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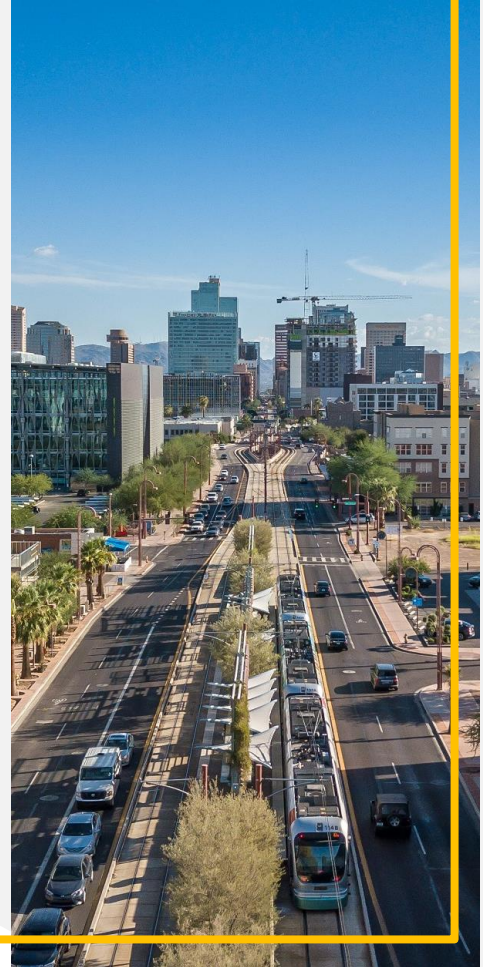
Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

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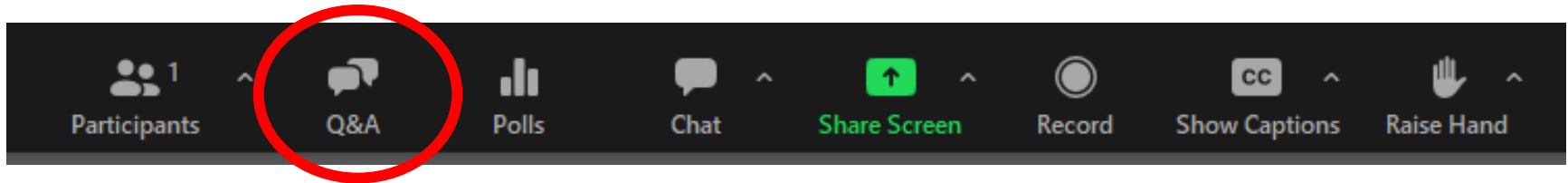


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Submit questions for panelists using Q&A tool. Questions will be answered during Q&A session following presentations

Agenda

1. Overview of the Program
2. Introduction to Grants.gov
3. Q & A



TOD Pilot Program Overview

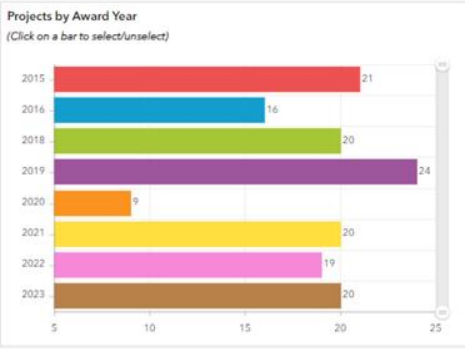
- Provides grants for comprehensive or site-specific planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement transit project corridors
- Since 2014, FTA has awarded 160 TOD Pilot Program grants totaling \$133M to transit agencies and other entities.
- On **May 11th**, FTA released its 10th NOFO, making \$28.5M available for TOD planning.
- Applications are due on **July 10, 2026**

MAP-21 TOD Planning Objectives

1. Enhances economic development, ridership, and other goals established during the project development and engineering processes
2. Facilitates multimodal connectivity and accessibility
3. Increases access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic
4. Enables mixed-use development
5. Identifies infrastructure needs associated with the eligible project
6. Includes private sector participation

List of Projects
(Sorted by Award Year then State)

