



Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

2022 Call for Projects
for the North Central Texas Region
Surface Transportation Technical Committee

June 24, 2022



Overview of TA Set-Aside updates under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Eligible uses of the funds include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under the Transportation Alternatives Program under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)
- Increased TA Set-Aside federal funding (more than 60% increase), with MPOs suballocated a larger share
- Education activities related to safe routes to school projects are eligible



Eligible Project Activities

May include:

- Shared-Use Paths (Trails)
- On-Street Bikeways
- Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Curb Ramps
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Countermeasures and Technology
- Protected Intersections
- Education Activities for Safe Routes to School Projects



Application Categories and Projects

Eligible Projects	Active Transportation	Safe Routes to School Must be within 2 miles of a school	Safe Routes to Rail Must be within one half-mile of a rail station	Safety and Technology
Bicycle Parking	○	○	○	-
Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Count Equipment	○	-	-	●
Crossing Safety Improvements (HAWK, RRFB, refuge islands, etc.)	○	○	○	●
Education Activities for Safe Routes to School	-	●	-	-
On-Street Bikeways (separated bike lanes, bike boxes, etc.)	●	○	○	-
Pedestrian Improvements (sidewalks, crosswalks, curb ramps, etc.)	○	●	●	●
Pedestrian Scale Lighting	○	○	○	●
Protected Intersections	○	○	○	●
Road Diets	●	○	○	○
Shared-Use Paths (Trails)	●	○	○	-

● Primary eligible project in an application

○ Supporting eligible project in an application

(-) Not Eligible



Funding Overview

Approximately \$40+ million in federal funding is anticipated to award

<i>Project Activity</i>	<i>Minimum Federal Funding Award per Project</i>	<i>Maximum Federal Funding Award per Project</i>
Construction	\$500,000	No Limit
Safe Routes to School Education Activities	\$250,000	



Funding Overview, cont.

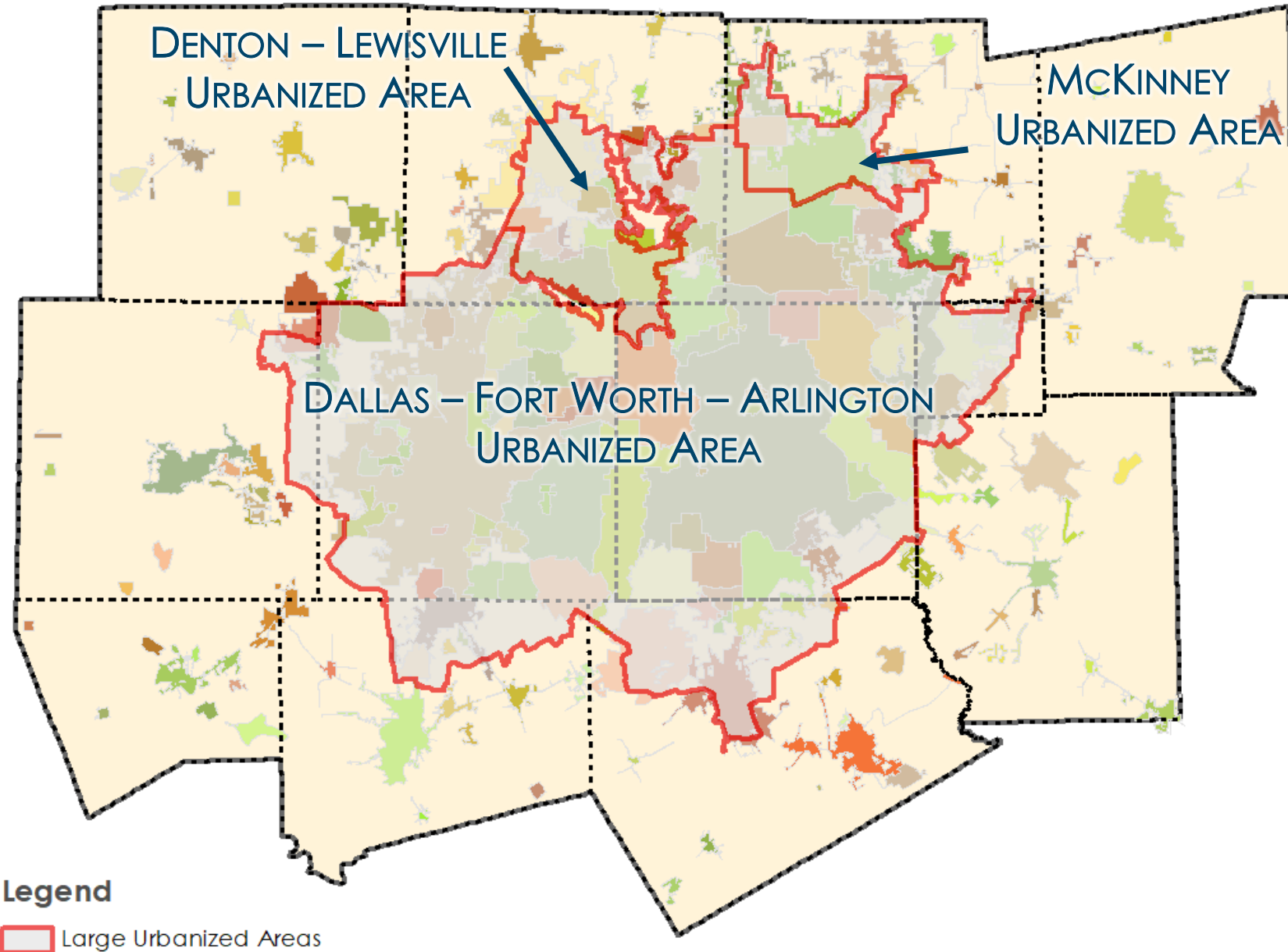
- **Construction-implementation projects**
 - Engineering and Environmental Phases: 100 percent locally funded
 - Construction Phases: Minimum 20 percent local match
- **Safe Routes to School education activities: Minimum 20 percent local match**
- **Local match must be cash or Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)**
 - No in-kind contributions
 - Agencies may request use of TDCs (in lieu of a local match) if qualified through the MTP Policy Bundle process, *OR*
 - Agencies may request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) TDCs (in lieu of a local match) for projects implementing the Regional Veloweb as identified in Mobility 2045 (2022 Update). Use of RTC TDCs will be limited to 2 applications per agency.





