Therefore, in most cases, the department (rather than FHWA) will provide the final environmental review and clearance for 2023 TA projects.

If the project is selected, the project sponsor is encouraged to work closely with the department's local district environmental staff to determine the appropriate environmental documentation requirements for the specific project (i.e., the "project work plan") using TxDOT's Environmental Compliance Oversight System or "ECOS." This will significantly facilitate the development and approval of environmental documentation.

Public/Stakeholder Involvement

An appropriate level of public/stakeholder involvement is required for each project submitted under TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects.

Current TxDOT environmental rules require a public hearing be held for a project that "substantially changes the layout or function of a connecting roadway or existing facility." Based on current state environmental rules, the addition of bicycle lanes is included in the definition of a "substantial change in function of a roadway." For the purposes of this requirement, "bicycle lane" means a portion of a roadway that is designated by striping, signing, or pavement markings for the exclusive use of bicyclists. Shared-use paths and wide shoulders are not considered "bicycle lanes" for the purposes of this requirement. Also, none of the following situations regarding bicycle lanes are treated as "substantially changing the layout or function of a connecting roadway or an existing facility or facilities:"

- Striping bicycle lanes when the pre-existing roadway already accommodated bicycles;
- Striping one or more non-continuous bicycle lanes approaching or through intersections, driveways, or other conflict areas; or
- Striping bicycle lanes not along, but across a roadway at an intersection to allow the continuation of planned or existing bicycle lanes on crossing local streets or other bicycle facilities.

The public hearing requirement for the addition of bicycle lanes may be satisfied if the project is addressed in a local hearing held under 43 TAC §25.55, "Comment Solicitation on Bicycle Road Use." For any such project, the environmental review project file must contain a statement (e.g., Environmental Compliance and Oversight System [ECOS] Journal entry) indicating that the project was addressed in a local hearing held under 43 TAC §25.55 and the date of that local hearing. Not all of the requirements of TxDOT's Environmental Handbook for Public Involvement apply to a local hearing held under 43 TAC §25.55. Work with your District TA Coordinator to understand public involvement requirements related to your project. For more information about TxDOT's public involvement practices, refer to the Environmental Affairs Division's <u>Public Involvement Handbook</u> and the Transportation Planning and Programming's Public Involvement Section's <u>Strategic Public Engagement</u> <u>Guidance</u>.

SRTS-type projects require coordination between the local jurisdictions responsible for the roadways/sidewalks/paths leading to schools and the school districts responsible for affected school campuses.

Additional interagency coordination may be necessary. Most agencies request a minimum of 30 days to review a project proposal and provide a letter of support. Contact agencies early to allow sufficient time to acquire any supporting documentation that may be required/desired as part of a proposed project.

Right-of-Way (ROW)

The project sponsor is responsible for acquiring an interest in property necessary for the proposed project and/or proving current ownership of lands within existing roadway ROW that are to be incorporated in the proposed project. Proposed improvements may be located on state-maintained roadway ROW (on-system) or on property owned by the project sponsor (off-system). Projects may be constructed on private property if proper deed(s) or easement(s) is/are obtained.

If the proposed project is located on existing roadways, ROW maps are to be submitted with the detailed application along with deeds and official public records supporting ownership rights. If a project is proposed on land owned by the project sponsor, deed records showing ownership must be submitted to TxDOT for proof of ownership within the detailed application. Projects that include state-maintained ROW or have a direct effect on an existing state-maintained roadway must have a recent letter of consent, addressed to the project sponsor, and signed by the current TxDOT District Engineer of the TxDOT district in which the project is located. This consent cannot be delegated. If a project is proposed on state right-of-way, the project sponsor is responsible for securing permission/access from the department prior to construction.

If a project is proposed on private property, the project sponsor is responsible for securing such deeds or easement(s) as necessary and submitting proof of such. If private property is to be acquired with funds awarded, proof of support of the project by the affected property owners setting forth willingness to transfer an interest in the property must be submitted in the detailed application. A project that will require the acquisition of real property must comply with the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act regarding the acquisition of property.

Exhibits submitted as property description or to show property location,, i.e, ROW maps, metes and bounds, and surveys must contain details that make property easily identifiable. Where property is to be acquired for a project seeking award of TA funds through the department's 2025 TA Call for Projects the exercise of eminent domain or condemnation is **not allowed** for that acquisition. For requirements and information on how to acquire ROW and accommodate utilities, refer to the department's Local Government Project (LGP) Management Guide, Chapter 6 *Right of Way and Utilities*.

Railroad Impacts and Coordination

Advanced railroad coordination is strongly recommended and may be essential for funding consideration. Obtaining railroad approval can take, in some instances, several years if the project construction is occurring within a railroad right of way. Coordination with a railroad is a requirement for all projects that are within 50 feet of railroad right-of-way (including grade-separated crossings) and/or all 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 meet the threshold for railroad coordination, documentation of railroad coordination must be included as an attachment to the detailed application. At a minimum, this documentation should demonstrate that coordination with the railroad has been initiated and the railroad is in support of the project. Projects with completed railroad coordination documentation or written agreements in place demonstrate a stronger level of project readiness, and these documents should be attached, if available.

Cost can vary depending on railroad owner and elements of a project, so it is important to communicate with the railroad early to understand the full magnitude of associated costs. Railroad crossings of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure must incorporate appropriate, ADA-compliant pedestrian and bicycle elements, such as planks, crossing arms, etc., to allow for safe crossing of the railroad by non-motorized users. Estimated costs may also include flaggers, permits, insurance, and oversight by the railroad, or costs for the railroad to construct the work on behalf of the project sponsor. Additionally, the railroad may require a fee to conduct plan reviews in advance of issuing an agreement. If the project sponsor has not been in contact with the affected railroad regarding the proposed project, then the project may not be ready for funding consideration.

Construction Letting by the Project Sponsor

If the project sponsor is authorized for a local construction letting, the project sponsor will be required to pay 100% of the construction costs as the work is done and request reimbursement of allowable costs incurred up to the percentage applicable. Before the project sponsor can advertise for construction bids, the project must have environmental clearance (in accordance with current department procedures) and the project sponsor MUST have a State Letter of Authority (SLOA) from the department to proceed to the construction phase of work.

Construction Letting by the Department

If the project is let for construction by the department, the outstanding local match (if any) and 100% of any estimated cost overages will be due to the department 60 days prior to advertising for construction.

Contractor for Construction

The construction contractor must be chosen through a competitive bidding process approved by the department. The construction contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in accordance with 23 CFR Part 635.

<u>Note</u>: The department has oversight and monitoring responsibilities for transportation projects when project costs are wholly or partially paid using FHWA or state funds.

Scope Modifications

Projects must be developed as described in the 2025 TA Detailed Application and approved by the Commission. Any change to the scope of work specified in the application package and approved by the Commission must have advance written approval. Changes in items of work or project scope that occur without advance departmental approval will not be reimbursed.