- Tempe Streetcar, Tempe, AZ (2015)
- Mid-Coast Corridor, San Diego, CA (2015)
- Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project, San Francisco to San Jose, CA (2015)
- Downtown Riverfront Streetcar, Sacramento and West Sacramento, CA (2015)
- BART Transbay Corridor Core Capacity, Oakland and San Francisco, CA (2015)
- New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Line, New Haven to Springfield, CT (2015)
- Wave Streetcar, Fort Lauderdale, FL (2015)
- Tri-Rail Coastal Link, Miami to Jupiter, FL (2015)
- Atlanta BeltLine, Atlanta, GA (2015)
- MARTA I-20 East Rail Extension, DeKalb County, GA (2015)
- Red and Purple Line Modernization Phase One, Chicago, IL (2015)
- West Lake Corridor, Hammond to Dyer, IN (2015)
- Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) BRT, Lansing and East Lansing, MI (2015)
- Woodward Avenue BRT, Detroit to Pontiac, MI (2015)
- METRO Gold Line (Gateway) BRT, St. Paul to Woodbury, MN (2015)
- Triangle Transit, Durham to Chapel Hill, NC (2015)
- Albuquerque Rapid Transit Project, Albuquerque, NM (2015)
- Amherst-Buffalo Corridor, Amherst and Buffalo, NY (2015)
- Downtown-Uptown-Oakland-East End BRT, Pittsburgh, PA (2015)
- Provo-Orem BRT, Provo-Orem, UT (2015)
- Tacoma Link Expansion, Tacoma, WA (2015)
- South Central Light Rail Extension, Phoenix, AZ (2016)
- BART Silicon Valley Phase II - Extension to San Jose, San Jose and Santa Clara, CA (2016)
- West Santa Ana Branch Corridor, Los Angeles County, CA (2016)
- Colfax Avenue BRT, Denver, CO (2016)



Program Goals

- Encourage comprehensive or site-specific TOD planning at transit station areas along eligible corridors.
- Support TOD planning efforts that go beyond the capacity of local agencies.
- Encourage partnerships to maximize successful TOD implementation.



Proposed Work Plans

Advance comprehensive or site-specific planning studies that address all six MAP-21 objectives:

1. Enhances economic development and ridership
2. Facilitates multimodal connectivity and accessibility
3. Increases non-motorized access to transit hubs
4. Encourages mixed-use development
5. Identifies infrastructure needs associated with the transit project
6. Includes private sector participation



Transit Project Requirements

TOD planning work must be associated with a **new fixed guideway** or **core capacity improvement** project as defined in the NOFO and related statutes.

- o Does **not** need to be a candidate for or recent recipient of Capital Investment Grants Program funding (or candidate for or recent recipient of any FTA/DOT funding)
- o Fixed guideway or core capacity improvement projects under construction or recently opened may be considered “new”.

Eligible Applicants

- **Must be an FTA grant recipient**
- Existing FTA grantees that meet one of the following:
 - Sponsor of an eligible transit project that is partnering with an entity in the project corridor that has land use authority
 - An entity in an eligible transit project corridor that has land use authority and is partnering with the transit project sponsor
 - Entity of an eligible transit project that also has land use authority for the study area

Additional Eligibility Parameters

- Only one comprehensive planning application per transit project corridor
- Multiple corridors allowed (but a separate application is needed for each)
- Stations identified in the application must be adjacent.
 - *Example: Creating plans for two stations (Station A and D) along a corridor that encompasses four stations (A, B, C, and D), while excluding stations B and C, is highly discouraged, as eligible study areas should include all stations between two points. *Note: This does not apply to site-specific station planning.*

Ineligible Activities

- **Transit project development activities** that would be reimbursable under an FTA capital grant, such as project planning, the design and engineering of stations and other facilities, environmental analyses needed for the transit capital project, or costs associated with specific joint development projects.
- **Capital project activities or expenses**, such as land acquisition, construction, demolition, site preparation, and utility relocation

Grant Conditions

- Maximum 80 percent Federal funding share
- In-kind contributions permitted as local match*
- Pre-award authority guidance with notice of award selections
- Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program requirements apply

*transportation development credits (toll revenue credits) do not count towards the local match requirement

Initial Application Screening (Eligibility)

- Eligible applicant and transit project
- Evidence of partnership
- Complete application including:
 - Overview of comprehensive or site-specific TOD planning study
 - Work plan by task, including substantial deliverables
 - Schedule in terms of milestones
 - Project budget and identification of matching funds
 - Performance measures for the planning work
 - Potential impediments and how the work plan will address it

Formal Evaluation Criteria

- Based on the information provided in the Applicant and Proposal Profile (Supplemental Form) and other attachments:
 - Adherence to the MAP-21 objectives
 - Demonstrated need for TOD planning funds
 - Strength of the work plan, schedule, process, partnerships, and community engagement
 - Funding commitments
 - Technical, legal, and financial capacity

Additional Considerations

- Geographic diversity and project location
- If the applicant has received other Federal transit funds and is satisfactorily managing those funds
- Readiness and likelihood of the associated new fixed guideway (or core capacity) transit project being delivered
- Extent to which the planning study will generate positive outcomes for the transit capital project
- Readiness to initiate the proposed TOD Pilot Program planning study

Additional Considerations

Applicants are encouraged to complete these sections of the supplemental form:

- Safety
- Benefits to Families and Communities
- Innovation
- Opportunity

Safety

Describe how the proposed planning study will enhance safety measures and outcomes in the study area.

