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Category 2: Metropolitan & Urban Corridor Projects

Funding Program Purpose

Addresses: Mobility and added capacity projects on urban corridors within MPO boundaries

- » Mitigates traffic congestion, traffic safety, and roadway maintenance or rehabilitation
- » Must be located on the state highway system

Project Selection

MPOs and TxDOT districts collaborate to select projects:

- » Using a performance-based process to determine priority projects deemed by the MPO
- » Within category 10-year planning targets constraint

Districts submit projects to TPP during the UTP Mobility Project Call.

Program Manager: TPP-Unified Transportation Program

Funding Approval: Texas Transportation Commission via UTP Adoption

Project Scoring / Ranking: MPOs use a performance-based prioritization process that assesses mobility needs within the MPO boundaries. TPP additionally scores projects statewide to assign each project a tier ranking (1, 2 or 3) in the UTP document.

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Category 4: Urban Connectivity

Funding Program Purpose

Addresses: Mobility and added capacity projects on major state highway system corridors which provide statewide connectivity to and from urban areas and areas of economic activity.

The projects must be located within MPO boundaries to create a highway network composed of:

- » Texas Trunk System (TRUNK)
- » National Highway System (NHS)
- » Connections from TRUNK and NHS to ports of entry on the international border and Texas water ports

Project Selection

Districts select projects within the constraint of their category 10-year planning targets. Districts submit projects to TPP during the UTP Mobility Project Call.

Program Manager: TPP-Unified Transportation Program

Funding Approval: Texas Transportation Commission via UTP Adoption

Project Scoring / Ranking: Districts use a performance-based prioritization process that assesses mobility needs on designated connectivity corridors within MPO boundaries. TPP additionally scores projects statewide to assign each project a tier ranking (1, 2, or 3) in the UTP document.

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Category 7: Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation

Funding Program Purpose

Addresses: Transportation needs within the boundaries of MPOs with populations of 200,000 or greater – known as transportation management areas (TMAs). This funding can be used on any roadway with a functional classification (FC) greater than a local road or rural minor collector (FC 6 or 7).

Common project types include roadway widening (both freeway and non-freeway), new-location roadways, and interchange improvements.

Project Selection

District and MPOs collaborate to select projects.

Program Manager: Districts/MPO Collaboration

Funding Approval: MPO Policy Board

Project Scoring / Ranking: Local scoring/ranking methodologies

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Category 9: Transportation Alternatives

Funding Program Purpose

Addresses: Projects under the federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program such as:

- » Design and construction of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- » Active transportation network plans
- » Improved access for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit users along divided highways
- » Safe routes to schools non-infrastructure programs
- » Other eligible activities consistent with federal guidelines outlined in rules adopted by MPOs for their TA programs.

Project Selection

TxDOT allocates 59% of Category 9 funds to subareas of the state based on population. The other 41% is designated for statewide use, a portion of which may be available to transfer to other federal programs if certain conditions are met.

MPOs with a population over 200,000, which are designated as TMAs, administer competitive calls for projects for TA funds suballocated to their areas. For these funds, MPOs select projects in consultation with TxDOT districts.

TxDOT's Public Transportation Division (PTN) administers a competitive calls for projects for TA funds suballocated to rural and urban areas (with a population of 200,000 or less) as well as funds designated for statewide use regardless of population size.

Program Manager: MPO/District Collaboration (>200k Areas) / Public Transportation Division (Statewide)

Funding Approval: MPO/District Collaboration (>200k Areas) / Texas Transportation Commission (Statewide)

Project Scoring / Ranking: Projects are evaluated against criteria developed by TxDOT and MPOs to advance regional and statewide transportation planning goals.

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