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## Pilot Program for Transit- Oriented Development Planning

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# Introduction - Pilot Program for TOD Planning

- Introduced with MAP-21 and reauthorized in the FAST Act at \$10 million annually
- \$20.49 Million Available
- NOFO published April 14, 2016
- Applications due June 13, 2016
- Funding announcements anticipated in fall 2016

# 2014 Funding Opportunity

- First funding opportunity under the TOD pilot program
- 28 complete applications
- 21 awards totalling \$19.49 million
- Project descriptions available at <http://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot>

# Goals for the Program

- Support comprehensive planning in Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program project corridors
- Maximize chances of comprehensive planning implementation through partnerships
- Support planning work that goes beyond what local agencies would usually fund themselves

# Transit Project Requirements

- Planning work must be associated with a Core Capacity, New Starts or fixed-guideway Small Starts project that:
  - Received a construction grant through the CIG program since July 2012;
  - Is in the PD or Engineering phase of the CIG program as of the application date; - OR -
  - Is expected to enter PD in the future.
- Projects that received TOD Pilot awards in 2015 are not eligible

# Eligible Applicants

- Existing FTA grantees that meet one of the following:
  - Sponsor of an eligible CIG project and partnering with an entity in the project corridor that has land use authority
  - An entity in an eligible CIG project corridor that has land use authority and is partnering with the transit project sponsor
  - Sponsor of an eligible CIG project and has land use authority
- Only one application per CIG project corridor

# Scopes of Work

- Address the six aspects in NOFO section (C)(3)
  - A. Enhance economic development and ridership
  - B. Facilitate multimodal connectivity and accessibility
  - C. Increase non-motorized access to transit hubs
  - D. Enable mixed-use development
  - E. Identify infrastructure needs associated with the transit project
  - F. Include private sector participation
- Identify final deliverables
  - See NOFO section (C)(3) for examples

# Ineligible Activities

- TOD planning work in a single station area or non-adjacent station areas
- Transit project planning and design
- Capital projects
- Site- or parcel-specific planning



# Grant Conditions

- Maximum period of performance is 24 months
- Awards of \$250,000 to \$2 million
- Maximum 80 percent Federal funding share
- In-kind match permitted; toll credits do not count toward local match
- Pre-award authority upon publication of Federal Register notice announcing award selections
- Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program requirements apply

# Submitting an Application

- Apply through grants.gov
- SF 424 Mandatory form with attachments:
  - Applicant and Proposal Profile form, available via <http://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot>
  - A map of the proposed study area
  - Evidence of partnerships between the transit project sponsor and land use planning authority
  - Documentation of funding commitments
- Cumulative 15-page limit for attachments

# Initial Application Screening Criteria

- Eligible transit project
- Evidence of partnership
- Complete application including:
  - Scope of work
  - Schedule
  - Cost estimate
  - Description of consistency with metropolitan transportation plan goals
  - Proposed performance criteria
  - Description of impediments and how the work will address them
  - Identification of matching funds

# Formal Application Evaluation Criteria

- Demonstrated need for TOD planning funds
- Strength of the TOD planning work plan, schedule, and process
- Funding commitments for TOD planning work

Overall score of Highly Recommended,  
Recommended, Not Recommended or  
Ineligible/Unresponsive

# Common Questions

- My transit project is not yet in the CIG Program. Is my transit project eligible?
- Are corridor-based BRT (e.g., non-fixed guideway) Small Starts projects eligible?
- Is my TIGER-funded transit capital project eligible?

# Common Questions

- Can funds be used for transit planning? Design of transit facilities?
- Can funds be used for engineering work on streetscapes or ped/bike improvements?  
Construction?
- Why do I get an error message when I try to view the profile form in my web browser?
- Will there be future NOFOs for this program?

# Q & A

Please enter your questions in the chat pod.



# Thank you!

For more information about the program, visit  
<http://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot>

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