



Call for Projects – FY 2024 Special Transportation Studies

INTRODUCTION

The Commission has programmed approximately \$150,000 of Fiscal Year 2024 Metropolitan Planning Funds for local jurisdictions to undertake special transportation planning projects. Jurisdictions may apply for all or part of the \$150,000 but may not request any additional funding beyond the available amount. Phased projects are eligible, but there is no guarantee that additional funding will be made available in future years.

No match is required, although projects which have local, confirmed match will be given higher consideration. Please provide a resolution or letter committing the local match

Due to the funding source, projects must be completed by **December 31, 2024**, at the latest.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Funds must be used for transportation planning projects that meet the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), in particular 23 USC 134. These are the same requirements that the Commission uses under its responsibilities as an MPO.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Traffic operation – planning studies,
- Corridor plans and feasibility studies,
- Bicycle/pedestrian plans,
- Transit planning, including paratransit,
- Air quality planning,
- Travel demand modeling or GIS,
- Data collection and analysis,
- Safety and security planning,
- Storm water planning as it applies to transportation,
- Congestion management planning,
- Multimodal planning,
- Passenger rail planning,
- Freight planning, including air,
- Asset management, and
- Transportation system management (environmental mitigation).

This is not a complete list of eligible projects. To determine if your project is eligible, please discuss it with staff. Engineering and construction are **NOT** eligible.

USE OF FUNDS

These projects are for consultant-led projects only. TCRPC will follow its procurement policy to select the consultant to ensure that all federal regulations are followed. Funds may be used for travel expenses by the consultant; however, funds may not be used to purchase capital items (e.g., computers).

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Project must be completed by December 31, 2024, and must meet one or more goals of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and/or Long-Range Transportation Plan 2020-2045. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to include two or more jurisdictions, and provide local match.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Date	Action
May 17, 2023	Staff releases Call for Projects
June 16, 2023	Project proposals due to staff by 3:30 pm
June 21, 2023	Staff establishes review subcommittee
July 11, 2023	Subcommittee reviews proposals and makes recommendation to Technical Committee
July 19, 2023	Technical Committee makes recommendation for selected project(s) to Commission
August 2, 2023	Commission approves project(s)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must include the application document and any supporting documents. Applications are due Friday, June 16, 2023, by 3:30 p.m. and submitted via email to funding@tricityrpc.org.

EVALUATION OF PROJECTS

Evaluation of the projects utilizes the following criteria. Please note the intention of the scoring criteria is meant to inform the Selection Committee's decisions, but not to determine them.

Criterion	Maximum Points
Consistency with Goals of the IJA and LRTP	40
Regional Significance	40
Local Match	10
Partnership with Other Jurisdiction(s)	10
TOTAL POINTS	100