

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) desires to award federal funds and transportation development credits (TDC) to support a variety of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects in small urban and nonurban areas of the state. A total of \$55,326,713 in federal funds and up to 6,685,201 TDC are awarded in this minute order.

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program is authorized under Section 1190 of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and codified at 23 U.S.C. §133(h). The commission adopted administrative rules that establish the guidelines under which the TA Program is administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (department), located at Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §§11.400 - 11.418. TA funds available for this action are associated with fiscal year 2021 - 2022 federal appropriations, anticipated future distributions of TA funds, and project underruns. An award of \$54,708,907 of federal TA funds is shown in Exhibits A and B.

The Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program was authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and is contained in 23 U.S.C. §402. The commission adopted administrative rules that establish the guidelines under which the SRTS Program is administered by the department located at Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §§25.500 - 25.505. Residual SRTS infrastructure funds are associated with past federal appropriations under SAFETEA-LU. An award of \$617,806 in federal SRTS funds is shown in Exhibit A.

This award distributes funds available for projects in nonurban areas, with a population of 5,000 or less, and in small urban areas, with a population of 5,001 to 200,000, located outside Transportation Management Areas. Exhibit A is a list of nonurban projects recommended for funding. Exhibit B is a list of small urban projects recommended for funding.

The commission recognizes that federal legislation requires the state to have a competitive process to allow eligible entities to submit projects for funding. Pursuant to program rules, a Notice of Call for Projects for TA funds was published in the *Texas Register* on January 15, 2021. TA project applications were received by the department on or before June 14, 2021. Projects were evaluated for eligibility, technical standards, and specific selection criteria as set forth in the 2021 TA Program Guide. In accordance with 43 TAC §11.411, the commission will select TA projects for funding based on recommendations from the director of the division responsible for administering the TA Program, the potential benefit of the projects to the state, and their value as enhancements to the surface transportation system.

In making this award, the commission has considered the potential to expand the availability of funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects and finds that the award of TDC for eligible program expenditures meets the established program goals set forth in 43 TAC §5.102 to maximize the use of available federal funds, particularly in situations in which federal funds otherwise would be unused because of the inability of local governments to provide the non-federal share.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the projects listed in Exhibit A and Exhibit B are hereby selected and designated for funding under the TA and SRTS Programs, pending availability of funds, and that the executive director or the director's designee is authorized to proceed with the award and execution of local agreements, as required by the program rules.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the TA funds applied to the projects listed in Exhibit A and Exhibit B and subsequently verified as eligible for development, the total amount in federal funds must be locally matched by a minimum of 20 percent, unless the project is determined eligible for TDCs. For projects eligible for TDCs, the amount of TA funds awarded represents 100 percent federal funds and no local match is required. Any required local match must be 100 percent in cash.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for residual SRTS funds applied to the project identified in Exhibit A and subsequently verified as eligible for development, the amount of SRTS funds awarded represents 100 percent federal funds and no local match is required.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should additional funding become available, the commission may select additional eligible projects for funding from among those project nominations submitted in the 2021 TA Call for Projects.

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EXHIBIT A
 AWARD TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA) PROGRAM
 AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) FUNDS
 FOR NONURBAN AREAS (POPULATIONS OF 5,000 OR LESS)

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Primary/ Secondary Facility	Federal Funds Requested	Transportation Development Credits (TDC)
Aledo, City of	FM 1187 - Bailey Ranch	Sidewalks	\$710,198	--
Avery, City of	NETT Shared Use Path Improvements	Shared Use Path	\$2,304,830	Yes
Bartlett, City of	Bartlett Elementary Safe Routes to School	Sidewalks	\$835,054	Yes
Bowie County	State HWY 98 to FM 1840 Shared Use Path	Shared Use Path	\$2,166,204	Yes
Buffalo, City of	Junior High Complex SRTS Connector	Sidewalks	\$1,099,279	Yes
Chambers County	Anahuac Sidewalk and Pedestrian Bridge	Sidewalks	\$1,660,984	Yes
Clarksville, City of	Clarksville Trail	Shared Use Path	\$1,249,920	Yes
Cooper, City of	SW 8th Street Sidewalks	Sidewalks	\$454,338	--
Dripping Springs, City of	Mercer Street	Sidewalks	\$894,583	--
Early, City of	Pedestrian Pathway Connectivity	Sidewalks	\$870,948	Yes
El Paso County	Alamo Alto Segment of Paso Del Norte Trail (Tornillo)	Shared Use Path/Sidewalks	\$2,850,513	Yes
Eldorado, City of	Schools and Neighborhood Connector	Sidewalks	\$1,735,206	Yes
Granger, City of	Granger Streetscape Revitalization	Sidewalks	\$1,269,336	Yes
Hays County	FM 2325 Sidewalk	Sidewalks	\$971,412	--
La Grange, City of	Downtown Crosswalks and Medians	Other Safety Improvements	\$1,124,575	Yes
La Vernia, City of	Vest Street to FM 1346 Sidewalks	Sidewalks	\$742,007	--
Lytle, City of	FM 2790 - School Route	Sidewalks/Shared Use Path	\$1,534,837	--

