

GDOT Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program

Frequently Asked Questions



1. Is there a limit to the amount of money a project can receive?

Yes. The maximum amount awarded per project is \$1 million. Requested funds cannot exceed 80% of the project cost or \$1 million.

2. Are local matching funds required?

Yes. The minimum match is 20% and chances of award increase if the local match exceeds that amount. On a case-by-case basis, GDOT will count in-kind donations, cash contributions, ROW contributions and other funding awards as part of the match.

3. Are applications funded at the requested amounts or are they subject to partial funding?

Yes. GDOT Board Members make project selections and determine the funding amounts. A project may be granted the full amount requested or the Board Member may fund only a portion of the project amount.

4. Can other funding sources be used to supplement TE funds?

Yes. Sponsors may also use funds and other contributions such as private cash donations, funds from other state agencies, and funds from federal agencies not a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

5. Are privately owned sites/structures eligible for funding?

No. The government entity must have ownership or a long term lease agreement or easement.

6. Can TE funded bicycle and pedestrian facilities be funded solely for recreational purposes?

No. TE funds cannot be used to fund bike/pedestrian facilities solely for recreational use. Bicycle projects must be primarily for transportation purposes including commuter work trips, connectivity to downtown or school districts, and other related uses. Mixed-use facilities that include some recreational trips may be allowed.

7. How quickly will projects need to be implemented or completed?

Projects must be ready to bid within 2 years of project award from the Board Members. Construction of projects should be completed within 18 months of the signed contract.

8. Who is responsible for cost increases or overruns?

The sponsor is responsible for any cost increases above the project awarded amount (federal share). This includes environmental mitigation or other unexpected costs that may arise during the project implementation.

9. Where can I find information on how to implement a TE project?

The Sponsor Guidebook for TE projects is available on the GDOT website at www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/plan-prog/planning/projects/te/manual/index.shtml and includes all of the steps that a sponsor must follow to implement a TE project.

10. Where can I find guidance on completing the environmental process for TE projects?

Examples of Categorical Exclusions for several project types are available on the GDOT TE website at www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/plan-prog/planning/projects/te/environmental/index.shtml