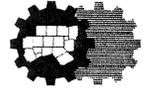




Regional Transportation Council

The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)



TO: Honorable Mayors and County Judges
County Commissioners
City Managers and County Administrators
Transportation Agency Officials
Regional Transportation Council
Surface Transportation Technical Committee

DATE: January 17, 2014

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) – “Type 2 - Local Agency Has Federal and Local Revenue” Call for Projects

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The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) serve as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the RTC continues to look for new and innovative ways to leverage scarce transportation funding to address critical transportation improvement needs across the region.

Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are a financing tool that allows for the use of federal funds without local match dollars. Credits are earned when the State, a toll authority, or a private entity funds capital transportation investments with toll revenues on toll facilities. These credits are not money or cash. They do not increase funding for a given project, but can be used in lieu of a match to federal funding. Approximately 50 million credits are available as a result of this effort.

Through this program, the RTC seeks to: 1) advance projects of strategic importance, 2) support capacity expansion of roadway, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities, 3) leverage projects to maximize revenue available to the region, 4) expedite multi-modal project delivery, and 5) demonstrate innovative funding, partnering, or project delivery method(s). Please review the attachments for an outline of required proposal content for the call for projects (Attachment 1), as well as a timeline that details the milestones for this initiative (Attachment 2).

Projects submitted under this Call for Projects (CFP), will be evaluated to identify the projects or programs that represent the best use of local funds freed up by use of TDCs. We are seeking projects that meet the transportation needs of the local communities and the region. Agencies must already have federal funds for the submitted project or program. TDCs will replace the cash twenty percent (20%) local match as a “soft” match on the project. Then, the local match can be redirected to fund another transportation project or program.

Additional information on TDCs is available online at <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/tip/tdcs.asp>. Two paper copies and an electronic copy of the application must be submitted on CD in Microsoft Word format. All copies must be in hand at the North Central Texas Council of Governments offices by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2014. Incomplete applications, or those not secured by the deadline, will not be accepted. All applications should be sent to Adam Beckom, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner, NCTCOG, P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, Texas 76005-5888.

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NCTCOG must have the submitted application "in hand" at the NCTCOG offices by the April 18, 2014, application deadline. Applications that are postmarked, but not received by, the deadline do not constitute an on-time application. In addition, supplemental information will not be accepted after the application deadline. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications far enough in advance of the submission deadline to allow NCTCOG staff to review applications for completeness especially for this call for projects. If desired, agencies can submit the enclosed "Intent to Submit" response card to NCTCOG, which entitles the agency to receive a reminder notice approximately two weeks before the deadline.

If you have questions regarding this effort, please contact Christie Gotti or Adam Beckom at 817/608-2349.


Michael Morris, P.E.

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Enclosures

**Transportation Development Credits (TDCS)
“Type 2 - Local Agency Has Federal and Local Revenue” CFP
APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Applications must include two sections. Section I should include information on the federally funded project proposed to receive the Transportation Development Credits (TDCs). Section II of the application should include information on the project that will receive the redirected local funding. Please limit the total application to a maximum of 10 pages (3-5 pages for Section I and 5-7 pages for Section II). To assist in developing your submittals, information on required elements of the application, and project eligibility are outlined below.

Section I: Project(s) receiving TDCs

- TIP Code and/or Control-Section Job (CSJ) number (if an existing TIP project)
- Project name or facility
- Project Limits: Identify the beginning limit, end limit, and/or cross-street
- Project Scope: Brief description of work to be performed
- Description of how the project receiving TDCs is to be modified.
- Identify the existing federal funding source and the source of the local match to be replaced by TDCs.

Section II: Project(s) receiving redirected local funds

- Project name or facility
- Project Limits: Identify the beginning limit, end limit, and/or cross-street
- Project Scope: Brief description of work to be performed
- Description of how the redirected local funds will be utilized on other transportation projects.
 - Confirm that local funds are currently available as a “liquid” asset
 - Tell us what is interesting and innovative about the project(s) constructed with the redirected local funds
 - Demonstrate how the project(s) will “tell a story,” considering both the project(s) receiving TDCs and the project(s) that will utilize the redirected local funds
 - Make a case for the project(s):
 - Explain the problem
 - Demonstrate how the solution (project) addresses the problem
- Performance measures that provide analytical support showing the project(s) or program’s impact
- Map to identify location of project(s)
- Photos (if applicable)

Project selection information:

- The project(s) to receive the redirected local funds will be evaluated based on their ability to meet the emphasis areas noted below. Examples of what is intended by the emphasis areas are provided below as bullets under each section.
 - **Demonstrates Significant Partnership:** Projects that bring agencies or modes together will receive a higher rating.
 - Crosses jurisdictional boundaries
 - Has joint funding participation
 - Involves Public Private Partnerships
 - Combines multiple modes of transportation
 - **Advances Local/Regional Goals and/or Provides Local/Regional Benefit:** Supports a regional facility, plan, or program or provides a regional connection
 - Is the project identified in the Congestion Management Process, General Aviation System Plan, Access North Texas, or other special plans
 - Assists in the advancement or implementation goals of the local community or region
 - **Leverages Resources**
 - Expands funding for transportation projects
 - Redirected local funds represent good transportation reinvestment
 - **Strategic Importance:** How well does the project(s) advance strategic priorities?
 - Reduce congestion
 - Improve reliability
 - Improve air quality
 - Improve safety
 - **Innovation:** Does this project identify creative uses of TDCs, local and federal funding?
 - Encourages use of alternative modes
 - Involves innovative funding, partnerships or project delivery methods

**Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)
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CFP PROJECT SELECTION TIMELINE**

October 25, 2013	TDC Workshop
January 17, 2014	Call for Projects Announcement
April 18, 2014	Project Proposals Due to NCTCOG
April – May 2014	Prepare Recommendation
June 9-11, 2014	Public Meetings – Draft Recommendations
June 27, 2014	STTC Meeting (Information Item) – Draft Recommendations
July 10, 2014	RTC Meeting (Information Item) – Draft Recommendations
July 25, 2014	STTC Meeting (Action Item) – Final Recommendations
August 14, 2014	RTC Meeting (Action Item) – Final Recommendations
November 2014	Inclusion in TIP/STIP

