



## **Call for Projects FY 2023 Special Transportation Studies**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

A total of \$123,000 of FY23 PL/FTA funds is being programmed for local jurisdictions to undertake special transportation planning projects. Jurisdictions may apply for all or part of the \$123,000 but may not request any additional funding beyond the available amount. Projects may be phased, 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.

Because of the stipulations of the Federal PL/FTA funding source, projects must be completed by **December 31, 2023**.

### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Funds must be used for transportation planning projects that meet the requirements of the *FAST Act*, in particular 23 USC 134. (These are the same requirements that staff 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 para-transit,
- 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,
- Transportation system management (environmental mitigation)

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

## USE OF FUNDS

Staff expects that consultant(s) will be used for the approved projects. TCRPC will hire the consultant using TCRPC procurement procedures in order 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, 2023
- Project must meet one or more goals of the *FAST Act* and/or *Long-Range Transportation Plan 2020-2045*
- Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to:
  - Include two or more jurisdictions
  - Provide local match

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Date	Action
June 15, 2022	Staff releases Call for Projects
July 15, 2022	Project proposals due to staff by 4:00 pm
July 20, 2022	Staff establishes review subcommittee
Week of August 1, 2022	Subcommittee reviews proposals and makes recommendation to Technical Committee
August 17, 2022	Technical Committee makes recommendation for selected project(s) to Commission
September 7, 2022	Commission approves project(s)

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must include:

- FY 2023 Special Studies Application
- Scope of Work & Detailed Budget
  - 2-pages maximum with 1-inch margins; Use Calibri typeface, with a font size of 12 points.
- Submit application as a .pdf document via email to [mbruner@tricityrpc.org](mailto:mbruner@tricityrpc.org).

## EVALUATION OF PROJECTS

Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria. **Please note that the scoring criteria are intended as a guide for decision-makers: meant to inform their decisions, but not determine them.**

Criterion	Maximum Points
Consistency with Goals of FAST Act and LRTP	40
Regional Significance	40
Local Match	10
Partnership with Other Jurisdiction(s)	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>