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Central Texas Transportation Grants, Resources, and Updates Newsletter 10/17/2022

Federal and State Legislative Updates

USDOT Public Involvement Guide

The U.S Department of Transportation (USDOT) has recently released a “Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making” document to serve as a guide for DOT funding recipients and partners that conduct public involvement in the transportation space. This document was created with input from transportation stakeholders to identify obstacles in the transportation planning process and how to address them. Recommendations from the Guide include creating a Community Participation Plan, which should have goals addressing topic including :

- Why is a public involvement process needed?
- Who is the "public" for this effort?
- How will the information obtained from the public be used to make decisions?
- What information does the organization need to learn from the public?

As well as recommendations on creating staff positions dedicated to public involvement, and measuring public engagement with outreach. For more information on the Guide, [click here!](#)

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has established the PROTECT Formula Program to provide \$7.3 billion in formula funding to States over the next five years for projects and planning activities to make highways, transit and ports more resilient to extreme weather events. Eligible activities include planning, feasibility analysis, revenue forecasting, environmental review, preliminary engineering and design work, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of real property. FHWA will be holding two webinars on this Program:

Oct.18, 2022 1:00 to 2:00 PM, [click here](#) to register!
Oct.24, 2022 10:00 to 11:00 AM, [click here](#) to register!

For more information, [click here!](#)

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG) Updates

CTRTAG Meeting and Transportation Summit

The next CTRTAG meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov.17th, 9:30-11:00 AM as a hybrid meeting, with the in person meeting held at CTCOG Offices. At this meeting, CTCOG’s coordination of the implementation of the FY 2022-26 TxDOT Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) will be discussed, including plans for a Transportation Summit. Currently CTCOG staff is working with United Way of Central Texas and non-profit ReInvent Healthy to hold a regional Transportation Summit at the end of 2022 or early 2023 to discuss the public transportation service, needs and gaps, and potential solutions with transportation stakeholders across our seven counties. An agenda will be posted as we get closer to the meeting.

To access the 2022-26 RCTP, [Click Here!](#)

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Funding Opportunities and Resources

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program (LDPLIP)

This Program provides rebates to entities who purchase or lease an eligible new light-duty motor vehicle powered by their list of alternative fuels in Texas on or after Sep. 1, 2021. The eligible rebate amounts for the purchase or lease of a new light-duty motor vehicle powered by hydrogen fuel cell or other electric drive (plug-in or plug-in hybrid) are below:

- Purchase or Lease (three-year or longer term): \$2,500
- Lease (two-year to less than three-year term): \$1,665 (66.6%)
- Lease (one-year to less than two-year term): \$832.50 (33.3%)

The deadline to apply for the LDPLIP is Jan.7, 2023. For more information and to apply, click [here!](#)