Payment of Costs

If the project sponsor is authorized for a local construction letting, the project sponsor will be required to pay 100% of the construction costs as the work is done and request reimbursement of the allowable costs incurred up to the percentage applicable. A project sponsor must use the forms and procedures specified by the department to request reimbursement of allowable costs incurred. The department will submit all requests for reimbursement of allowable costs to FHWA. For locally developed and let projects, the entire project cost is borne by the project sponsor until reimbursement can be obtained from FHWA for eligible activities.

Costs incurred prior to the adoption of the project in the STIP, execution of the local agreement, or prior to federal and state approval and authorization to proceed are not eligible for federal reimbursement.

Project Inspection and Acceptance

Upon completion of construction, the project sponsor must have a Professional Engineer registered in Texas certify that the project was constructed in substantial compliance with project specifications and requirements. The department is responsible for the inspection and final acceptance of all TA projects selected by the Commission and for certification of project completion. If the project sponsor does not complete the project as originally approved by the Commission, the department may seek reimbursement of the expended federal funds from the sponsor.

Period of Performance End Date

The period of performance end date must be established during execution of the local agreement, after which time additional costs incurred are not eligible for federal reimbursement. Recipients are required to submit all eligible incurred costs and required performance and financial reports or project records specified in the local agreement or stewardship and oversight procedures within 90 days after the agreement end date. The project should be closed within one year after receipt and acceptance of all required final reports.

Maintenance and Operation

A project selected by the Commission shall be maintained and operated by the project sponsor for the purpose for which it was approved and funded, and for a period of time that is commensurate with the

amount of federal investment in the project. A project selected by the Commission shall be dedicated for public use for the greater of (1) a period that is commensurate with the amount of federal investment in the project; or (2):

- 10 years, if the amount of federal investment in the project is \$1 million or less
- 20 years, if the amount of federal investment is more than \$1 million.

If at any time the project sponsor can no longer maintain and operate the project for its intended purpose, the project sponsor shall consult with the department and FHWA as to disposal or alternate uses consistent with the project's original intent.

I. PROJECT ELIMINATION

A project will be eliminated from participation in the TA Program if, prior to the execution of the local agreement, the governing body of a municipality or county in which project activities are proposed, by resolution, order, or other official action, notifies the department of its opposition to the project.

TxDOT's executive director may eliminate a project or a portion of a project from participation in the TA Program if:

- The project sponsor fails to meet requirements established in the department's rules,
- Implementation of the project would involve significant deviation from the activities proposed in the application package and approved by the Commission,
- The project sponsor withdraws from participation in the project,
- A local agreement (i.e., Advance Funding Agreement) is not executed between the local entity and the department within one year after the date that the Commission selected the project,
- A construction contract has not been awarded or construction has not been initiated within three years after the date that the Commission selected the project, or
- The executive director determines that federal funding may be lost because the project has not been advanced, implemented, or completed in a timely manner.

J. TXDOT DISTRICT MAP

To locate the TxDOT District Office in your area, visit <u>https://www.txdot.gov/about/districts.html</u>. This website includes hyperlinks to further information about TxDOT's 25 district offices. Identify the project county and district using the map below. Use the TxDOT District TA Coordinators list on the following page to identify the local TA Coordinator for that district office.



K. TXDOT DISTRICT/DIVISION TA COORDINATORS

TxDOT's District TA Coordinator will be your first point-of-contact to discuss TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects and the project nomination process. Click the District Coordinator's name to send an email.

Abilene District Office

Cassandra Montes-Ramos 4250 N. Clack

Abilene, TX 79601-0150 (325) 676-6829

Amarillo District Office

Russell Washer 5715 Canyon Drive Amarillo, TX 79110-7368 (806) 356-3243

Atlanta District Office

Lori Huett 701 East Main Atlanta, TX 75551 (903) 799-1301

Austin District Office

Michelle Meaux 7901 North IH 35 Austin, TX 78753 (512) 832-7049

Beaumont District Office

Carolina Lopez-Herrera 8350 Eastex Freeway

Beaumont, TX 77708 (361)-424-4059

Brownwood District Office

Andrew Chisholm

2495 Hwy. 183 North Brownwood, TX 76802 (325) 643-0442

Bryan District Office

Amanda Soto, RLA 2591 N. Earl Rudder Freeway Bryan, TX 77803-5190 (979) 778-9770

Childress District Office

Annabel Jurado 7599 US 287 Childress, TX 79201-9705 (940) 937-7250

Corpus Christi District Office

<u>Elizabeth Soliz</u> 1701 South Padre Island Drive Corpus Christi, TX 78416 (361) 808-2299

Dallas District Office

Rachael Twiggs, P.E. 4777 East Highway 80 Mesquite, TX 75150 (214) 320-6669

El Paso District Office

Jose Bocanegra Jr. 13301 Gateway Blvd West El Paso, TX 79928 (915) 790-4365

Fort Worth District Office

Iftekhar Ali 2501 SW Loop 820 Fort Worth, TX 76133 (817) 370-3565

Houston District Office

Madeleine Hirsch

7600 Washington Avenue Houston, TX 77007 (713) 802-5197

Laredo District Office

Amy Casarez

1817 Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, TX 78043 (956) 712-7454

Lubbock District Office

Logan Atwood

135 Slaton Road Lubbock, TX 79404-5201 (806) 748-4435

Lufkin District Office

Jeremy King 1805 North Timberland Lufkin, TX 75901 (936) 633-4486

Odessa District Office

Kelli Williams 3901 East US Hwy. 80 Odessa, TX 79761

Paris District Office

(432) 498-4752

Scott Shannon 1365 North Main Street Paris, TX 75460-2697 (903) 737-9279

Pharr District Office

Eduardo Saenz 600 West Interstate 2 Pharr, TX 78577-6535 (956) 702-6170

San Angelo District Office

AlecZander Rodriguez 4502 Knickerbocker Road San Angelo, TX 76904 (325) 947-9212

San Antonio District Office

Suman Shrestha 4615 N.W. Loop 410 San Antonio, TX 78229 (210) 260-1201

Tyler District Office

Gary Rushing

2709 West Front Street Tyler, TX 75702 (903) 510-9107

Waco District Office

Daniel Davila 100 South Loop Drive Waco, TX 76704-2858 (254) 867-2849

Wichita Falls District Office

Warren McDonald

1601 Southwest Parkway Wichita Falls, TX 76302 (940) 720-7755

Yoakum District Office

Patricia Stephens 403 Huck Street Yoakum, TX 77995-2973 (361) 293-4405

Public Transportation Division (PTN):

Noah Heath

TA/SRTS Program Manager 125 E. 11th Street Austin, TX 78701 (361) 876-7186

L. BIKEWAY TERMINOLOGY

Shared Use Paths and Sidepaths

Can be located adjacent to roadways and physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by a landscaped buffer or a barrier or along an independent alignment. Shared use paths are generally design for two-way travel and may also be used by pedestrians (including users of manual and motorized wheelchairs, and joggers) and other authorized motorized and non-motorized users such as skaters and eScooters. Conflict points occur between motorists and path users at intersections and driveways.

