

# REGIONALLY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM UPDATES

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Public Transportation Division

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# Regionally Coordinated Transportation Planning

## Program Updates - Overview

- **New funding cycle to support goals and accountability standards for regional planning:**
  - **Demonstration Projects** **NEW**  
competitive process, every 2 years
  - **Continuation Funding, starting with FY 2018 RCTP Project Grant Agreements** **NEW**  
non-competitive, annual
  - **Coordinated Call for projects**
  - **5 yr Plan Updates**
- **Five-Year Funding Schedule**

## Demonstration Projects

- Purpose:
  - To assist planning regions in achieving strategies identified in recently developed public transit-human services transportation plans
  - Determine whether project can be replicated

## FY 17 Program Call

- 12 proposals received in response to Call for Projects
- 3 two-year projects selected for funding

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## Demonstration Projects – FY 17 Program Call, selected projects:

- **Planning Region 1 (Panhandle Regional Planning Commission)**

Develop, test & evaluate smart phone app; & strategic public information campaign

- **Planning Region 2 (South Plains Association of Governments)**

Develop & evaluate the impact on public transportation of protocols calling for social services agencies to routinely share information on public transportation options with individuals served by these social services agencies

- **Planning Regions 5 & 6 (East Texas Council of Governments)**

Assess effectiveness of new routes crossing jurisdictional boundaries, including routes to VA facilities

## Demonstration Projects

- **Statewide Benefit**
  
- **Projects will be evaluated concerning:**
  - Process, outputs & outcomes
  - What worked well
  - What can be improved upon
  - If sustainable
  - If replicable
  
- **TxDOT will facilitate opportunities for sharing of information**

## Continuation Funding - FY 2018 PGAs: Project Description

- Funding will assist in providing continuity in the regionally coordinated transportation planning process. The Lead Agency will collaborate with regional stakeholders to:
  - **Monitor progress** of the 5-year public transit-human services transportation plan;
  - **Document any new** unmet transportation needs, gaps or inefficiencies in service;
  - **Document corresponding strategies** for resolving any newly identified unmet need, gap or inefficiency
  - **Participate** in Nov 29, 2017 planning workshop
  - **Collect, maintain & report metrics data** on the regionally coordinated transportation planning process & outcomes

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## Budget for FY 18 PGAs - \$25k to each lead agency

- \$22,500 for:
  - Ongoing, coordinated regional transportation planning.
  - Includes:
    - monitoring progress of the 5-year plan
    - Identifying & addressing new unmet needs, gaps, inefficiencies
    - Attending Nov 29, 2017 workshop
    - Collect, maintain & report metrics data
  - Requests for Reimbursement must be accompanied by a progress report, support documentation of work performed per the Project Description & support documentation of eligible costs incurred
- \$2,500 for :
  - Collecting, maintaining & reporting data
  - TxDOT will reimburse for actual costs after receipt of completed data collection forms

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## Multi-Year Funding Strategy

- **Federal Transit Administration Section 5304 (Metropolitan and Statewide Planning Program)** provides funding for use in rural planning, statewide planning, research, demonstration projects, and other planning activities.
- **Annual funding** supports *ongoing planning activities* every year except the years of the plan updates. This annual funding supports lead agencies in monitoring progress with their five-year plans; collecting and reporting metrics data to assess progress; maintaining stakeholder engagement in the planning process; and in identifying and addressing new gaps and unmet needs.
- **Biannual funding** supports regions in developing, implementing and evaluating **general planning** and **demonstration planning projects** to help achieve strategies identified in their public transit-human services transportation plans.
- **Funding every 5<sup>th</sup> year** supports regions in developing **updated regional plans**.



## Multi-Year Funding Strategy – the next 4 years

### FY 2018

- \$25,000 to each lead agency for ongoing planning (non-competitive)
- Up to \$500,000 for 2-year demonstration projects (competitive)

### FY 2019

- Up to \$500,000 statewide (non-competitive; performance based)
- Up to \$1.2 m statewide for 2-year demonstration project or general planning project (competitive)

### FY 2020


- Up to \$500,000 statewide (non-competitive; performance based)

### FY 2021

- Up to \$1.2 m statewide for 2-year demonstration project or general planning project (competitive)
- Up to \$1.8 m statewide for 5-year plan update (competitive)

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**Regional Coordination Plans**  
View the Gulf Coast's most recent [regionally coordinated transportation plan](#).  
*September 4, 2017*

**Texas Transit District Profiles**  
[Updated profiles](#) for each rural and urban transit district in Texas are now posted. These profiles provide a quick and easy way to comprehensively understand services offered in each transit district.  
*July 7, 2017*

**New 5-Year Regional Plans**  
Newly developed [public transit-human services transportation plans](#) for Texas' planning regions are now posted to this website. These plans were developed by diverse groups of local stakeholders across the state following inventories of transportation resources, comprehensive needs assessments and gap analyses in each region. Plans were developed with an emphasis on identifying (1) unmet transportation needs and gaps for those who are often most dependent on public transportation including individuals with disabilities, senior citizens and veterans, and (2) how these unmet needs will be addressed. These are five-year plans.

[Contact the respective lead agency](#) for information on a particular regional plan or Steve Wright with the Texas Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Division at (512) 486-5960 or [steve.wright@txdot.gov](mailto:steve.wright@txdot.gov) for statewide information.  
*May 5, 2017*

Feature

**URBAN/RURAL ANALYSIS**

A series of [maps and tables](#) of the 2010 Urbanized Area (UZA) in relation to transit operator boundaries in Texas and for each UZA are now available online.

In addition to the ability to pan, zoom-in, zoom-out and to turn on or off different layers, each map contains several elements of background information—such as city limits, roads, and area water features. The tables provide information about population and land area change in the urbanized area and by county.

