In February 2019, TxDOT will announce its 2019 Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Call for Projects. This Call for Projects provides funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including:

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

Please join Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a project sponsor workshop on the upcoming 2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects. Information will be provided on how eligible local governments can utilize this opportunity to seek funding for pedestrian and bicycle access and safety infrastructure improvements. Attached is a sample workshop agenda.

This Call for Projects features a two-step application process, which includes (Step 1) a preliminary application with high-level proposed project information to determine eligibility and funding opportunities and (Step 2) a detailed application with more comprehensive project information. The table below summarizes the two funding sources available. TxDOT’s 2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects program guide, preliminary application, detailed application, and program rules will be available on TxDOT’s website as they become available:


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Target Audience: Local governments and other project sponsors eligible to apply for funding through TxDOT’s 2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects.

Registration: No registration required. A courtesy call/email to the District TA/SRTS Coordinator at the location you wish to attend will allow us to plan accordingly.

Accessible Accommodations: Persons interested in attending a meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs or need an interpreter are encouraged to contact the TxDOT District TA/SRTS Coordinator at the location you plan to attend (see page 2). Special communication requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

Questions: For questions or additional information, please contact your local TxDOT District TA/SRTS Coordinator.

¹ TxDOT administers TA funds for projects located outside the smoothed 2010 U.S. Census Urbanized Area boundaries. Urbanized Areas have populations over 200,000 or greater (also known as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs).
² Conditional Project Lists will be created to assist TxDOT in prioritizing Nonurban and Small Urban projects for potential future federal TA appropriations in FY 2021 - 2022.
Workshop Schedule
TxDOT Districts will host workshops throughout the state to provide information and guidance on TxDOT’s 2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects. Potential project sponsors, consultants, and others interested in the program are invited to attend any scheduled workshop listed below.

**February 12, 2019** (1:00PM – 4:00PM)
TxDOT Bryan District Office, District Assembly Room
2591 N. Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, TX 77803
Coordinator: Stephen R. Copley, RLA (979) 778-9631

**February 13, 2019** (1:00PM – 4:00PM)
TxDOT Beaumont District Office, District Trac Rm
8350 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, TX 77708
Coordinator: Arnold Vowles (409) 898-5773

**February 15, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
TxDOT Austin District Office, Bldg 7 Hearing Room
7901 North IH 35, Austin, TX 78753
Coordinator: Roxana Ene (512) 832-7265

**February 19, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
TxDOT Tyler District Office, District Assembly Room
2709 West Front Street, Tyler, TX 75702
Coordinator: Carson Hollis (903) 510-9157

**February 20, 2019** (9:00AM–12:00PM)
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Transportation Council Meeting Room
616 Six Flags Dr., Centerpoint Two
Arlington, TX 76011
Coordinator: TxDOT Fort Worth District:
    Phillip Hays (817) 370-6591
    TxDOT Dallas District:
    Maher Ghanayem (214) 320-6691

**February 21, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
TxDOT Abilene District Office, Training Room
4250 North Clack, Abilene, TX 79601
Coordinator: Cliff Hallford (325) 676-6897

**February 27, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
TxDOT Lubbock District Office, Mesquite Conf Rm
135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX 79404
Coordinator: Kristi Schwartz (806) 748-4435

**February 28, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
TxDOT Amarillo District Office, Bldg H Conference Ctr
North HR Conference Room
5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110
Coordinator: John Wimberley (806) 356-3249

**March 5, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
TxDOT El Paso District Office, District Conference Center
13301 Gateway Blvd West, El Paso, TX 79928
Coordinator: Blanca Serrano-Rivera (915) 790-4328

**March 6, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization
9601 Wright Drive, Midland, TX 79706
Coordinator: Kelli Williams (432) 498-4752

**March 7, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
TxDOT San Angelo District Office, Bldg E Training Rm
4502 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, TX 76904
Coordinator: Kristan Hereford (325) 947-9242

**March 11, 2019** (1:00PM – 4:00PM)
TxDOT Corpus Christi District, Bldg 2 Regional Trng Ctr
1701 So Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78416
Coordinator: Jason Alvarez (361) 808-2495

**March 12, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
Rio Grande City Commission Chambers, City Hall
5332 East US Hwy 83, Ste. A, Rio Grande City, TX 78582
Coordinator: TxDOT Pharr District
    Abel Marroquin (956) 702-6306

**March 13, 2019** (9:00AM – 12:00PM)
TxDOT Laredo District Office, Large Meeting Room
1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043
Coordinator: Janice Marquez (956) 712-7438

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**Online Workshop Access available**
While in-person attendance at one of the 14 above regional workshops is preferred, online webinar-style access to the workshop will be available on February 19 and March 7. Please register at one of the following Eventbrite links to obtain access information.

**February 19**: [https://tasrts_feb19_workshop.eventbrite.com](https://tasrts_feb19_workshop.eventbrite.com)
**March 7**: [https://tasrts_mar7_workshop.eventbrite.com](https://tasrts_mar7_workshop.eventbrite.com)
2019 Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School Call for Projects Workshop
SAMPLE Agenda

DAY, DATE
TxDOT XXXXX District Office (OR OTHER LOCATION)
ROOM/BUILDING
ADDRESS
CITY, TX ZIP
TIME

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Introductions TxDOT-DISTRICT

9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. TxDOT TA/SRTS Call for Projects Overview TxDOT-PTN
- TA and SRTS funding program descriptions
- Eligible project activities and sponsors
- Two-step application process (Preliminary and Detailed Applications)
- Call for Projects timeline
- Project evaluation and selection criteria
- Local Match, EDCP, and in-kind contributions

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Local Government Projects TxDOT-LGP
- Federal and state requirements
- Advanced Funding Agreement – roles and responsibilities
- Local Government Project Procedures including Risk Assessment
- Professional services procurement and management
- Environmental phase
- Right-of-way and utility relocation phase
- Detailed design phase
- Construction letting phase (local government vs TxDOT)
- Construction and project closeout phase (local government vs TxDOT)

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Best Practices for Project Applications TxDOT-DISTRICT/PTN
- Design details
- Maps, exhibits, and photographs
- Planning and public support
- Budget considerations
- Project readiness

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Question and Answer TxDOT-DISTRICT