Mont Belvieu, City of	Walk Me To School 2021	Shared Use Path/Sidewalks	\$1,116,534	--
Red River County	NETT Shared Use Path Improvements	Shared Use Path	\$1,736,498	Yes
Refugio County	2021 Connectivity and Accessibility Project - Scott St/Wilson St	Sidewalks	\$531,461	Yes
South Padre Island, City of	PR 100 Bike Lane Improvements - feasibility study and preliminary engineering	Bike Lanes	\$246,000	Yes
Three Rivers, City of	2021 Connectivity & Accessibility Loop	Sidewalks	\$907,299	--
Van Alstyne, City of	Williams Way to Downtown Park SUP	Shared Use Path	\$1,763,728	--
Waller, City of	Waller-Tomball Rd and Taylor St Sidewalks	Sidewalks	\$1,095,584 [†]	--
Wheeler Economic Development Corp	Wheeler Downtown Main Street Revitalization and Sidewalk Project	Sidewalks	\$601,000	Yes
Woodville, City of	US69 Pedestrian Improvements	Sidewalks	\$295,294	Yes
Total Award TA Funds			\$30,149,816	
Total Award SRTS Funds			\$617,806	

[†] Project includes residual Safe Routes to School funds up to \$617,806

EXHIBIT B
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA) PROGRAM AWARD
FOR SMALL URBAN AREAS (POPULATIONS OF 5,001 TO 200,000)

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Primary/ Secondary Facility	Federal Funds Requested	Transportation Development Credits (TDC)
Abilene, City of	South 14th Street Walkability Project	Sidewalks	\$1,749,126	--
Amarillo, City of	Barrio Neighborhood SE 10th Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project	Sidewalks	\$1,790,434	--
Athens, City of	SH19 Pedestrian Improvements Segment 1	Sidewalks	\$1,413,185	Yes
College Station, City of	FM 2347 Separated Bike Lanes	Separated Bike Lanes	\$1,209,015	--
El Paso County	Alamo Alto Segment of the Paso Del Norte Trail (Fabens)	Shared Use Path	\$2,799,315	Yes
Hitchcock, City of	Delany Road and Highway 6 Connections	Sidewalks/ Shared Use Path	\$1,970,361	Yes
Kerrville, City of	Hill Country, Wesley & Cully Dr Pedestrian Improvements	Sidewalks	\$1,055,264	--
Kingsville, City of	Interschool & Residential Multimodal Connectivity	Sidewalks/ Shared Use Path/Buffered Bike Lanes	\$1,248,433	Yes
La Marque, City of	Main Street (FM 519) Sidewalk Improvements	Sidewalks	\$2,323,111	Yes
Longview, City of	Mobberly Avenue Complete Street	Buffered Bike Lane/Sidewalks	\$2,884,640	--
Marble Falls, City of	Pecan Valley Sidewalk and Drainage Improvement Project	Sidewalks	\$1,139,648	--
Navasota, City of	Brosig Avenue Pedestrian Improvements	Sidewalks/ Shared Use Path	\$784,245	Yes
Texarkana, City of	Kennedy Lane Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements	Sidewalks/ Shared Use Path	\$2,310,247	Yes
Waco, City of	Indian Spring Pedestrian Connectivity Improvements	Sidewalks	\$993,357	--
Weatherford, City of	Town Creek Hike and Bike Trail Phase III	Shared Use Path	\$888,710	--
Total Award TA Funds			\$24,559,091	