



COVID-19  
Infrastructure  
Program:  
Round 4

Surface Transportation  
Technical Committee

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# BACKGROUND

- ◆ Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the economy has suffered large setbacks and there is an urgency to stimulate the economy.
- ◆ As was done in 2009, the idea is to inject much needed cash into the local and state economies using infrastructure investment.
- ◆ North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff recommends funding a fourth round of projects.
- ◆ These projects meet one or more of the policies outlined in Mobility 2045 and/or assist in reaching the region's federal performance targets.
- ◆ Some of these projects have been the subject of discussions between NCTCOG staff and regional partners over the past several years and this action seeks to bring them to a conclusion. Others were submitted by local governments for consideration.



# PROJECT TYPES

- ◆ Roadways
- ◆ Complete Streets
- ◆ Bicycle/Pedestrian
- ◆ Intersection Improvements
- ◆ Strategic Partnerships (e.g., planning studies, engineering, additional funding on existing projects, non-traditional project type)

# SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS

- ◆ Eligibility criteria considered:
  - ◆ For Roadway/Intersection projects, facility must be at least a major collector on the Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) or can justifiably be added
  - ◆ For projects with added capacity, additional lanes must be warranted
- ◆ Selection criteria considered include:
  - ◆ Traffic volumes/Level of service
  - ◆ Air quality benefits/Cost effectiveness
  - ◆ Consistency with the Mobility Plan
  - ◆ Project addresses a safety issue (history of crashes)
  - ◆ Project addresses federal performance measures (e.g., bridge condition, pavement condition, part of the roadway freight network)
- ◆ The criteria/process used for each project type is included in the mailout 4



# RECENT STIMULUS FUNDING

- ◆ As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signed into law in December 2020, \$9.8 billion of additional funding was set aside for transportation infrastructure.
- ◆ Of that amount, \$803 million is allocated to TxDOT and \$164 million is allocated to MPOs in Texas.
- ◆ Approximately \$54M is allocated to the Dallas-Fort Worth region.
- ◆ These funds will be added to the region's existing balance of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds in FY 2022/2023.
- ◆ Propose to incorporate these funds into existing project selection efforts (COVID Round 4+ and the 10 Year Plan).

# WEST/EAST FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

<b>West/East Sub-Region Funding Split of Recommended Projects</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>West %</b>	<b>East %</b>
CMAQ <sup>1</sup>	<del>\$7.32M</del> <u>\$8.44M</u>	\$31.37M	<del>18.9%</del> <u>21.2%</u>	<del>81.1%</del> <u>78.8%</u>
STBG <sup>2</sup>	<del>\$34.08M</del> <u>\$24.48M</u>	<del>\$58.59M</del> <u>\$75.19M</u>	<del>36.8%</del> <u>24.6%</u>	<del>63.2%</del> <u>74.4%</u>
RTR <sup>3</sup>	\$1.32M	\$0	100%	0%
RTC Local	\$0.25M	\$0	100%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<del>\$42.97M</del> <u>\$34.49M</u>	<del>\$89.96M</del> <u>\$106.56M</u>	<del>32.3%</del> <u>24.5%</u>	<del>67.7%</del> <u>75.5%</u>

Funding distributions only take Regional Transportation Council (RTC) funds into account and do not include local matches

<sup>1</sup> Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

<sup>2</sup> Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

<sup>3</sup> Regional Toll Revenue

# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUNDING

Project Type	CMAQ Funds	STBG Funds	RTR Funds	RTC Local Funds	Non-RTC Funds	TDCs <sup>1</sup>	Total
Roadways	\$0	\$32.95M	\$0	\$0	\$7.55M	1.88M	\$40.50M
Complete Streets	\$8.80M	\$19.50M	\$0	\$0	\$14.88M	0.44M	\$43.18M
Bicycle/ Pedestrian	<del>\$18.48M</del> <u>\$19.60M</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	<del>\$2.07M</del> <u>\$2.25M</u>	<del>2.04M</del> <u>2.12M</u>	<del>\$20.55M</del> <u>\$21.85M</u>
Intersection Improvements	\$11.41M	\$3.40M	\$0	\$0	\$4.69M	0.87M	\$19.50M
Strategic Partnerships	\$0	<del>\$36.82M</del> <u>\$43.82M</u>	\$1.32M	\$0.25M	<del>\$7.63M</del> <u>\$5.23M</u>	<del>1.52M</del> <u>4.84M</u>	<del>\$46.02M</del> <u>\$50.62M</u>
<b>Total</b>	<del>\$38.69M</del> <u>\$39.81M</u>	<del>\$92.67M</del> <u>\$99.67M</u>	\$1.32M	\$0.25M	<del>\$36.82M</del> <u>\$34.60M</u>	<del>6.75M</del> <u>10.15M</u>	<del>\$169.75M</del> <u>\$175.65M</u>

<sup>1</sup> Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are not cash and do not count in total funding



# APPROVAL TIMELINE

<b>Meeting/Task</b>	<b>Date</b>
Deadline to Submit Project Requests	January 29, 2021
<b>STTC Action</b>	<b>March 26, 2021</b>
RTC Action	April 8, 2021
TIP Modification Submittal Deadline for August Cycle	April 23, 2021
Anticipated Federal Highway Administration Approval	October 2021



# ACTION REQUESTED

- ◆ Recommend RTC approval of:
  - ◆ The proposed projects outlined in the revised tables in the mail out
  - ◆ Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other administrative/planning documents as needed.

# QUESTIONS?

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