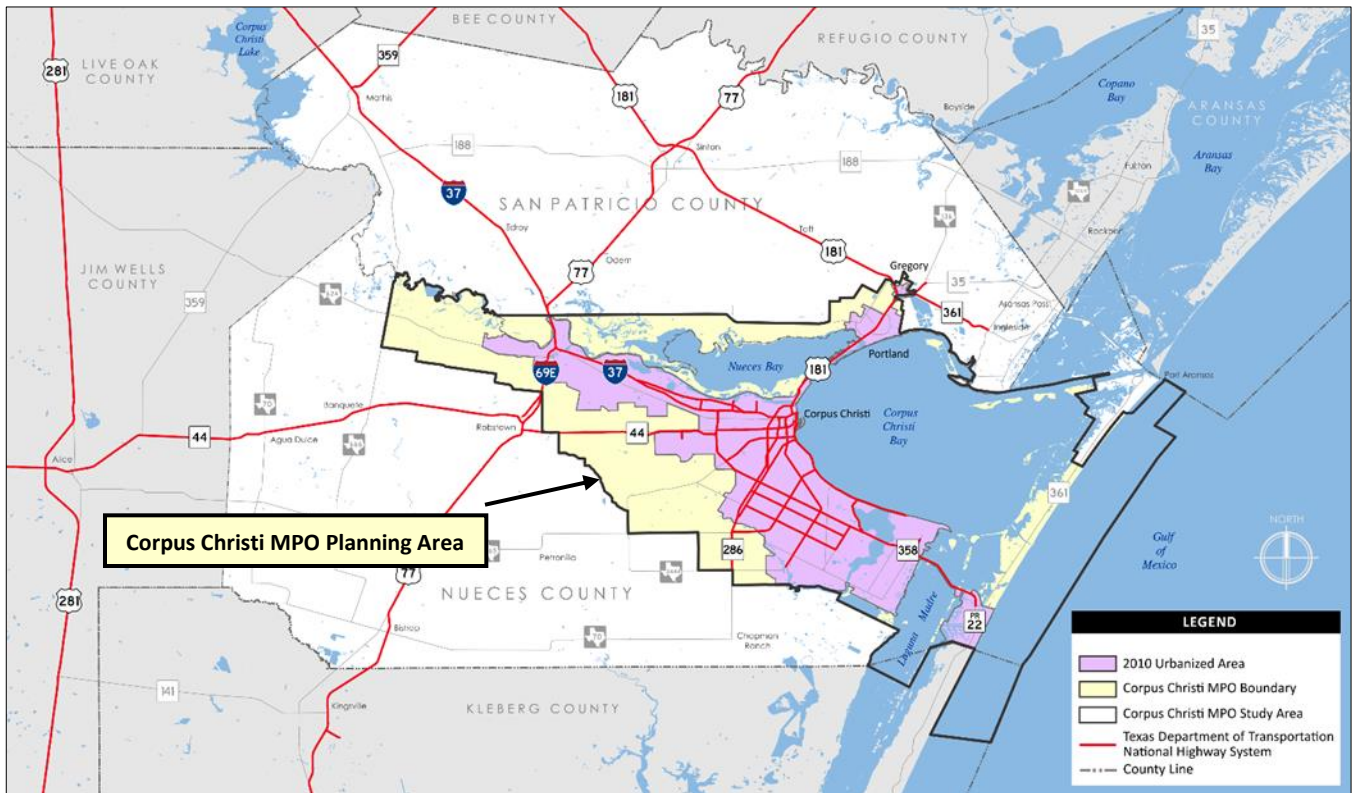


**To: Applicants**

**From: Robert MacDonald, P.E., Corpus Christi MPO Transportation Planning Director**

**Subject: Notification of Funding Availability – At least \$4.5 million**

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (Corpus Christi MPO) has issued a Call-for-Projects for federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Set Aside (STBG-SA) projects. The total amount of funds available for this project call is at least \$4,500,000. The funds are available for federal fiscal years 2022 through 2025. These funds can only be used within the Corpus Christi MPO Planning Area, shown below. This is not a grant program. These federal funds are available on a reimbursable basis only with a 20-percent cash match required. All federal and state rules for these types of funds apply. Detailed information can be found on the Corpus Christi MPO Webpage for the STBG-SA Projects Call-for-Projects, [here](#).



