



# Competitive Funding Proposal Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Programs



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#### Overview



The Georgia Department of Transportation is administering a Competitive Funding Proposal (CFP) for the federally funded TA and CMAQ programs.



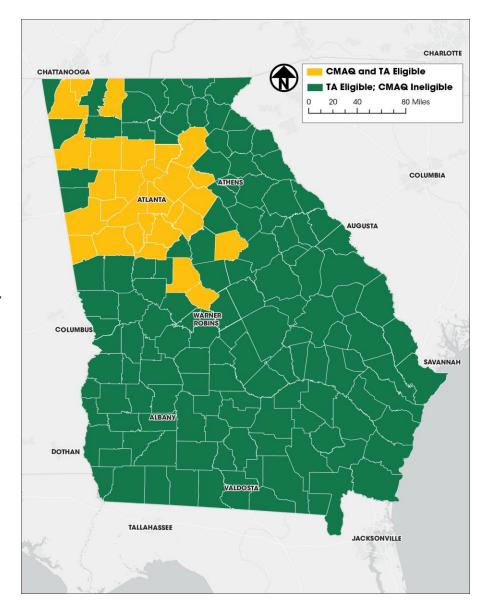
Applications will be accepted September 15, 2025, through October 31, 2025.



Applications must be eligible project types under either the TA or CMAQ programs.



For questions or assistance in filling out the application, contact us at <a href="mailto:CFP Help@dot.ga.gov">CFP Help@dot.ga.gov</a>





#### **Overview Continued**



Potential project types include roadway, transit, bike/pedestrian, intermodal, mobility services, and technology/innovation investments eligible for TA and CMAQ funding.



Applicants must be able to demonstrate a 20% local match on requested funding support and be able to cover the other 80% of project expenses, to be reimbursed as invoices are submitted. Note: Previously expended funds should not be considered as a part of local match.



Some projects deemed eligible for TA or CMAQ may qualify for a higher share of federal dollars based on project type, population, and roadway classification.



Please visit FHWA <u>CMAQ</u> and <u>TA</u> websites for more information.



# **Eligible Applicants**

#### Eligible entities below may submit up to two applications:



Cities



Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies



Counties



School Districts, Schools



Transit Agencies



**Tribal Governments** 



Regional Transportation Authorities (including MPOs)



Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails

<sup>\*</sup>Per federal guidance, MPOs in CMAQ eligible areas may apply as a direct applicant for funding support for projects in their area. MPOs classified as "small urbanized areas" (population under 200,000) are eligible to apply for TA funding support for projects in their area.



## **TA Eligible Projects**



Projects that improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility to promote safe, accessible travel.



#### Project types include:

Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities, Street Scape Improvements, Safe Routes to School projects, Other Eligible projects (e.g., Recreational trails and conversion of railway corridors to trails)



All eligible applicant types with a distinction for MPOs in a Transportation Management Area (TMA - greater than 200,000 population) and non-Transportation Management Area (non-TMA - less than 200,000 population).

Distinction for MPOs in TMA vs non-TMA areas:

Non-TMA MPO - Eligible as a direct applicant TMA MPO - Ineligible as direct applicant.



# **CMAQ Eligible Projects**



Projects that work to reduce congestion and improve air quality.



#### Project types include:

Project Categories	Project Type Examples
Roadway ITS, Operations and Incident Management	Advanced Traffic Management Systems, Signal Synchronization, Intersection Improvements, Roundabouts, etc.
Transit Start-up Operations and Expansion	New Transit Service and/or Transit Technology, Transit Signal Priority
Managed Lanes	Managed Lanes
Travel Demand Management	Bike/Pedestrian Projects, Employer-Based Commute Programs
Clean Fuel Technologies	Retrofits, Alternative Fuel Vehicles



## **Application Review and Evaluation**



Application review and evaluation process will take approximately 4-5 months.



