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# Funding Opportunity: FY 2018 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

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*NOTE: A recording of the webinar (with answers to frequently asked questions and further questions raised by participants, as well as additional context) is available at*

*<https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/pldcra3ai2r8/>*

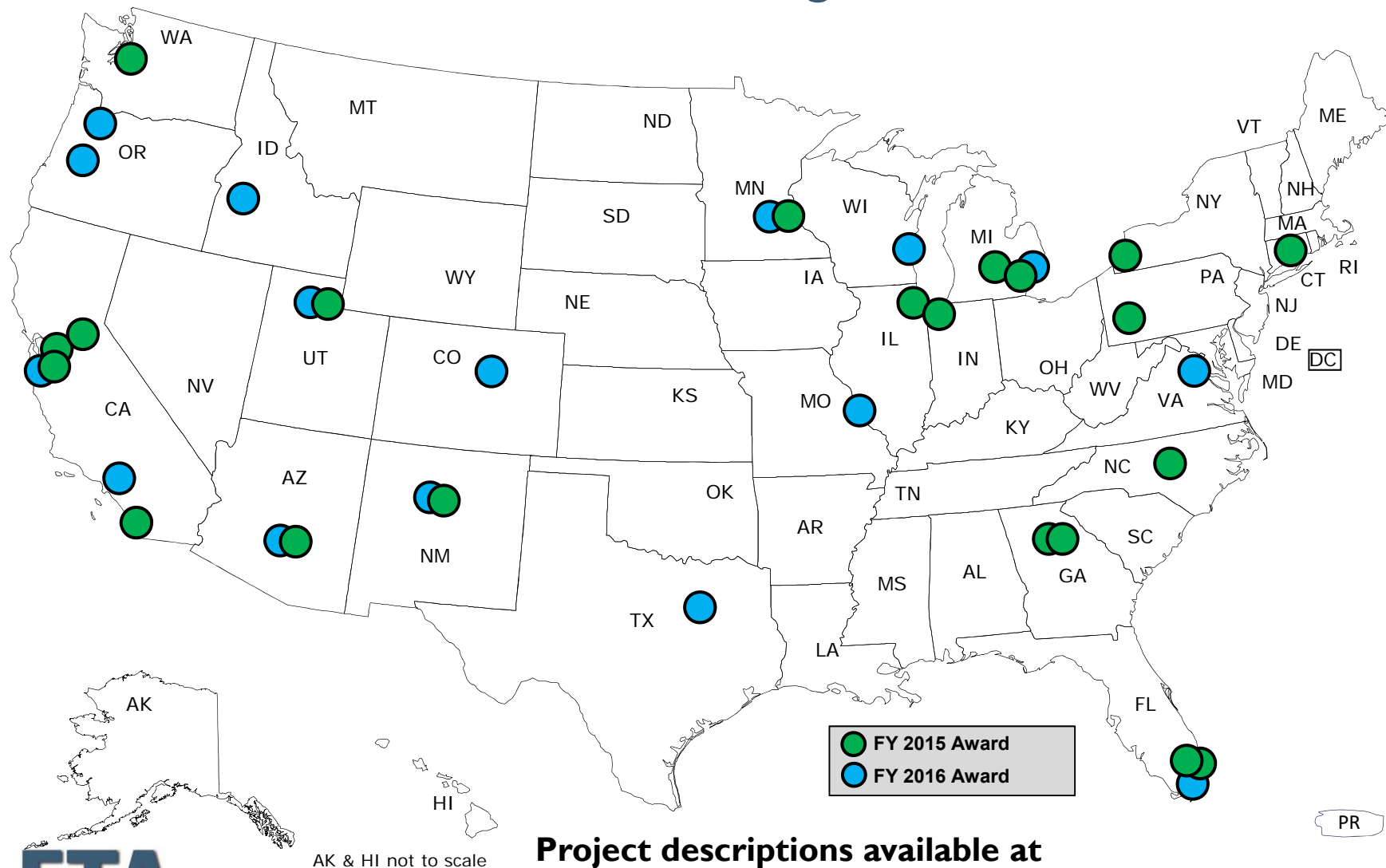


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## Introduction – Pilot Program for TOD Planning

- Grants for comprehensive planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement transit project corridors
- Third funding opportunity with \$25.79 million available
- NOFO published May 24, 2018
- Applications due July 23, 2018 (aim to apply one week earlier)
- Funding announcements currently anticipated early 2019

# Prior Awards – 37 Projects, \$34M Total



**Project descriptions available at**  
**<http://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot>**

# Goals for the Program

- Fund comprehensive planning that enhances the success of major transit capital investments
- 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 new fixed guideway or core capacity improvement project as defined in the NOFO
  - **Does not** need to be a candidate for or recent recipient of Capital Investment Grants Program funding (or any FTA/DOT funding)
  - No minimum level of project planning/development to be eligible
  - Projects under construction or recently completed can be considered “new” for purposes of this funding opportunity

# Eligible Applicants

- Existing FTA grantees that meet one of the following:
  - Sponsor of an eligible transit project and 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
  - Sponsor of an eligible transit project and has land use authority
- Only one application per transit project corridor
- Multiple corridors allowed (but separate application needed for each)

# Scopes of Work

- Address all 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 36 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 guidance with notice of 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

# Additional Considerations

- Department objectives
  - Supporting economic vitality
  - Developing new and innovative funding sources for public transportation, such as value capture
  - Improving safety and expediting project delivery
  - Recipient accountability and achieving specific, measurable outcomes
- Possible considerations
  - Non-Federal funding share
  - Geographic diversity
  - Size of grantees receiving funding
  - Recipient's receipt of other competitive awards

# Common Questions (1 of 2)

- Does my transit project need to be pursuing Capital Investment Grants and/or other FTA funds to be eligible?
- How developed must my transit project be in order to be eligible?
- Can I apply to conduct planning work in multiple corridors?
- My agency received TOD Pilot Program funds under a previous funding opportunity. Are we eligible to apply again?

## Common Questions (2 of 2)

- 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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