Separated and Raised Bicycle Lanes

A bicycle lane that is physically separated from the adjacent motor vehicle traffic by vertical elements in the street buffer. They are designed to operate one-way but may also operate two-way. Vertical elements separating the bike lane from the travel lane may include continuous raised medians, flexible posts, intermittent concrete curbing, or parked vehicles. Raised bicycle lanes are distinct from the sidewalk but may be at sidewalk level.

Bike Lane and Buffered Bike Lane

Bike lanes are one-way facilities on a roadway that typically carry bicycle traffic in the same direction as adjacent motor vehicle traffic. Bike lanes are provided for the exclusive use of bicyclists and are identified through signage, striping, or other pavement markings.

A buffered bike lane is a one-way bike lane that is separated from the adjacent motor vehicle lane or parking lane by a striped buffer area that may include chevrons, diagonal lines, or wide pavement marking stripes. When sufficient roadway width is present, or if the number of travel lanes is reduced, a buffer may be striped between a bike lane and travel lane to provide additional comfort for both bicyclists and motorists.

Bicycle Accessible Shoulder (rural)

Bike accessible shoulders are one-way facilities on a roadway that carry bicycle traffic in the same direction as adjacent motor vehicle traffic. A bike accessible shoulder is one that is at least as wide or wider than a bike lane (5-ft min) to accommodate bicyclists and paved to provide a smooth, solid surface across its width. Bike accessible shoulders are not solely for bicycle use and typically do not have bike lane markings, but they may include signage indicating the presence of bicyclists

Shared Lane

Shared lanes (wide outside lane) are lanes that allow compatibility of operation for both motorized vehicles and bicycles. Note that although marked shared lanes are allowed in the TMUTCD for certain conditions, TxDOT as a general policy does not recommend marked shared lanes for TxDOT roadways due to the higher speed nature of TxDOT roadways as compared to local jurisdictions. Shared wide outside lanes in urbanized applications should only be used in locations with low volumes (3,000 ADT or lower) and low speeds (35 mph or less). In a rural application, shared wide outside lanes should only be used in locations with low volumes (1,000 ADT or lower) and speeds of 45 mph or less.











M. USING THE PSAP SCREENING TOOL

For the TxDOT 2025 TA Call for Projects, TxDOT recommends local governments use the <u>TxDOT PSAP Screening</u> <u>Tool</u> to better identify potential project locations. One of the evaluation criteria measures in the Safety Category (see Table 4 above) which TxDOT will use to evaluate projects will be the presence of safety hazards. TxDOT will consider projects having safety hazards if located on/along roadway segments identified as:

- "potential crash risk" on-system road segments with characteristics/risk factors similar to other roadways with historic crashes; and/or
- "historic pedestrian crashes" historic pedestrian crash locations (defined as KAB crashes between 2017 and 2021). Specifically, on- and off-system roadway segments have a "very high, high, medium, or low" crash history as identified by the PSAP Screening Tool.

To use the PSAP Screening Tool to identify roadway segments that meet the criteria above, please use the steps below. Figure 4 below provides an overview of the interface.

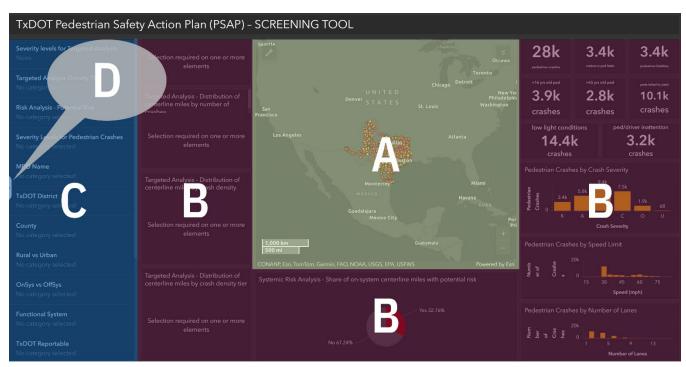


Figure 4: PSAP Screening Tool Reference Diagram

- A. Map interface
- B. Summary statistics
- C. Filter/selector panel
- D. Pull-out sidebar with usage tips

- 1. Navigate to the <u>PSAP Screening Tool.</u>
- 2. Read splash screen information, then click "I have read the instructions above" and OK.
- 3. Navigate to the city or proposed project area within the map interface (Area A).
- 4. In the top right of the map interface (Area A), click on the two arrows to open the layers menu ().
- 5. Historic Crash Locations
 - a. Turn on the "Targeted Analysis Crash Density Tier" layer.
 Note: Nothing will appear until step 5b is complete.
 - b. At the top of the filter/selector panel (Area C), click on "Severity levels for Targeted Analysis" and click on "KAB crashes". Due to the large number of line segments, it may take a minute for these segments to load.
 - c. Near the top of the filter/selector panel (Area C), click on "Targeted Analysis Density Tier". Then click on Very High, High, Medium, and Low.
 - d. The roadway segments that appear are locations with historic pedestrian crash risk. *Note*: Crashes have been distributed along the roadway network segments.
- 6. Potential crash risk locations
 - a. Turn on the "Systemic Crash Risk" layer.
 - b. The red colored roadway segments that appear are on-system locations with a significant number of risk factors shared by roadway segments with previous pedestrian crashes.

A frequently asked questions document can be found on TxDOT's website <u>here</u>. For further assistance with the PSAP tool, contact your local TxDOT District TA Coordinator.



N. ADDITIONAL WEBLINKS

Information about **TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects**, including the <u>Program Rules</u>, <u>Program Guide</u>, <u>Preliminary</u> <u>Application</u>, <u>Preliminary Application Instructions</u>, <u>Detailed Application</u>, <u>Detailed Application Instructions</u>, <u>workshop presentations</u>, and other program related downloads can be found at:

https://www.txdot.gov/business/grants-and-funding/bicycle-pedestrian-local-federal-funding-programs.html

TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Webpage:

https://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/bicycle-pedestrian-planning-designing.html

Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

https://www.txdot.gov/about/advisory-committees/bicycle-pedestrian-advisory-committee/pedestrian-safetyaction-plan.html

TxDOT Environmental Resources:

Environmental Handbook for Public Involvement: https://www.txdot.gov/content/dam/docs/environmental/toolkit/760-01-gui.pdf

Categorical Exclusions for transportation projects in Texas Administrative Code: Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter D, Rule §2.81: <u>https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg</u> =1&p_tac=&ti=43&pt=1&ch=2&rl=81

Local Government Projects Program:

https://www.txdot.gov/business/resources/lgp.html

TxDOT's Local Government Projects Toolkit: https://www.txdot.gov/business/resources/lgp/toolkit.html