- Safety and security needs assessment for the station, station area, or corridor, and opportunities for TOD to address needs.
- Policies and plans to reduce fare evasion and crime.
- Policies that support safe transit journeys to/from stations, at stations, and transit connections.
- Policies and measures to reduce conflicts between modes of transportation.
- Policies that encourage adequate signage, lighting, and visual corridors in station areas.
- Policies that encourage safe routes to community services such as school, childcare, recreation, and social services.
- Policies developed in unison with local community partners and first responders that target safety concerns identified by residents residing along the corridor, or riders.

Benefits for Families and Communities

Describe how your proposed planning study will advance accessibility for families, rural communities, transit-dependent populations, and persons with intellectual, developmental, sensory, or mobility disabilities, to improve access to jobs, healthcare facilities, recreational activities, and commercial activity.

- Improve station area accessibility infrastructure (through needs assessment)
- Increase transit access for families (station area or along the corridor)
- Improve transit connections to childcare, education, recreation, and medical facilities to support caregivers.
- Integrate childcare and recreation near public transportation hubs.
- Increase transit-adjacent housing options for families and individuals with disabilities.
- Promote universal design principles as a standard for community investment.

Innovation

Describe how your proposed planning study supports innovative strategies and partnerships to realize successful TOD investments in the study area.

- Policies that foster innovative approaches, partnerships with transit agencies and advocates, and promote research, innovation, and demonstration of new technologies.
- Include innovative tools that augment planning activities
- Engage with the private sector as part of the planning process.
- Policies that stimulate private sector participation, private investment, and public-private partnerships
- Policies and frameworks for joint development planning and value capture strategies.
- Policies that advance community engagement
- Policies that advance value capture mechanisms. For more information, see <https://www.transit.dot.gov/valuecapture>.

Opportunity

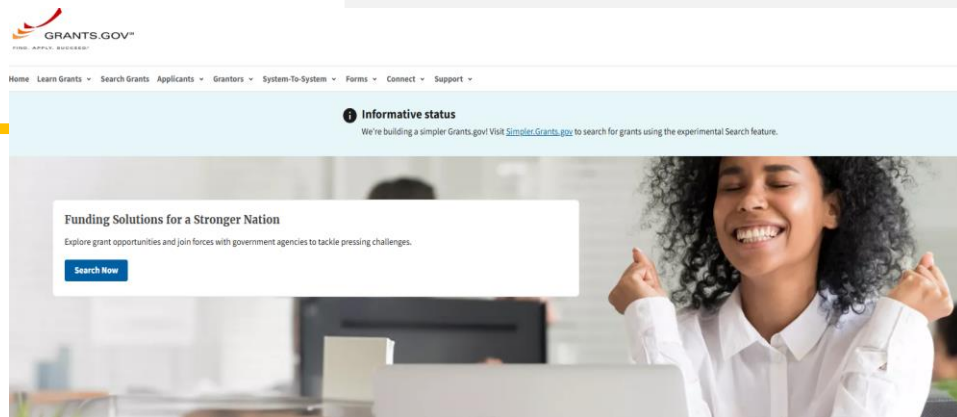
- Identify whether the project is in or supports public transportation service in one or more qualified **opportunity zones** designated pursuant to [26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1](#);
- Identify the Census Tract Numbers of the opportunity zones at the time of designation ([Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\) Notice 2018-48](#)); and the 2020 Census did not impact the boundaries of opportunity zones. More information and a link to a map of Opportunity Zones can be found on the [IRS Opportunity Zone website](#).
- Describe how your proposed planning study will impact the opportunity zone(s).
- Identify two more TOD planning outcomes (policy implementation):
 - Implement strategies to facilitate redevelopment of underutilized publicly owned land
 - Reduce regulatory hurdles that increase costs and delay construction
 - Reduce construction and permitting costs for TOD and transit projects.
 - Increase housing production
 - Maximize investments in Opportunity Zones
 - Improve enhance community connections to economic opportunities

Applying for FTA Grant Opportunities in Grants.gov

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FTA Highlights

Supporting Tribal Transit

\$9.6M | 26 Projects | 14 States

Grants awarded to tribal communities to enhance transit and better connect residents to jobs, school, healthcare & more

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From mm/dd/yyyy - To mm/dd/yyyy

Keywords

Apply

Date Effective	Close Date	Opportunity ID	Grant Program
05/11/2026	07/10/2026	FTA-2026-003:TPE-TODP (3)	Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning – Section 70005(b)

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/>

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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

Basic Program Information
Eligibility
Program Descriptions
Application Contents and Format
Submission Requirements and Deadlines
Application Review Information
Award Notices
Post-Award Requirements and Administration

Related Documents

- [FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity: Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Supplemental Form](#)

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Opportunity Announcement URL:

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1. Basic Information

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$28,492,618 in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning (TOD Pilot Program) under Assistance Listing Number [20.541].