**Program Requirements**

The local project sponsor is responsible for completing all pre-construction activities (design, environmental clearance, right-of-way and utility relocation/coordination) with local funds. Agencies that can sponsor the proposed projects are listed below. The federal funds can reimburse project sponsors for up to 80% of the costs that were paid by the local entity, up to the awarded amount. Construction inspection and construction management activities associated with approved projects are eligible uses of these funds. Any costs exceeding the amount of funds awarded through the Corpus Christi MPO process are the responsibility of the project sponsor.

It is incumbent upon each project sponsor to read **TxDOT Local Government Project Management Guide** ([linked here](#)) and become familiar with the contracting and reporting requirements and procedures to utilize federal transportation funding.

## **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible STBG-SA (Category 9 funds) project sponsors include:

1. Local governments;
2. Natural resource or public land agencies, including Federal agencies;
3. School districts, local education agencies, or schools;
4. Regional transportation authorities;
5. Transit agencies;
6. Tribal governments;
7. A nonprofit entity responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs;
8. Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization or a State agency) that the State determines to be eligible, consistent with the goals of subsection (c) of section 213 of title 23.

## **Eligible Activities**

The list below shows the 11 types of projects eligible for funding using this type of transportation funding:

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
2. School-Age Bicycle and Pedestrian Education
3. Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails
4. Construction of Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas
5. Outdoor Advertising Management
6. Historic Preservation and Rehab of Historic Transportation Facilities
7. Vegetation Management
8. Archaeological Activities
9. Stormwater Management
10. Wildlife Mitigation
11. Safe Routes to School

## **Mandatory Corpus Christi MPO STBG-SA (Category 9) Workshops (Attendance at one is required)**

Applying for federal funds is a significant undertaking, which must be led by the project sponsor from start to finish. Projects that have not navigated the federal requirements and been advertised for construction within 1 year of their programmed year may be subject to forfeiture of awarded funds and project cancellation.

On January 20th and February 17th, the Corpus Christi MPO will host identical informational workshops. Workshop participation is required for all agencies who plan on submitting for this project call. The workshops (at 10:00 a.m.) will provide information and support to agencies interested in submitting projects. These workshops will be held in-person at the Corpus Christi RTA Administrative Facility located at 602 N. Staples St., Room 324 – Multi-Purpose Room.

## **Application Submittal**

A complete project application consists of the following components:

- Completed Fillable Microsoft Word macro-enabled template including Project Cost Breakdown
- Project Schedule
- Other Supporting information (maps, drawings, photographs, reports, etc.)
- Email the completed application to [ccmpo@cctxmpo.us](mailto:ccmpo@cctxmpo.us)

The Corpus Christi MPO staff offers project applicants a chance to meet prior to their submittal to answer any questions. The Corpus Christi MPO staff will review applications for eligibility and notify applicants of any ineligible submittals. After a review, applicants will be notified if the applications are incomplete and will be given one week to submit missing or incomplete information.

Process Timeline for 2022 – 2025 Funds	
January 6, 2022	TPC approve Category 9 Program Guidance and Procedure and Application Form and issue a formal Call for Projects
January 20, 2022	TAC Regular Meeting and Workshop No. 1
February 17, 2022	TAC Regular Meeting and Workshop No. 2
March 1, 2022	Project Applications Due
March 3, 2022	TPC receives update on CAT 9 Applications
March 17, 2022	TAC Review and Comment on Project Scores and Proposed List of Funded Projects
April 7, 2022	TPC Reviews Project Scores and Proposed List of Funded Projects
April 21, 2022	TAC Review and Recommend Scores, Ranking, and Funded Projects
May 5, 2022	TPC Review and Approve Scores, Ranking, and Funded Projects

### **Project Scoring**

The use of performance-based planning and programming is a federal requirement for awarding these types of projects. The candidate projects will be evaluated using the Performance Goals adopted in the most recent **Corpus Christi MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP)**.

Scoring Criteria	Relative Weighting
Manage transportation assets into a state of good repair.	20
Consistency with the current Corpus Christi MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan.	20
Connectivity Enhancement.	20
Project Readiness and Deliverability.	15
Efficiently operate, and invest in, the surface transportation system.	15
Significantly reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.	15
Reduce Congestion on the regional significant corridors.	13
Provide an equitable transportation system regardless of age, ability, race, ethnicity, or income.	13
Protect and enhance communities, the natural environment, and historic and cultural resources.	13
Use transportation investments to improve the regional economy.	10
Improve regional freight transportation facility performance.	1