Local Government Project Management Guide: https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot/lgp/procedures/guide.pdf

TxDOT's Right of Way Acquisition Manual:

https://onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/TxDOTOnlineManuals/txdotmanuals/acq/acq.pdf

TxDOT's Average Low Bid Unit Prices:

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

TxDOT's Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program (EDCP):

https://www.txdot.gov/about/programs/economically-disadvantaged-county-program.html

TDCs and TMA Interactive Map:

https://txdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=4f51dc8c26594005b7e09a7be703d4ad

TxDOT District Office Information:

https://www.txdot.gov/about/districts.html

U.S. Census TMA Designation:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census issues/urbanized_areas_and_mpo_tma/;

U.S. Census Data Lookup:

https://data.census.gov/

Adventure Cycling Association, US Bicycle Route System (USBRS):

https://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/us-bicycle-route-system/

TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Example Network (see layer under "Additional Overlays" menu): https://www.txdot.gov/apps/statewide mapping/StatewidePlanningMap.html

Active Transportation Plan Inventory (ATPI):

https://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/bicycle-pedestrian-planning-designing/plan-inventory-tool.html

TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program:

https://www.txdot.gov/data-maps/bicycle-pedestrian-count-program.html

TxDOT ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan

https://www.txdot.gov/about/programs/civil-rights/accessibility/2022-ada-self-evaluation.html

TA Set-Aside Program in Texas Administrative Code:

Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 11, Subchapter G:

https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=43&pt=1&ch=11&sch=G&rl=Y

FHWA TA Set-Aside Guidance:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/guidance/

FHWA Safe Routes to Schools Guidance:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/safe_routes_to_school/guidance/

FHWA Complete Streets Guidance:

https://highways.dot.gov/complete-streets

Safe Routes to School National Partnership:

https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/

National Center for Safe Routes to School:

https://www.saferoutesinfo.org/

DESIGN GUIDANCE:

AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities (2012):

https://store.transportation.org/Item/CollectionDetail?ID=116

TxDOT Roadway Design Manual:

https://onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/TxDOTOnlineManuals/txdotmanuals/rdw/rdw.pdf

TxDOT Bicycle Accommodation Design Guidance:

https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot-info/ptn/bike-acco-design-guide.pdf

Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG): https://www.access-board.gov/prowag/

Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide (FHWA):

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/separated_bikelane_pdg/page00.cf m

Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks (FHWA): <u>https://ruraldesignguide.com/</u> <u>https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/small_towns/</u>

Incorporating On-Road Bicycle Networks into Resurfacing Projects (FHWA): https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/resurfacing/

NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide:

http://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/

FHWA Bikeway Selection Guide:

https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/tools_solve/docs/fhwasa18077.pdf

Texas Accessibility Information – Texas Department of Licensing and Registration: <u>https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/</u>

ADA Standards for Accessible Design: Review Laws, Regulations & Standards | ADA.gov

O. DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

AFA – Advance Funding Agreement

AASHTO – American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

Bikeway terminology – See Section L of this guide.

Bicycle Tourism Trails (BTT) – A network of bicycle tourism routes collaboratively developed to provide safe, non-motorized access to and connectivity between statewide/regional destinations and support economic development across Texas.

Boulevard - Walkable, low-speed (35 mph or less) divided arterial thoroughfare in urban environments designed to carry both through and local traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists. Boulevards may be long corridors, typically four lanes but sometimes wider, serve longer trips and provide pedestrian access to land. Boulevards may be high-ridership transit corridors. Boulevards are primary goods movement and emergency response routes and use vehicular and pedestrian access management techniques. Curb parking is encouraged on boulevards.

Census Urbanized Areas – Densely settled core of census tracts and/or census blocks that meet minimum population density requirements, along with adjacent territory containing non-residential urban land uses as well as territory with low population density included to link outlying densely settled territory with the densely settled core.

Commission - Texas Transportation Commission

COG – Council of Governments <u>https://txregionalcouncil.org/regional-councils/</u>

DA – Detailed Application

Department – Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

Executive director – The executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation or his/her designee

EDCP – Economically Disadvantaged County Program

FHWA – Federal Highway Administration

FPAA – Federal Project Authorization and Agreement

Local Agreement – An agreement between the project sponsor and the department which includes a commitment for the required local funding, describes the total scope and course of project activities, and outlines the responsibilities and duties of the participants.

Local Match – A cash match provided by/through the project sponsor or if the project sponsor is eligible for TDCs then 100% federal TA funds will be applied to the project in lieu of a local match.

Medium urban area – Areas located outside TMA boundaries with a population size between 50,000 and 199,999 as determined by the 2020 Census.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – The organization or policy board of an organization created and designated under 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. §5303 to make transportation planning decisions for the metropolitan planning area and carry out the metropolitan planning process.

Micromobility - According to TxDOT's Roadway Design Manual: "Micromobility vehicles include small, fully or partially human-powered vehicles such as bicycles, e-bikes, e-scooters, and others."

Nonurban area – Areas located outside TMA boundaries with a population size of 5,000 or less as determined by the 2020 Census.

On-system - Roadway designated on the State Highway System and maintained by TxDOT

PA – Preliminary Application

Project – An undertaking to implement or construct an eligible activity at a specific location or locations, or, if the context so implies, the particular activity so implemented or constructed.

Project sponsor – An eligible entity as described by 23 U.S.C. §133(h)(4)(b), that nominates a particular project for consideration, exercises jurisdiction over the geographic area in which the project is located, and commits to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and finance.

PSAP – Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plans. See Section M above.

PS&E - Plans, Specifications, and Estimates

SLOA – State Letter of Authority

Small urban areas – Area located outside TMA boundaries with a population size between 5,001 and 49,999 as determined by the 2020 Census.

SRTS - Safe Routes to School

State – The State of Texas or any of its political subdivisions

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – A four-year short-range program developed by the department as a compilation of all metropolitan transportation improvement programs, together with rural transportation improvement programs, that include recommendations from rural planning organizations and department districts for the areas of the state that are outside of the boundaries of a metropolitan planning organization, including transportation between cities.

Surface transportation system – An interconnected surface transportation network for moving people and goods using various transportation modes

TDC – Transportation Development Credit

TDLR – Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

TA – Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – A short-range program developed by each metropolitan planning organization in cooperation with the department and public transportation operators. The TIP covers a four-year period and contains a prioritized listing of all projects proposed for federal funding, plus regionally significant projects proposed for state, federal, and local funding in a metropolitan area.

Transportation Management Area (TMA) – FHWA defines TMAs as "all urbanized areas (UZAs) with populations greater than 200,000 as determined by the 2020 Census."

