

## TxDOT 2021 TA Call for Projects Workshop

On January 15, 2021, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will open its 2021 Transportation Alternatives (TA) 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

Please join us for a virtual project sponsor workshop on TxDOT’s upcoming 2021 TA Call for Projects. Information will be provided on how eligible local governments can utilize this opportunity to seek funding for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements. Attached is a sample workshop agenda.

This Call for Projects features a two-step application process: **Step 1** – a preliminary application with high-level proposed project information to determine eligibility and identify potential project development issues and **Step 2** – a detailed application with more comprehensive project information. The table below summarizes the funding available. TxDOT’s 2021 TA Call for Projects program guide, preliminary application, detailed application, and program rules will be available on TxDOT’s website as they become available:

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html>

Project Location	Project Sponsor Population Size <sup>1</sup>	Local Match Required <sup>2</sup>	Eligible Activities	Approximate Funding Available
Nonurban	5,000 people or less	20%	Preliminary Engineering & Construction	\$10.5 million
				Conditional Project List <sup>3</sup>
Small Urban	5,001 to 50,000 people		Preliminary Engineering & Construction	Conditional Project List <sup>3</sup>
	50,001 to 200,000 people		Construction only	

<sup>1</sup> TxDOT administers TA funds for projects located outside the smoothed 2010 U.S. Census Urbanized Area boundaries 200,000 or greater, identified as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs).

<sup>2</sup> Some project sponsors may be eligible for a reduction in local match. See TxDOT 2021 TA Program Guide.

<sup>3</sup> Conditional Project Lists will be created to assist TxDOT in prioritizing Nonurban and Small Urban projects for anticipated future federal TA appropriations of \$13 million for nonurban and \$13 million for small urban to the department for FY 2023 - 2024. Once funds become available, projects on the list will be recommended to the commission for consideration for project award.

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<b>Target Audience</b>	Local governments and other project sponsors eligible to apply for funding through TxDOT's 2021 TA Call for Projects.
<b>Registration</b>	Registration required. Follow the links on the next page to register for the date of your choice.
<b>Accessible Accommodations</b>	Persons interested in attending a workshop who have special communication or accommodation needs or need an interpreter are encouraged to contact <a href="mailto:Noah.Heath@txdot.gov">Noah.Heath@txdot.gov</a> . 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.  Recordings of these virtual workshops will be available for review on the TxDOT webpage ( <a href="https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html">https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html</a> ) in the weeks following the live workshops.
<b>Questions</b>	To submit a question about the funding program or applications, please send an email to: <a href="mailto:BikePed@txdot.gov">BikePed@txdot.gov</a> by January 28, 2021. Questions may also be submitted during a virtual workshop. A frequently asked questions document will be posted to the TxDOT webpage ( <a href="https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html">https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/bicycle-pedestrian.html</a> ) on or around February 2, 2021.  Questions about project eligibility or Transportation Development Credit eligibility may be emailed at any time to: <a href="mailto:BikePed@txdot.gov">BikePed@txdot.gov</a> .
<b>Local Contact</b>	To discuss project-specific issues, please contact your local <a href="#">TxDOT District TA Coordinator</a> .

### Virtual Workshop Schedule

TxDOT will host three virtual workshops to provide information and guidance on TxDOT's 2021 TA Call for Projects. Potential project sponsors, consultants, and others interested in the program are invited to attend any scheduled workshop listed below.

#### Workshop Dates:

January 21, 2021 (1:00PM – 4:00PM)

Virtual Meeting, Registration link [[https://2021 ta projspon workshop1.eventbrite.com](https://2021_ta_projspon_workshop1.eventbrite.com)]

January 25, 2021 (1:00PM – 4:00PM)

Virtual Meeting, Registration link [[https://2021 ta projspon workshop2.eventbrite.com](https://2021_ta_projspon_workshop2.eventbrite.com)]

January 27, 2021 (9:00AM – 12:00PM)

Virtual Meeting, Registration link [[https://2021 ta projspon workshop3.eventbrite.com](https://2021_ta_projspon_workshop3.eventbrite.com)]

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**2021 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects  
Workshop  
SAMPLE Agenda**

DAY, DATE  
Microsoft Teams Meeting  
TIME

<b>9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Introductions to Division and District staff</b>	<b>TxDOT</b>
<b>9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>TxDOT TA Call for Projects Overview</b>	<b>TxDOT-PTN</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TA funding program description</li> <li>• Eligible project activities and sponsors</li> <li>• Two-step application process (Preliminary and Detailed Applications)</li> <li>• Call for Projects timeline</li> <li>• Project evaluation and selection criteria</li> <li>• Local Match, EDCP, and Transportation Development Credits.</li> </ul>	
<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:10 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.</b>	<b>Local Government Projects</b>	<b>TxDOT-LGP</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal and state requirements</li> <li>• Advanced Funding Agreement – roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Local government project procedures including Risk Assessment</li> <li>• Professional services procurement and management</li> <li>• Phases of a local government project</li> <li>• Program resources available to local governments</li> </ul>	
<b>10:55 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Best Practices for Project Applications</b>	<b>TxDOT-DISTRICT/PTN</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design details</li> <li>• Maps, exhibits, and photographs</li> <li>• Planning and public support</li> <li>• Budget considerations</li> <li>• Project readiness</li> </ul>	
<b>11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer</b>	<b>TxDOT-PTN</b>