TXDOT’S 2019 TA/SRTS CALL FOR PROJECTS

January 18, 2019

Briefing
Agenda

2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects

- Funding opportunities overview
- Eligible activities
- Two-step application process
- Call for Projects timeline
- Call for Projects documentation
- February - March Regional Workshops

Other TxDOT Initiatives
2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects opens – February 2019

Call for Projects funding opportunities:

- **Transportation Alternatives (TA)**
  - *Available TA Funds*
    - FY 19-20 funding
    - Nonurban areas
  - *Future TA Funds*
    - Anticipated FY 21-22 funding
    - *Conditional Project List*
    - Small urban and nonurban areas

- **Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** (infrastructure funding)
  - All population sizes
  - Remaining SAFETEA-LU funds
Nonurban and Small Urban Areas for TxDOT’s TA Funding

TxDOT’s TA funds must be administered outside Census Urbanized Areas of 200,000 or greater, known as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs).

**Nonurban areas**
- Population areas of 5,000 or less located outside TMAs

**Small Urban**
- Population areas of 5,001 to 200,000 located outside TMAs
## 2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects: Funding Sources

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<td>&lt;2 miles from schools (K-8)</td>
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* TxDOT’s TA funds must be administered outside Transportation Management Areas

** Conditional Project Lists will be created to assist TxDOT in prioritizing Nonurban and Small Urban projects for future anticipated federal TA appropriations for FY 2021 - 2022.
In early 2020, TxDOT will develop a prioritized **Conditional Project List** for:

- $13.5M Future Small Urban Funding
- $13.5M Future Nonurban Funding

When next federal transportation bill is passed, TxDOT will recommend projects for funding by the Texas Transportation Commission based on:

- Initial project ranking
- Project readiness
- Available funding
TxDOT Focus Areas

Project sponsors are strongly encouraged to submit projects that:

- Enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety for people of all ages and abilities
- Improve safety, access, or mobility for individuals with disabilities, especially on-system improvements (within TxDOT right-of-way) in support of TxDOT’s ADA/pedestrian initiatives
- Construct segments identified as part of a Texas Bicycle Tourism Trail network or regional bicycle route for tourism
- Provide access to or between existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, or other mobility options
- Connect important community destinations (such as schools, employment, downtown/commercial/historic districts, medical facilities, and recreational areas)
- Contribute, as an independent element, to a larger public investment
TA/SRTS eligible activities:

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

*Projects must be principally for transportation rather than purely recreational.*
2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects: Eligible Project Sponsors

**TA projects**

- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities
- Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- Tribal governments
- Nonprofit responsible for administration of local transportation safety programs
- Other governmental entity responsible for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than an MPO or a state agency)

**SRTS projects**

- Political subdivisions of the state
  - Cities
  - Counties
  - School Districts, etc.
- State agencies
2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects: Two-Step Application Process

**Step 1**
Project Sponsors submit Preliminary Applications (PA)

- TxDOT eligibility review (ALL)
- TxDOT District meeting with eligible Nonurban TA and SRTS project sponsors

**Step 2**
Project Sponsors submit Detailed Applications (DA) for an infrastructure funding program according to eligibility and readiness

- TxDOT District meeting with eligible Small Urban TA project sponsors
- Project Evaluation
- Constructability/Feasibility Review

**Funding Award**

- SRTS
- Nonurban TA

**Conditional Project List**

- Nonurban and Small Urban TA

**Existing Funding**

- Commission action late 2019

**Anticipated Future Funding**

- List developed in early 2020
2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects: Timeline

- **Step 1**: TA/SRTS Call for Projects opens 2/8/2019
- **Step 2**: Preliminary Application deadline: All Project Sponsors 4/12/2019
- **Step 3**: TxDOT notifies project sponsors of funding track 6/18/2019
- **Step 4**: Detailed Application deadline for:
  - FY 19/20 Nonurban TA Projects
  - SRTS Infrastructure Projects 8/15/2019
- **Commission Award**: FY 19/20 Nonurban TA Projects
  - SRTS Infrastructure Projects
  - December 2019
- **Detailed Application deadline for**:
  - FY 21/22
  - Nonurban TA Projects
  - Small Urban TA Projects 10/30/2019
- **Conditional Project Lists**:
  - FY 21/22
  - Nonurban TA Projects
  - Small Urban TA Projects
  - Winter 2020

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Winter Spring 2019 2020
Anticipated 2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects Documentation

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Documentation will be available on TxDOT’s Bike Webpage: https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html
Potential project sponsors, consultants, and others interested in the program are invited to attend any scheduled workshop below.

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**NOTE:** A WebEx version of the regional workshop presentation will be provided on February 19 and March 7.
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