TxDOT – Texas Department of Transportation

APPENDIX A: CITIES AND CDPs ELIGIBLE FOR TDCS – FY 2025

The list below identifies cities and Census designated places (CDPs), or portions thereof, that are eligible for transportation development credits (TDCs) during TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects. *An asterisk (*) indicates a jurisdiction that has portions eligible for TDCs and portions of its jurisdiction not eligible for TDCs. Refer to the <u>TDC</u> <u>eligibility map link</u> for specific locations.*

| Eligible City or CDP |
|---------------------------|
| Abernathy City* |
| Abilene City* |
| Abram CDP |
| Ackerly City* |
| Agua Dulce CDP |
| Agua Dulce City |
| Aguilares CDP |
| Airport Heights CDP |
| Airport Road Addition CDP |
| Alamo Beach CDP |
| Alamo City |
| Alamo Heights City |
| Alanreed CDP |
| Alba Town* |
| Albany City |
| Aldine CDP |
| Alfred CDP |
| Alice Acres CDP |
| Alice City |
| Alto Bonito Heights CDP |
| Alto Town |
| Alton City |
| Alvord Town |
| Amada Acres CDP |
| Amargosa CDP |
| Amaya CDP |
| Ames City |
| Amistad CDP |
| Anacua CDP |
| Anahuac City |
| Anderson City |
| Annona Town |
| Anson City |
| Anthony Town |
| Anton City |
| Appleby City |
| Aransas Pass City* |

| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Arcola City |
| Arroyo Colorado Estates CDP |
| Arroyo Gardens CDP |
| Asherton City |
| Atlanta City |
| Austwell City |
| Avery Town |
| Avinger Town |
| B and E CDP |
| Bacliff CDP |
| Bailey City |
| Baird City |
| Balch Springs City |
| Balcones Heights City |
| Ballinger City |
| Bangs City |
| Banquete CDP |
| Bardwell City |
| Barrera CDP |
| Barrett CDP |
| Bartlett City* |
| Batesville CDP |
| Bay City City |
| Bayside Town |
| Baytown City |
| Bayview Town |
| Beasley City |
| Beaumont City |
| Beauxart Gardens CDP |
| Beaver Creek CDP |
| Beckville City |
| Bedias City |
| Beeville City |
| Bells Town |
| Belton City |
| Ben Arnold CDP |
| Ben Bolt CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Benavides City |
| Benjamin Perez CDP |
| Berryville Town |
| Bertram City |
| Bevil Oaks City |
| Big Lake City |
| Big Sandy Town |
| Big Spring City |
| Big Thicket Lake Estates CDP |
| Big Wells City |
| Bishop City |
| Bivins CDP |
| Bixby CDP |
| Blanket Town |
| Bledsoe CDP |
| Blessing CDP |
| Bloomburg Town |
| Bloomington CDP |
| Blossom City |
| Blue Berry Hill CDP |
| Bluetown CDP |
| Bogata City |
| Boling CDP |
| Bonanza Hills CDP |
| Bonham City |
| Booker Town |
| Borger City |
| Botines CDP |
| Box Canyon CDP |
| Brackettville City |
| Brady City |
| Breckenridge City |
| Bremond City |
| Bridge City City |
| Broaddus Town |
| Brookshire City |
| Brookston CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Browndell City |
| Brownfield City |
| Brownsville City |
| Brownwood City |
| Bruceville-Eddy City* |
| Bruni CDP |
| Bryson City |
| Buchanan Lake Village CDP |
| Buckholts Town |
| Buena Vista CDP |
| Buffalo City |
| Bullard Town* |
| Buna CDP |
| Burke City |
| Burlington CDP |
| Butterfield CDP |
| Bynum Town |
| Caddo Mills City |
| Cade Lakes CDP |
| Calvert City |
| Camargito CDP |
| Cameron City |
| Cameron Park CDP |
| Camp Wood City |
| Campbell City |
| Campo Verde CDP |
| Cantu Addition CDP |
| Canutillo CDP |
| Cape Royale CDP |
| Carbon Town |
| Carl's Corner Town |
| Carthage City |
| Casa Blanca CDP |
| Casas CDP |
| Castle Hills City |
| Cedar Creek CDP |
| Cedar Hill City |
| Cedar Point CDP |
| Celeste City |
| Center City |
| Centerville City |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Central Gardens CDP |
| César Chávez CDP |
| Channelview CDP |
| Chaparrito CDP |
| Chapeno CDP |
| Charlotte City |
| Chester Town |
| Chico City |
| Childress City |
| Chilton CDP |
| China City |
| China Grove Town |
| Chireno City |
| Christine Town |
| Chula Vista CDP* |
| Cienegas Terrace CDP |
| Cisco City |
| Citrus City CDP |
| Clarksville City |
| Clarksville City City |
| Cleveland City* |
| Clifton City |
| Clint Town |
| Cloverleaf CDP |
| Clute City |
| Clyde City |
| Coahoma Town |
| Cockrell Hill City |
| Coldspring City |
| Coleman City |
| Colmesneil City |
| Colorado Acres CDP |
| Colorado City City |
| Combes Town |
| Combine City |
| Comfort CDP |
| Commerce City |
| Concepcion CDP |
| Converse City |
| Coolidge Town |
| Cooper City |
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| Copperas Cove City |
| Corrigan Town |
| Corsicana City |
| Cotulla City |
| Country Acres CDP |
| Coyanosa CDP |
| Coyote Acres CDP |
| Crane City |
| Crawford Town |
| Crosbyton City |
| Cross Mountain CDP |
| Cross Timber Town |
| Crowley City |
| Crystal City City |
| Cuero City |
| Cuevitas CDP |
| Cumby City |
| Cuney Town* |
| Cushing City |
| Daingerfield City |
| Daisetta City |
| Damon CDP |
| Danbury City |
| Dawson Town |
| Dayton City |
| Dayton Lakes City |
| De Kalb City |
| De Leon City |
| Del Mar Heights CDP |
| Del Rio City |
| Del Sol CDP |
| Dell City City |
| Delmita CDP |
| Denison City |
| Denver City Town* |
| Deport City |
| DeSoto City |
| Detroit Town |
| Devers City |
| Deweyville CDP |
| Diboll City |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Dickens City |
| Dodson Town |
| Doffing CDP |
| Domino Town |
| Donna City |
| Doolittle CDP |
| Dorchester City |
| Douglassville Town |
| Driscoll City |
| Duncanville City |
| E. Lopez CDP |
| Eagle Lake City |
| Eagle Pass City |
| Early City |
| East Alto Bonito CDP |
| East Bernard City |
| East Mountain City |
| East Tawakoni City |
| Eastland City |
| Easton City |
| Edcouch City |
| Edgecliff Village Town |
| Edgewater Estates CDP |
| Edinburg City |
| Edmonson Town |
| Edna City |
| Edroy CDP |
| Eidson Road CDP |
| El Brazil CDP |
| El Camino Angosto CDP |
| El Campo City |
| El Castillo CDP |
| El Cenizo CDP |
| El Cenizo City |
| El Chaparral CDP |
| El Indio CDP |
| El Mesquite CDP |
| El Paso City |
| El Quiote CDP |
| El Rancho Vela CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| El Refugio CDP |
| El Socio CDP |
| Eldorado City |
| Electra City |
| Elgin City |
| Elias-Fela Solis CDP |
| Elkhart Town |
| Elm Creek CDP |
| Elmendorf City |
| Elmo CDP |
| Elsa City |
| Encantada-Ranchito-El Calaboz |
| Encino CDP |
| Escobares City |
| Estelline Town |
| Eugenio Saenz CDP |
| Eureka City |
| Eustace City |
| Evadale CDP |
| Evant Town |
| Evergreen CDP |
| Everman City |
| Fabens CDP |
| Fabrica CDP |
| Fair Oaks Ranch City* |
| Fairfield City |
| Falcon Heights CDP |
| Falcon Lake Estates CDP |
| Falcon Mesa CDP |
| Falcon Village CDP |
| Falconaire CDP |
| Falfurrias City |
| Falman CDP |
| Fannett CDP |
| Fernando Salinas CDP |
| Flat CDP |
| Flor del Rio CDP |
| Florence City |
| Flowella CDP |
| Floydada City |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Fluvanna CDP |
| Forest Heights CDP |
| Forest Hill City |
| Forsan City |
| Fort Bliss CDP |
| Fort Clark Springs CDP |
| Fort Hood CDP |
| Fort Stockton City |
| Four Corners CDP |
| Four Points CDP |
| Franklin City |
| Frankston Town |
| Freeport City |
| Freer City |
| Fritch City |
| Fronton CDP |
| Fronton Ranchettes CDP |
| Gainesville City |
| Galena Park City |
| Gallatin City |
| Garceno CDP |
| Garciasville CDP |
| Garfield CDP |
| Garrett Town |
| Garrison City |
| Gary City Town |
| Garza-Salinas II CDP |
| Gatesville City |
| Gause CDP |
| George West City |
| Gilmer City |
| Girard CDP |
| Gladewater City* |
| Glen Rose City |
| Glenn Heights City |
| Godley City |
| Goldthwaite City |
| Goliad City |
| Golinda City* |
| Goodrich City |