GDOT will coordinate with applicants to solicit additional information and supporting documentation.



Application review will consist of screening projects against CMAQ and TA eligibility and evaluation criteria.



The level of local match will be considered in project evaluation.



Local match contributions will be weighted based on each community's Job Tax Credit designation.



## Completing the Application – Info/FAQs



LAP Certification- You do not need to be LAP certified to apply, but it is preferred.

- If you intend for GDOT to deliver the project, please consider additional project administration costs in your estimates.
- If you are applying, but intend for another entity to deliver the project, please attach a letter of support from that jurisdiction indicating their support.



Documentation of your 20% local match is required at the time of application.

• Examples of documentation could include a city or county resolution, an approved local SPLOST list or some other signed letter of commitment for a local jurisdiction.

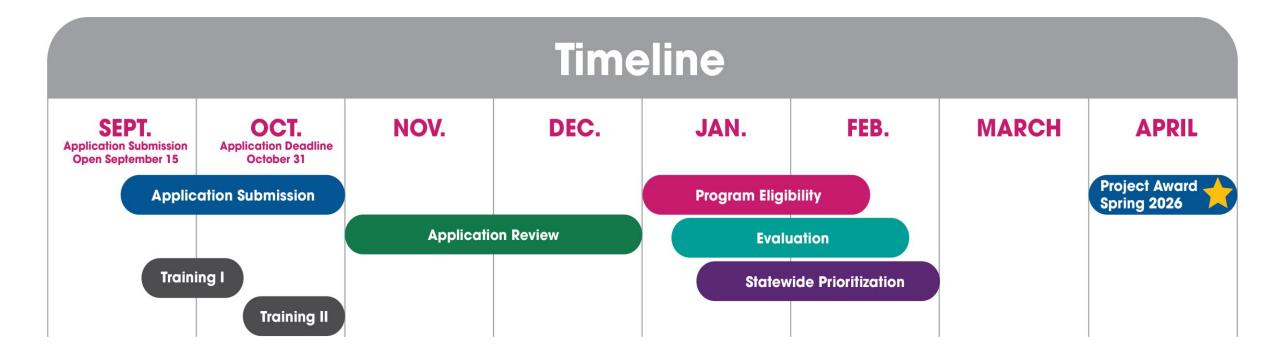


You have the option of providing additional letters of support from local elected officials and/or community organizations.

• These letters can be provided at the time of application, but it is not required. You may send your additional letters of support to <a href="mailto:CFP\_Help@dot.ga.gov">CFP\_Help@dot.ga.gov</a> anytime before 12/31/25.



#### Schedule





# Questions and Discussion

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## Completing the Application – What You'll Need

#### **Applicant Information**



General contact information



If a project being submitted falls in multiple jurisdictions, documented letters of support from those jurisdictions - Note: this is not required to be submitted at the time of application



Applicants have until December 31 to submit this supporting documentation



# Completing the Application – What You'll Need

#### **Project Information**



Project type and detailed description



Project justification and benefits (Safety, Congestion Relief, Emissions Reduction, Economic, etc.)



Projects in the Preliminary Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition, and Construction (CST) phases are eligible to be considered for funding.



Project and phase cost estimates - these estimates should include total cost (both local and federal funding requested)



Documentation of previously completed work on the project



## Completing the Application – What You'll Need

#### **Project Information (Continued)**



Documentation of other funding commitments for the required match, such as local funding or private investments - this will be required at the time of application.



Detailed description of project location (including project limits, mile markers, and other route ID numbers)



Reference to local, regional, and state plans in which this project is included



Documentation of local/public support for the project may be submitted

- Including resolution or letters of support
- Supporting documentation may be submitted up to December 31, 2025



# Project Award – Spring 2026



Project applicants receive communications on project awards.



TA and CMAQ programming recommendations finalized for approval.



GDOT Office of Planning will coordinate with local applicants on specific funding awards and the funding year.