- This is an announcement for the Fiscal Year 2026 round of this program.
- As required by Federal public transportation law, Section 20005(b) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141 (2012), as amended by section 30009 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58 (2021) and subject to funding availability, funds will be awarded competitively to support comprehensive or site-specific planning associated with new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement transit projects.
- If more funding becomes available for the program before projects are selected, FTA funding available for award under this NOFO.

Topic	Description
Prior Awards	- In FY 2024, the program received 35 applications requesting a total of \$31.9M. 11 projects were funded to 11 recipients, totaling \$10.4M. - Funding awards ranged from \$351,233 to \$2,000,000.
Dates	Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov "APPLY" function by 11:59 pm Eastern time July 10, 2026.

Link to
Grants.gov

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices>

Download Application

VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY

FTA-2026-003-TPE-TODP

FY 2026 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning

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SYNOPSIS

VERSION HISTORY

RELATED DOCUMENTS

PACKAGE

NOTE: Anyone can download the application package from Grants.gov. However, only the “authorized organizational representatives” can submit applications.

- **The synopsis** - provides a synopsis of the grant opportunity and similar information published on the FTA NOFO site.
- **The Version History** – provides access to all versions of the grant opportunity's forecast and synopsis.
- **The Related Documents** – list documents related to the funding opportunity.
- **The “Package” tab** – contains the links to download and apply for this opportunity.

Application Package

SYNOPSIS VERSION HISTORY RELATED DOCUMENTS PACKAGE

Select Grant Opportunity Package

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Opportunity Package(s) Currently Available for this Funding Opportunity:

Assistance Listing Number	Competition ID	Competition Title	Opportunity Package ID	Opening Date	Closing Date	Actions
20.541	FTA-2026-003-TPE-10DP	FY 2026 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning	PK600292746	May 11, 2026	Jul 10, 2026	Preview Apply

Opportunity Package Details

Agency Contact Information: April McLean-McCoy
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E-mail: April.McLeanMcCoy@dot.gov
Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

PACKAGE FORMS:		Download Instructions
Mandatory Forms (Click to Preview)	Optional Forms (Click to Preview)	
SF424 Mandatory Form [V3.0] Grants.gov Lobbying Form [V1.1] Attachments [V1.2]		

OMB Number: 4901-002
Expiration Date: 01/01/2026

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY

1.A. Type of Submission:
☒ Application
☐ Plan
☐ Funding Request
☐ Other
Other (specify):

1.B. Frequency:
☒ Annual
☐ Quarterly
☐ Other
Other (specify):

1.C. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request?
Yes ☐ No ☒

1.D. Version:
☒ Initial ☐ Resubmission ☐ Revision ☐ Update
2. Date Received:
3. Applicant Identifier:
4a. Federal Entity Identifier:
4b. Federal Award Identifier:

STATE USE ONLY:
5. Date Received by State:
6. State Application Identifier:

7. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

A. Legal Name:

B. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):
C. Organizational DUNS:
D. Address:
Street:
City:
State:
Country:
USA: UNITED STATES

E. Address:
Street2:
County / Parish:
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8. Organizational Unit:

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Application Package

Validate Form

Updated: FY 2026 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Applicant and Proposal Profile

Section I. Applicant Information

Is this a resubmission due to an invalid/error message from FTA? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Organization Legal Name:

FTA Recipient ID Number:

Organization Chief Executive Officer:

Is the applicant either the sponsor of the associated transit project or an entity with land use authority in the transit project corridor (or both)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Project Location: ☐ Large Urbanized Area (200,000+ people)
☐ Small Urbanized Area (50,000-199,999 people)
☐ Rural (less than 50,000 people)

The “Attachment Form” shown below is included in the SF-424 Grant Application Package in Grants.gov.

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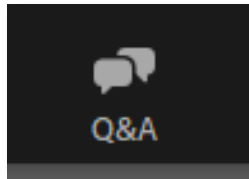
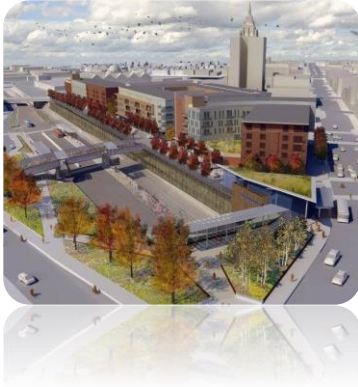
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support@grants.gov

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Questions & Answers



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Thank you!

For more information about the program, visit

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