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Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) Pilot Program

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Welcome from FTA Leadership

EPD Pilot Program Webinar Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of the EPD Pilot Program
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Application and Submission Information
- Evaluation and Selection Process
- Questions

Overview

Overview of the EPD Pilot Program

- September 12, 2018: FTA published a Federal Register Notice soliciting expressions of interest in the EPD Pilot Program.
- August 28, 2019: FTA announced the allocation of \$125 million to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for the Bay Area Rapid Transit Silicon Valley Phase II project.
- July 28, 2020: Notice of Funding Opportunity published in the Federal Register
- The remaining \$100 million is currently available for allocation.

Overview of the EPD Pilot Program

- Grant awards for new fixed guideway capital projects, small starts projects, or core capacity improvement projects that have not yet entered a construction grant agreement with FTA
- Streamlines project delivery process and encourages innovative partnerships
- Similar to, but not the same as, FTA's CIG Program
- Project Sponsors should reach out to FTA as soon as possible to start coordination on potential projects.

Overview of the EPD Pilot Program

- Applications accepted on a rolling basis until up to eight (8) grants are awarded and subject to funding availability
- Applications must be submitted electronically through the EPD Pilot Program website at: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/pilot-program-expedited-project-delivery-3005b>

Overview of the EPD Pilot Program

- Authorized under Section 3005(b) of FAST Act
- Program Requirements
 - Project must include a public-private partnership (P3), but be operated and maintained by employees of an existing transit provider
 - Total federal funding is limited to 25% of total project cost
 - Sponsor must have advisors that are independent from investors
 - Sponsor must certify existing transit system is in a state of good repair
 - Requires decisions within 120 days

Statutorily Required 120 Days

Complete Application Submitted to FTA

FTA will notify the sponsor within 15 business days on the completeness of their application.

FTA Evaluation and Reviews

Approval/Denial of Application

Concurrent notice to Hill

Grant Award

Law requires FTA to notify Congress at least 30 days before the grant agreement is signed.

NOFO

Application Requirements

NOFO Overview

- The following must be completed before applying:
 - All planning and activities required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);
 - All non-EPD capital funds must be committed to the project;
 - No outstanding injunction or stop work order;
 - All critical third party agreements;
 - At least 30% design;
 - Standard Cost Categories (SCC) workbooks must be submitted; and
 - Documentation of the P3.

Eligible Applicants

- Eligible applicants are state or local government authorities who must demonstrate:
 - The requisite legal, financial, and technical capacities to carry out the eligible project;
 - Satisfactory continuing control over the use of the equipment or facilities;
 - Technical and financial capacity to maintain new and existing equipment and facilities;
 - That they have qualified advisors providing guidance who are independent from investors in the project; and
 - That the existing public transportation system is in a state of good repair.

Project Justification Measures

- FTA not required to rate or compare projects for EPD.
- Must determine that the project is justified based on five factors:
 1. Mobility Improvements
 2. Environmental Benefits
 3. Congestion Relief
 4. Economic Development
 5. Ridership Projections – must use STOPS model
- For first four factors:
 - The NOFO includes suggested measures for consideration; however
 - The sponsor may submit alternative project justification measures for consideration.

Financial Capacity Measures

- Not required to rate or compare projects for EPD.
- Must determine that the project has acceptable financial capacity.
- NOFO requires applicants to submit the following:
 - Documentation of commitment of capital funds for the project;
 - Most recent Audited Financial Statement; and
 - System-wide O&M costs and funding sources for the first five years of operation of the project.


Application and Submission Information

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User Registration

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Register

*E-mail Address:

*Password:

*Confirm Password:

*Security Question #1:

*Answer #1:


*Security Question #2:

*Answer #2:

*Security Question #3:

*Answer #3:

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[Create New Grant Application Form](#)

Note: Please do not submit until the application is complete. It cannot be revised once submitted.

Application Name	Application Status	Created Date	Date Submitted	Functions
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EPD - 2020 - 5(temp)	In-Progress	7/23/2020	N/A	 
EPD - 2020 - 2	Submitted	7/12/2020	7/12/2020	

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Application Form - Application

Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program Application Form

The Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program (EPD Pilot Program) is authorized by Section 3005(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). The EPD Pilot Program is aimed at expediting delivery of new fixed guideway capital projects, small starts projects, or core capacity improvement projects. For further details see the [EPD Pilot Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). Applicants must complete all fields of this application.

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Applicant Information

Project Information

Attachments

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Applicant Information

Note: Fields marked with asterisk ^{1*} are mandatory

Applicant Information

Applicant Name *

Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number *

System for Award Management (SAM) unique entity identifier *

Congressional District

State * -- Select --



District(s) *

--Select--

Help

Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program (EPD) Help Page

Business Support:

Any business/grant application related questions please contact Susan Eddy (susan.eddy@dot.gov).

Technical Support:

Any technical questions related to Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program (EPD) application please contact DOT IT Services at 5-HELP (202-385-4357) or 1-866-466-5221 or email Remedy@dot.gov.

Register/Create Account:

Step 1: Click Register link in the login page and complete the registration form. User activation email will be sent to the email.

(NOTE: Please ensure that you remember your security questions and answers for future password resets.)

Step 2: Click on the activation link in the email sent to you and activate the account.

Step 3: Enter the Email address and Password (used in registration form) in login page and click on login.

Forgot/Reset Password:

Step 1: Click on Forgot Password link and enter you email address. Reset Password will be sent.

Step 2: Click on the reset password link in the email sent to you.

Step 3: Answer the security questions.

Step 4: Reset your password.

60 Day Password Reset:

Your password will expire in 60 days. You will be notified via email to change your password.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Evaluation Process

- An overall assessment will consist of project justification measures and finance measures.
- Consideration of technical capacity review.
- Consideration of key departmental objectives.
- The project will be categorized as Justified or Not Justified.

Project Selection

- The FTA will notify an applicant in writing and within 120 days of receiving the completed application, one of the following:
 - Justified: Application approved for a grant award,
 - Not Justified: Application denied
 - FTA will provide an explanation on the reasons the application was deemed “not justified”

Pre-Award Authority upon Selection

- The FTA will issue specific guidance to recipients regarding pre-award authority at the time of selection.
- With written approval of the application (before the grant is awarded), pre-award authority would be extended for:
 - Engineering;
 - Utility relocation;
 - Real estate acquisition;
 - Long lead items, including vehicles; and/or
 - Construction.

Letters of No Prejudice

- Letters of No Prejudice (LONPs) would not be needed due to expansive pre-award authority provided to project sponsor.

Grant Award

- Upon selection, FTA will work with project sponsor to advance the project quickly to a grant agreement.
- The project must meet the Federal grant award requirements.

Open Session: Q&A

Please enter your questions into the chat pod at the bottom left of your screen.

Thank You

- For more information about the program, visit <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/expedited-project-delivery-pilot-program-section-3005b>
- Contact the following FTA HQ staff with any questions:

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