# Competitive Funding Proposal for TA and CMAQ

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- The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is administering a Competitive Funding Proposal (CFP) for Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement programs.
- Funding applications will be accepted September 15, 2025, through October 31, 2025.
- Eligible projects must be located in either a TA or CMAQ eligible area. (Reference Figure 1 for map of eligibility.)
- Eligible project types in the TA eligible areas are primarily pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, pedestrian streetscaping projects, and Safe Routes to School projects. Additional project types may qualify in the CMAQ eligible areas, including roundabouts, intersection improvements, traffic signalization, traffic engineering, intelligent transportation systems, as well as other projects that contribute to congestion mitigation and/or emissions reduction. Please refer to the eligibility map. Please visit FHWA CMAQ and TA websites for more information.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate
  a 20% local match on requested funding
  support.
   Some eligible projects may qualify for a
  higher share of federal dollars based on
  project type, population, and roadway
  classification. Please visit TA and CMAQ
  websites for more information.
- Outcomes will be used to inform recommendations for future funding.

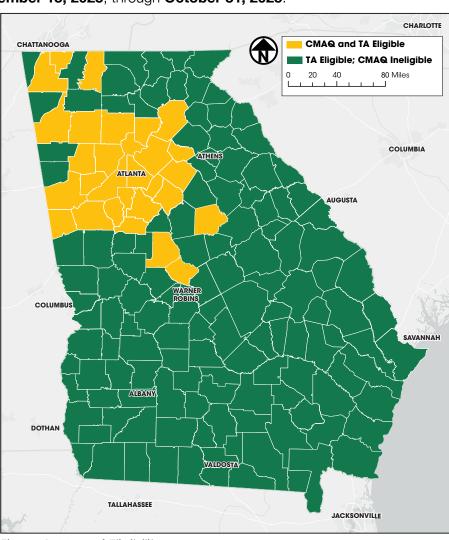


Figure 1: Map of Eligibility

## **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible entities below may submit up to two applications.

- Cities
- Counties
- Transit Agencies
- Regional Transportation Authorities (including MPOs)\*
- Natural Resources or Public Land Agencies

- School Districts, Schools
- Tribal Governments
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails



\*Per federal guidance, MPOs in CMAQ eligible areas may apply 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.

# Application and Submission Information (September 15 – October 31)

- Eligible entities, from the list above, are allowed to submit two applications for funding consideration.
- Eligible applicants will be asked to submit basic information to include, but not limited to, project type, project location, anticipated project outcome, status, anticipated project costs, and local funding commitments.
- Projects in the Preliminary Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition, and Construction (CST) phases are eligible to be considered for funding.

### **Application Review (November 1 - December 31)**

- Application review process will take approximately 60 days.
- 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.

#### **Project Evaluation (January 1 - March 31)**

- Projects will be evaluated for eligibility against CMAQ and TA program requirements.
- Local match contributions will be weighted based on each community's Job Tax Credit designation, facilitating
  equitable consideration across diverse economic communities.

#### **Project Award (Spring 2026)**

- Project applicants will receive communication on project awards.
- CMAQ and TA programming recommendations will be finalized for approval.
- GDOT Office of Planning will coordinate with local applicants on specific funding awards and the funding year.

#### **For More Information**

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