Eligible Project Areas

All proposed projects must be within one of the three urbanized areas (exceeding 200K population)



Program Rules (Required Documentation)

Funding Letter of Commitment

Confirm the availability of the local match contribution or requested use of TDCs

Right-of-Way/Easement

Property must be under public ownership. If easement cannot be obtained by deadline, a consent letter from the “public” property owner or utility company is required. Pending easements on private properties are not eligible.

If Applicable:

Railroad Right of Entry Letter/Agreement

(if project is in railroad right-of-way)

TxDOT District Engineer Letter of Consent

(if project is in TxDOT right-of-way)

Letter of Support from School District Superintendent or Top Administrator

(SRTS Projects Only)

Documentation of Support from Supporting Entity

(if project includes or crosses another jurisdiction)



Program Rules, cont.

- Project sponsor must execute an agreement (LPAFA) with TxDOT within one year of the funding award by the RTC
- Projects must advance to construction within three years (or less) of the funding award by the RTC or the funding may be reprogrammed
- Projects must be implemented consistent with the funding application as approved by the RTC and as included in the project agreement with TxDOT



Anticipated Schedule

Milestone	Date
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) - Information	May 18, 2022
Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) – Action	June 24, 2022
Regional Transportation Council (RTC) – Action	July 14, 2022
Call for Projects Opens	July 18, 2022
Call for Projects Workshop	July 19, 2022
Call for Projects Closes (Applications Due by 5PM)	Sept 9, 2022
Review of Projects/Scoring by NCTCOG Staff	Sept – Oct 2022
Public Meeting	Nov 2022
Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) – Action to Recommended Project Funding Awards	Dec 2, 2022
Regional Transportation Council (RTC) – Action to Approve Project Funding Awards	Dec 8, 2022
Submittal Deadline for TIP Modifications	Jan. 27, 2023
Deadline for Project Sponsors to Execute Agreements with TxDOT	December 2023
Deadline for Project Sponsors to Open Bids and Obligate Funds	December 2026



Requested Action

Recommend Regional Transportation Council Approval of:

Elements related to eligible activities, eligible project areas, application categories, schedule, funding and local match, and program rules



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