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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Grand Saline City |
| Grandfalls Town |
| Granger City |
| Granjeno City |
| Grapeland City |
| Green Valley Farms CDP |
| Greenville City |
| Gregory City |
| Grey Forest City |
| Groesbeck City |
| Groves City |
| Groveton City |
| Guadalupe Guerra CDP |
| Guerra CDP |
| Guthrie CDP |
| Gutierrez CDP |
| H. Cuellar Estates CDP |
| Hale Center City |
| Hallettsville City |
| Hallsville City |
| Hamlin City* |
| Hamshire CDP |
| Hardin City |
| Harding Gill Tract CDP |
| Hargill CDP |
| Harker Heights City |
| Harlingen City |
| Harper CDP |
| Harrold CDP |
| Haskell City |
| Havana CDP |
| Hawkins City |
| Hawley City |
| Hearne City |
| Hebbronville CDP |
| Heidelberg CDP |
| Helotes City |
| Hemphill City |
| Hempstead City |
| Henderson City |
| Hermleigh CDP |
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Eligible City or CDP Hidalgo City **Higgins City** Highlands CDP Hill Country Village City Hillsboro City Hillside Acres CDP Hilltop CDP* Hilltop Lakes CDP Holiday Beach CDP Holiday Lakes Town Holland Town Holly Lake Ranch CDP Hollywood Park Town Homestead Meadows South CDP Honey Grove City Hooks City Horizon City City Horseshoe Bend CDP Houston City* Howe Town Huckabay CDP Hudson City **Hughes Springs City** Hull CDP Hungerford CDP **Huntington City** Huntsville City Huxley City lago CDP Iglesia Antigua CDP Imperial CDP Indian Hills CDP Indian Lake Town Indian Springs CDP Indio CDP Ingleside City Ingleside on the Bay City Iola City Iraan City Ivanhoe City J.F. Villareal CDP

| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Jacinto City City |
| Jacksboro City |
| Jacksonville City |
| Jardin de San Julian CDP |
| Jasper City |
| Jefferson City |
| Jewett City |
| Joaquin City |
| Jourdanton City |
| Juarez CDP |
| Katy City* |
| Kaufman City |
| K-Bar Ranch CDP |
| Kenedy City |
| Kenefick Town |
| Kerens City |
| Kilgore City |
| Killeen City |
| Kingsbury City |
| Kingsville City |
| Kirby City |
| Kirbyville City |
| Kirvin Town |
| Knippa CDP |
| Knollwood City |
| Kosse Town |
| Kountze City |
| Kress City |
| La Blanca CDP |
| La Carla CDP |
| La Casita CDP |
| La Chuparosa CDP |
| La Coma CDP |
| La Coma Heights CDP |
| La Escondida CDP |
| La Esperanza CDP |
| La Feria City |
| La Feria North CDP |
| La Grange City |
| La Grulla City |
| La Homa CDP |

| Eligible City or CDP |
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| La Joya City |
| La Loma de Falcon CDP |
| La Marque City |
| La Minita CDP |
| La Moca Ranch CDP |
| La Paloma Addition CDP |
| La Paloma CDP |
| La Paloma Ranchettes CDP |
| La Paloma-Lost Creek CDP |
| La Presa CDP |
| La Pryor CDP |
| La Puerta CDP |
| La Rosita CDP |
| La Tina Ranch CDP |
| La Victoria CDP |
| La Villa City |
| La Ward City |
| Lackland AFB CDP |
| Ladonia Town |
| Lago CDP |
| Lago Vista CDP |
| Laguna Heights CDP |
| Laguna Seca CDP |
| Laguna Vista Town |
| Lake Brownwood CDP |
| Lake Bryan CDP |
| Lake Cherokee CDP |
| Lake City Town |
| Lake Colorado City CDP |
| Lake Meredith Estates CDP |
| Lake View CDP |
| Lakehills CDP |
| Lakeport City |
| Lakeshore Gardens-Hidden |
| Acres CDP |
| Lakeside Town* |
| Lakeview Town |
| Lamesa City |
| Lancaster City |
| Laredo City |
| Laredo Ranchettes CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Laredo Ranchettes West CDP |
| Las Haciendas CDP |
| Las Lomas CDP |
| Las Lomitas CDP |
| Las Palmas CDP |
| Las Palmas II CDP |
| Las Pilas CDP |
| Las Quintas Fronterizas CDP |
| Lasana CDP |
| Lasara CDP |
| Laughlin AFB CDP |
| Laureles CDP |
| Leakey City |
| Leary City |
| Lefors Town |
| Leming CDP |
| Leon Valley City |
| Leona City |
| Levelland City |
| Liberty City |
| Liberty City CDP |
| Liberty Hill City |
| Linden City |
| Lingleville CDP |
| Linn CDP |
| Little Cypress CDP |
| Little River-Academy City |
| Live Oak City |
| Liverpool City |
| Livingston Town |
| Llano City |
| Llano Grande CDP |
| Lockett CDP |
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| Lockney Town |
| Loma Grande CDP |
| Loma Linda CDP |
| Loma Linda East CDP |
| Loma Linda West CDP |
| Loma Vista CDP |
| Lometa City |

| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Lone Star City |
| Longoria CDP |
| Longview City |
| Lopeño CDP |
| Lopezville CDP |
| Loraine Town |
| Lorenzo City |
| Los Altos CDP |
| Los Alvarez CDP |
| Los Angeles CDP |
| Los Arcos CDP |
| Los Arrieros CDP |
| Los Barreras CDP |
| Los Centenarios CDP |
| Los Corralitos CDP |
| Los Ebanos CDP |
| Los Fresnos CDP |
| Los Fresnos City |
| Los Huisaches CDP |
| Los Indios Town |
| Los Lobos CDP |
| Los Minerales CDP |
| Los Nopalitos CDP |
| Los Veteranos I CDP |
| Los Veteranos II CDP |
| Los Ybanez City |
| Lott City |
| Louise CDP |
| Lozano CDP |
| Lueders City |
| Lufkin City |
| Lumberton City |
| Lyford City |
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| Lytle City |
| Mabank Town |
| Macdona CDP |
| Madisonville City |
| Magnolia Beach CDP |
| Malakoff City |
| Manuel Garcia CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Manuel Garcia II CDP |
| Marietta Town |
| Markham CDP |
| Marlin City |
| Marquez City |
| Marshall City |
| Mart City |
| Martinez CDP |
| Matador Town |
| Matagorda CDP |
| Mathis City |
| Maud City |
| Mauriceville CDP |
| May CDP |
| Maypearl City |
| McAllen City |
| McGregor City* |
| McLean Town |
| McLeod CDP |
| Meadow Town |
| Medina CDP |
| Melvin Town |
| Memphis City |
| Menard City |
| Mercedes City |
| Mesquite CDP |
| Mexia City |
| Mi Ranchito Estate CDP |
| Midfield CDP |
| Midway City |
| Midway North CDP |
| Midway South CDP |
| Miguel Barrera CDP |
| Mikes CDP |
| Mila Doce CDP |
| Milam CDP |
| Milano City |
| Mildred Town |
| Milford Town |
| Miller's Cove Town |
| Millsap Town |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Mineola City |
| Mineral Wells City |
| Mirando City CDP |
| Mission Bend CDP |
| Mission City |
| Mobeetie City |
| Monahans City |
| Mont Belvieu City* |
| Montague CDP |
| Monte Alto CDP |
| Moore CDP |
| Moraida CDP |
| Morales-Sanchez CDP |
| Morgan City |
| Morgan Farm CDP |
| Morgan's Point Resort City |
| Morning Glory CDP |
| Morton City |
| Mound CDP |
| Mount Calm City |
| Mount Enterprise City |
| Mount Pleasant City |
| Mount Vernon Town |
| Muleshoe City |
| Mullin Town |
| Muniz CDP |
| Murchison City |
| Murillo CDP |
| Nacogdoches City |
| Nada CDP |
| Naples City |
| Narciso Pena CDP |
| Nash City |
| Natalia City |
| Navasota City |
| Neches CDP |
| Nederland City |
| Nesbitt Town |
| Netos CDP |
| New Boston City |
| New Chapel Hill City |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| New Falcon CDP |
| New London City |
| New Summerfield City |
| New Waverly City |
| Newark City |
| Newton City |
| Nina CDP |
| Nocona City |
| Nocona Hills CDP |
| Nolanville City |
| Nome City |
| Nordheim City |
| Normandy CDP |
| Normangee Town |
| Normanna CDP |
| North Alamo CDP |
| North Cleveland City |
| North Escobares CDP |
| North San Pedro CDP |
| Oak Valley Town |
| Oakhurst CDP |
| Oakwood Town |
| O'Brien City |
| Odem City |
| Odessa City |
| O'Donnell City* |
| Oglesby City |
| Oilton CDP |
| Oklaunion CDP |
| Old River-Winfree City |
| Olivarez CDP |
| Olivia Lopez de Gutierrez CDP |
| Olmito and Olmito CDP |
| Olmito CDP |
| Olmos Park City |
| Olney City |
| Omaha City |
| Onalaska City |
| Orange City |
| Orange Grove City |
| Orason CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Ore City City |
| Overton City |
| Owl Ranch CDP |
| Oyster Creek City |
| Pablo Pena CDP |
| Paducah Town |
| Paisano Park CDP |
| Palacios City |
| Palm Valley City |
| Palmer CDP |
| Palmer Town |
| Palmhurst City |
| Palmview City |
| Palmview South CDP |
| Palo Blanco CDP |
| Pampa City |
| Paris City |
| Pasadena City |
| Pattison City |
| Patton Village City |
| Pawnee CDP |
| Pecan Gap City* |
| Pelican Bay City |
| Pena CDP |
| Pendleton CDP |
| Penitas City |
| Perezville CDP |
| Petersburg City |
| Petronila City |
| Pettus CDP |
| Petty CDP |
| Pharr City |
| Pilot Point City |
| Pine Forest City |
| Pine Harbor CDP |
| Pine Island Town |
| Pinebrook CDP |
| Pinehurst CDP |
| Pinehurst City |
| Pineland City |
| Pinewood Estates CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Pittsburg City |
| Plains Town |
| Plainview City |
| Plantersville City |
| Pleasant Hill CDP |
| Pleasanton City |
| Plum Grove City* |
| Point Blank City |
| Point Comfort City |
| Port Aransas City* |
| Port Arthur City |
| Port Isabel City |
| Port Lavaca City |
| Port Mansfield CDP |
| Port Neches City |
| Port O'Connor CDP |
| Portland City |
| Post City |
| Poteet City |
| Powderly CDP |
| Prado Verde CDP |
| Praesel CDP |
| Prairie View City |
| Premont City |
| Presidio City |
| Preston CDP |
| Priddy CDP |
| Primera Town |
| Progreso City |
| Progreso Lakes City |
| Pueblo East CDP |
| Pueblo Nuevo CDP |
| Putnam Town |
| Queen City City |
| Quemado CDP |
| Quesada CDP |
| Quinlan City |
| Quitaque City |
| Quitman City |
| Radar Base CDP |
| Rafael Pena CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Ralls City |
| Ramireno CDP |
| Ramirez-Perez CDP |
| Ramos CDP |
| Ranchette Estates CDP |
| Ranchitos del Norte CDP |
| Ranchitos East CDP |
| Ranchitos Las Lomas CDP |
| Rancho Alegre CDP |
| Rancho Banquete CDP |
| Rancho Chico CDP |
| Rancho Viejo CDP |
| Rancho Viejo Town |
| Ranchos Penitas West CDP |
| Randolph AFB CDP |
| Ranger City |
| Rangerville Village |
| Rankin City |
| Ratamosa CDP |
| Raymondville City |
| Realitos CDP |
| Red Lick City |
| Redfield CDP |
| Redland CDP |
| Redwater City |
| Redwood CDP |
| Refugio Town |
| Regino Ramirez CDP |
| Reid Hope King CDP |
| Reklaw City |
| Relampago CDP |
| Reno City* |
| Ricardo CDP |
| Rice Tracts CDP |
| Richards CDP |
| Richwood City |
| Ringgold CDP |
| Rio Bravo City |
| Rio Grande City City |
| Rio Hondo City |
| Rising Star Town |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Rivereno CDP |
| Riverside City |
| Riviera CDP |
| Roaring Springs Town |
| Robinson City |
| Robstown City |
| Rochelle CDP |
| Rochester Town |
| Rock Island CDP |
| Rockdale City |
| Rocky Mound Town |
| Rogers Town |
| Roma City |
| Roscoe City |
| Rose City City |
| Rose Hill Acres City |
| Rosebud City |
| Rosharon CDP |
| Rosita CDP |
| Rosser Village |
| Roxton City |
| Rule Town |
| Rusk City |
| Sabinal City |
| Salado Village |
| Salida del Sol Estates CDP |
| Salineño CDP |
| Salineño North CDP |
| Sam Rayburn CDP |
| Sammy Martinez CDP |
| San Antonio City* |
| San Augustine City |
| San Benito City |
| San Carlos CDP |
| San Carlos I CDP |
| San Carlos II CDP |
| San Diego City |
| San Elizario City |
| San Fernando CDP |
| San Isidro CDP |
| San Juan CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| San Juan City |
| San Marcos City |
| San Patricio City |
| San Pedro CDP |
| San Perlita City |
| San Ygnacio CDP |
| Sand Springs CDP |
| Sandia CDP |
| Sandoval CDP |
| Sandy Hollow-Escondidas CDP |
| Sandy Oaks City |
| Sanford Town |
| Sansom Park City |
| Santa Anna CDP |
| Santa Cruz CDP |
| Santa Maria CDP |
| Santa Monica CDP |
| Santa Rosa CDP |
| Santa Rosa Town |
| Santel CDP |
| Santo CDP |
| Sargent CDP |
| Scenic Oaks CDP* |
| Schertz City* |
| Schulenburg City |
| Scissors CDP |
| Scottsville City |
| Seadrift City |
| Seagoville City |
| Sealy City |
| Sebastian CDP |
| Seco Mines CDP |
| Selma City* |
| Seth Ward CDP |
| Seven Oaks City |
| Seven Points City |
| Shadybrook CDP* |
| Shamrock City |
| Shavano Park City |
| Sheffield CDP |
| Shelbyville CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Shepherd City |
| Sheridan CDP |
| Shiro CDP |
| Sierra Blanca CDP |
| Siesta Acres CDP |
| Siesta Shores CDP |
| Silsbee City |
| Sinton City |
| Skidmore CDP |
| Slaton City |
| Smiley City |
| Snyder City |
| Socorro City |
| Solis CDP |
| Somerset City |
| Sonterra CDP |
| Sour Lake City |
| South Alamo CDP |
| South Fork Estates CDP |
| South Houston City |
| South La Paloma CDP |
| South Mountain Town |
| South Padre Island Town |
| South Point CDP |
| South Toledo Bend CDP |
| Sparks CDP |
| Spearman City |
| Spofford City |
| Spring Gardens CDP |
| Spur City |
| St. Hedwig Town |
| St. Paul CDP |
| Stamford City |
| Stanton City |
| Stephenville City |
| Stinnett City |
| Stowell CDP |
| Streetman Town* |
| Sullivan City City |
| Sulphur Springs City |
| Sun Valley City |

