

Update on TxDOT's 2023 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Quarterly
Meeting



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TxDOT 2023 TA Call for Projects: *2-Step Application Process*



Milestones	Date
TxDOT's 2023 TA Call for Projects opens	December 2, 2022
Virtual workshops	November 29 – December 16, 2022
Responses to workshop questions posted	December 21, 2022*
Preliminary Application (PA) deadline	January 27, 2023
District coordination meeting	Before March 17, 2023*
TxDOT PA review complete	March 24, 2023
TxDOT notifies sponsors of eligibility and provides Detailed Application	March 27, 2023
Detailed Application (DA) deadline	June 5, 2023
TxDOT DA review complete	August 18, 2023*
Commission award	October 2023*
*Target dates	

TxDOT's 2023 TA Call for Projects: *Funding*



Funding Type	Population Size	TMA	Anticipated Program Funding for TxDOT TA 2023 Call for Projects
Suballocated*	Nonurban Areas (Less than 5,000)	Outside	\$31.5 million
Suballocated*	Small Urban Areas (5,000 to 49,999)	Outside	\$15 million
Suballocated*	Medium Urban Areas (50,000 to 200,000)	Outside	\$5 million
Any Area	Any Population Size	Inside or Outside	\$201 million

TxDOT FY 2023 TA Call for Projects ~\$250M to be made available (FY22 – FY25 funds)

TxDOT 2023 TA Call for Projects: *Project Categories*



Project Category	Community-Based Infrastructure	Large Scale Active Transportation Infrastructure	Active Transportation Network Enhancements	Active Transportation Non-Infrastructure
Eligible Areas	Outside of TMAs & Population Areas < 200,000	Any Population Area	Any Population Area	Any Population Area
Local Match	20% ¹	20% ¹	20% ¹	20% ¹
Target Project Funding Amounts	\$250,000 to \$5M per project	\$5M to \$25M per project	\$250,000 minimum for cities <200,000; \$1M min otherwise ²	\$100,000 minimum ³
Eligible Project Sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Local governments •School districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Transit agencies •Small MPOs (<200k) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TxDOT at the request of a sponsor •Others (see Program Guide) 	
Eligible Activities	<u>Preliminary engineering and construction for</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bicycle, SUP, or Sidewalk infrastructure improvements •Infrastructure projects to improve safety for non-motorized transportation 	<u>Preliminary engineering and construction for</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bicycle, SUP, or Sidewalk infrastructure improvements •Infrastructure projects to improve safety for non-motorized transportation •Construction of boulevards located in ROW of highways that improve bicycle, pedestrian, and transit user access (Large Scale only) 	<u>Quick construction or installation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support active transportation networks •Infrastructure projects with limited or no design and no ROW acquisition activities •Can be completed quickly after award 	Planning documents to assist communities develop non-motorized transportation networks

¹ 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

² Target total award for all projects in this category ~\$10M-20M

³ Target total award for all projects in this category ~\$3M-5M



- **Large Scale Active Transportation Infrastructure**

- High impact substantive improvements for mobility options
- Bicycle Tourism Trails or U.S. Bicycle Routes
- Comprehensive accessibility improvements
- SUPs in rail or utility corridors
- Bicycle/pedestrian bridges
- Intermodal hubs

- **Active Transportation Network Enhancements**

- Area-wide high visibility crosswalks and pedestrian signals
- Area-wide bike/ped counters
- Bike lane upgrades
- Area-wide bike parking
- Bikeshare expansion
- Traffic calming

- **Active Transportation Non-Infrastructure**

- SRTS plans, pedestrian plans, bike plans, safety action plan for pedestrian or bicyclists, ADA transition plans

All TA projects must be:

- Related to bicycle, pedestrian, and/or micromobility
- Principally for transportation rather than recreation
- Have a direct relationship to the surface transportation system
- Benefit the general public

