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**TRANSPORTATION
DEVELOPMENT CREDITS**

Regional Transportation Council
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OVERVIEW

A Transportation Development Credit system is a financial accounting tool approved by the Federal Highway Administration that allows States to use federal obligation authority without the requirement of cash matches. These Credits are non-cash credits allocated to states (and later to regions) as a representative value to account for toll road and tolled managed lanes that benefit the federal system.

As of March 28, 2013, the Dallas Fort Worth Region has \$465,486,222 in Transportation Development Credits (remember these are credits and not real dollars).

This amount represents 75% of the credits earned and currently available in our region with the remaining 25% allocated to the Texas Transportation Commission.

MATCHES FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

TYPE	CASH TOWARDS PROJECT COST	NON-FEDERAL MATCH
CASH	YES	YES
IN-KIND (Often labor cost from partner agencies)	NO	YES
Transportation Development Credits (TDC)	NO	YES

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (VERY, VERY IMPORTANT)

To Access Federal Funds in Situations Where the Local Provider does not have Access to Local Matching Funds **jeopardizing loss of Federal Funds** (e.g., small transit providers; not often)

To Aggregate Local and State Funds to Expedite Project Delivery on Non-Federal Projects (e.g., streamlining, eligibility; more often)

To Advance Public Transit, Goals of the Texas Transportation Commission, and Goals of the Regional Transportation Council

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Title 23 USC or Chapter 53 of Title 49 USC (i.e., the typical RTC partners)

Good Standing with TxDOT

No Findings of Non-Compliance

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Any Project Eligible Under Title 23 USC or Chapter 53 of Title 49 USC
(e.g., highway, rail, transit, bicycle/pedestrian)

REGIONAL PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION

Must Develop and Use a Documented Process for the Receipt, Evaluation, and Award of Credits

Must Provide Opportunity for Public Review and Comment at Key Decision Points

Process Must Meet State Requirements

Must Communicate Awards to Each Applicant (Commitment Good for Two Years)

Must Include the Award of Credits in the TIP

Transit Agencies from our Region Must Seek Credits from RTC Previous to Seeking Credits from the Texas Transportation Commission

NCTCOG Must Provide a Report to TxDOT by December 1st of Each Year (Including TIP Inventory and Any Sale or Transfer)

Each Project Requires “Project Agreement with NCTCOG”

Eligible Sale or Transfer of Credits to Others

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROCESS FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS

Competitive Process/Program Call (Requires Concurrence of the
Metropolitan Planning Organization)

Discretionary Process

Public Transit Set-Aside

PROPOSED FIVE TYPES OF RTC AWARDS (BY PRIORITY ORDER)

Strategic Awards to Small Transit Providers Within Region

Competitive Process/Program Call Within Region

- Type 1 is a Program Call by the RTC Using Federal Funds
- Type 2 is a Program Call by the RTC Where Regional Partners are Requesting Development Credits

Sale or Transfer to Another MPO

Sale or Transfer to the Texas Transportation Commission

Restructure Regionally Funded RTC Regional Programs and Projects Within Our MPO

DOCUMENT PROCESS

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Transit Providers Within
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the RTC Using Federal
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by the RTC Where
Regional Partners are
Requesting Development
Credits

IDEAS

Always Available if Requirements
are Met (Open Program
Call)

None Currently Anticipated (e.g.,
future Transportation Alternative
Program)

Initial Offer of \$50M in
Transportation Development
Credits

DOCUMENT PROCESS (cont.)

TYPES

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MPO

Sale or Transfer to the Texas
Transportation Commission

Restructure Regionally Funded
Regional RTC Programs and
Projects Within Our MPO

IDEAS

Proposed Sale with Initial Offer of
\$50M in Transportation
Development Credits

Proposed Sale of \$100M in
Transportation Development
Credits for Development of RTC
Revolving Fund

Proposed Use of \$10M in
Transportation Development
Credits to Restructure Current
Programs and Projects

**This would result in a carry over
of \$250 M in credits into 2014**

2013 SCHEDULE

Document Process	Spring
Alert Small Transit Providers	May
Conduct Public Review	June
Receive RTC Approval	Summer/Fall
Initiate Proposed Actions and Conduct Public Review at Key Decisions	Summer/Fall
Prepare TxDOT Report	December 1, 2013