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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Sundown City |
| Sunrise Shores CDP |
| Sunset Acres CDP |
| Sunset CDP* |
| Sweetwater City |
| Taft City |
| Taft Southwest CDP |
| Tahoka City |
| Talco City |
| Tanquecitos South Acres CDP |
| Tanquecitos South Acres II CDP |
| Tatum City |
| Taylor Landing City |
| Teague City |
| Tehuacana Town |
| Temple City |
| Tenaha Town |
| Terlingua CDP |
| Terrell City |
| Terrell Hills City |
| Texarkana City |
| Texas City City |
| Texline Town |
| Thompsonville CDP |
| Thorndale City* |
| Thornton Town |
| Thrall City |
| Three Rivers City |
| Throckmorton Town |
| Thunderbird Bay CDP |
| Tierra Bonita CDP |
| Tierra Dorada CDP |
| Tierra Grande CDP |
| Tierra Verde CDP |
| Timberwood Park CDP* |
| Timpson City |
| Tivoli CDP |
| Toco City |
| Todd Mission City |
| Tolar City |
| Tornillo CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Tradewinds CDP |
| Trinity City |
| Troup City |
| Troy City |
| Tuleta CDP |
| Tulia City |
| Tulsita CDP |
| Turkey City |
| Tyler City |
| Tynan CDP |
| Uncertain City |
| Union Grove City |
| Universal City City* |
| Utopia CDP* |
| Uvalde City |
| Uvalde Estates CDP |
| Val Verde Park CDP |
| Valle Hermoso CDP |
| Valle Verde CDP |
| Valle Vista CDP |
| Van Horn Town |
| Van Vleck CDP |
| Vanderbilt CDP |
| Vernon City |
| Victoria City |
| Victoria Vera CDP |
| Vidor City |
| Villa del Sol CDP |
| Villa Pancho CDP |
| Villa Verde CDP |
| Villarreal CDP |
| Vinton Village |
| Von Ormy City |
| Wadsworth CDP |
| Wake Village City |
| Waller City* |
| Wallis City |
| Walnut Springs City |
| Warren CDP |
| Warren City City |
| Waskom City |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
| Watauga City |
| Weimar City |
| Weinert City |
| Welch CDP |
| Wellman City |
| Wells Town |
| Weslaco City |
| West Alto Bonito CDP |
| West Columbia City |
| West Livingston CDP |
| West Orange City |
| West Sharyland CDP |
| West Tawakoni City |
| Westbrook City |
| Westdale CDP |
| Western Lake CDP |
| Westway CDP |
| Westwood Shores CDP |
| Wharton City |
| Wheeler City |
| White Oak City |
| Whiteface Town |
| Whitehouse City |
| Whitewright Town |
| Wickett Town |
| Wild Peach Village CDP |
| Wildwood CDP |
| Willis City |
| Windcrest City |
| Winfield City |
| Winnie CDP |
| Winnsboro City |
| Wolfforth City |
| Woodsboro Town |
| Woodville Town |
| Wortham Town |
| Yantis Town |
| Yorktown City |
| Yznaga CDP |
| Zapata CDP |
| Zapata Ranch CDP |
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| Eligible City or CDP |
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| Zarate CDP |
| Zavalla City |
| Zephyr CDP |