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Subject: Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program Notice of Funding Availability

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The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced on September 3, 2014 the availability of \$19.98 million in Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning funding to support comprehensive planning associated with new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement projects that will seek funding through FTA's Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program.

Additional appropriations may result in additional funding for proposals submitted under this notice. FTA may award amounts ranging from \$250,000 to \$2,000,000. Synopses and full announcement are posted on Grants.gov site as opportunity FTA-2014-005-TPE.

The full Federal Register notice may be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-04/pdf/2014-21057.pdf>.

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov website by midnight Eastern Time on November 3, 2014. Any agency intending to apply should initiate the process of registering on the Grants.gov site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline.

Summary

The Pilot Program for TOD Planning helps support FTA's mission of improving public transportation for America's communities by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a transit capital investment that will seek funding through the CIG Program. Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) establishes that any comprehensive planning funded through the program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations. The statute also requires that the planning work be associated with a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit project as defined under the CIG Program.

Through this program, FTA intends to fund planning work that would likely not occur without Federal support and includes strategies to address the gentrification and displacement that can sometimes occur when transit capital projects are implemented. FTA is seeking comprehensive

planning projects covering an entire transit capital project corridor, rather than proposals that involve planning for individual station areas or only a small section of the corridor. FTA is also prioritizing applications in corridors with significant challenges related to TOD planning, low levels of existing development, or where the cost of the planning work to overcome the challenges exceeds what might be readily available locally. To ensure that planning work results in concrete, specific deliverables and outcomes, FTA is requiring that transit project sponsors partner with entities with land use planning authority in the transit project corridor.

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Sincerely,

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