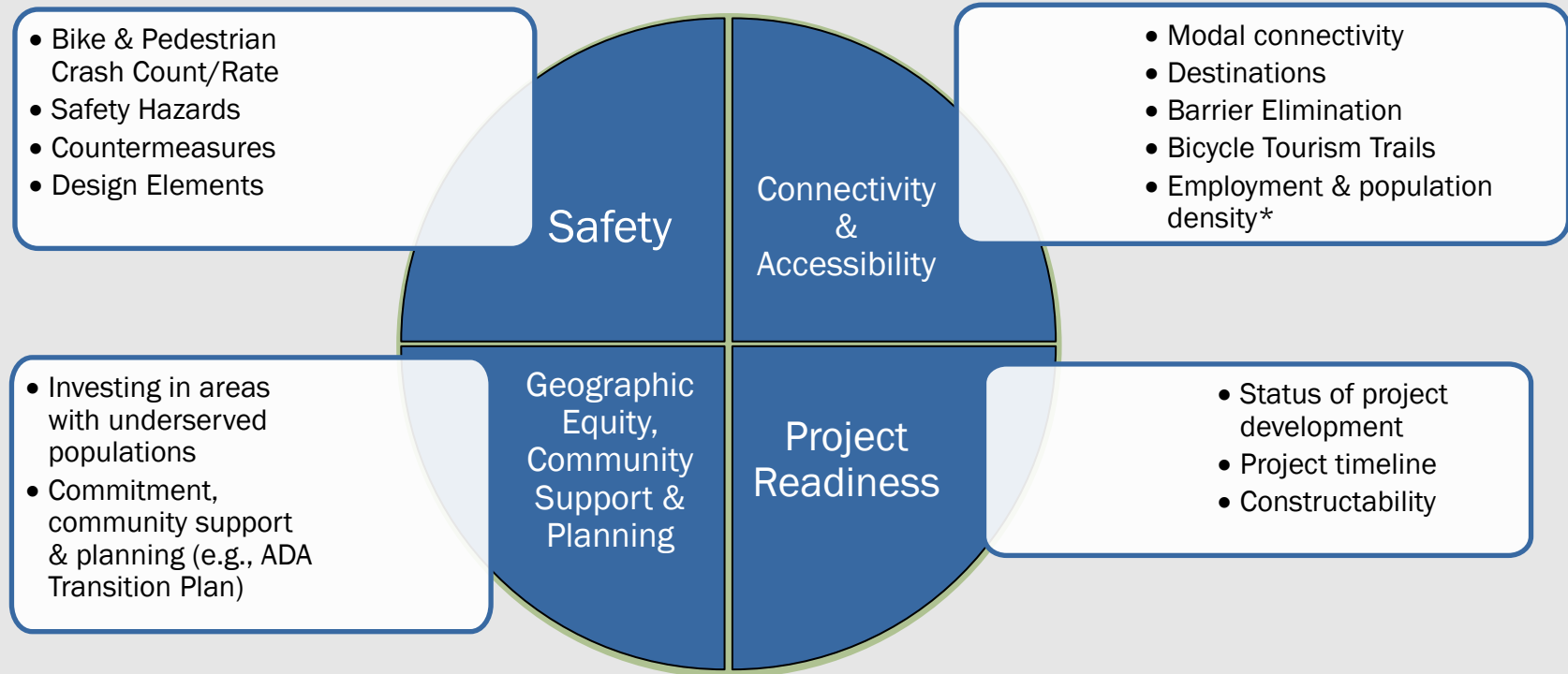
TxDOT 2023 TA Call for Projects: *Evaluation Criteria Categories & Weights*



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

*Additional points may be added to Large Scale Active Transportation Infrastructure based on Transformative Elements of projects.

TxDOT 2023 TA Call for Projects: *Evaluation Criteria Details*



*Employment & population density are not evaluated on nonurban or small urban projects.



- Additional criterion for Large Scale Active Transportation Infrastructure projects

Additional Criterial Category	Criteria Description	Criteria Measures
Transformational Elements (<i>Large Scale Active Transportation Infrastructure only</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 technologies	Professional judgment of narrative response



- Informational webinars for project sponsors (August/September)
 - Approximately 500 unique viewers
 - Informational videos and FAQs posted on [txdot.gov](https://www.txdot.gov)
- Virtual and in-person workshops (November/December)
 - Virtual, November 29, 2022
 - HOU District, In-Person, November 30, 2022
 - DFW District, In-Person, December 6, 2022
 - ELP District, In-Person, December 7, 2022
 - LRD District, In-Person, December 15, 2022
 - Virtual, December 16, 2022