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Transit Infrastructure Projects Department of Transportation (DOT) Guidelines and Requirements for Appropriations Submissions Database

Transit Infrastructure Projects are public transportation capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Eligible capital projects are described under Section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code, and Section 5339(b)(1) and (c)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code.

All projects must be:

- Transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project.
- Supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.

Public transportation or transit is defined in Section 5302(15) and (22) of title 49, United States Code, as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income, and does not include intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services.

The Subcommittee <u>will not fund</u> activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include general operating expenses, and activities authorized under sections 5303, 5304, and 5305 of title 49, United States Code. The Subcommittee will continue to treat the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program as programmatic requests and <u>will not fund</u> CIG projects under Transit Infrastructure Projects, consistent with the fiscal year 2022 process.

The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was \$2.5 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$7 million for FY23, but any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests.

For each Transit Infrastructure Projects request, Members will need to provide specific information through the electronic database. The database will include the following questions to assist the Subcommittee in vetting and selecting projects. Several of them will require additional information from your office. Please ensure community project funding requests are not duplicative of requests to another Committee or Subcommittee.

Community project questions in the database for Transit Infrastructure Projects:

• Project Name.

EXAMPLE: Electric buses and charging infrastructure, City, State, Congressional District. A short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief

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description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location (city, county, State, Tribe, Congressional District).

NOTE: This description may be used to list the project in the House report and should be as accurate as possible to ensure that the funding goes to the correct project and location.

- General description of the project and why it is needed.
- What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?

NOTE: Benefits could include safety, environmental, economic, equity, mobility, etc. This description will not appear in the House report.

EXAMPLE: Acquiring electric buses and related charging infrastructure will increase the safety and efficiency of the bus fleet, and reduce the overall greenhouse gas emissions for the transit agency.

- Amount requested for the community project.
- Total project cost.

NOTE: Provide the amount of the total cost of the project as outlined in the STIP or TIP, if applicable.

- Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation?

 NOTE: Obligation occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with a federal agency.
- Estimated start and completion dates.
- Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
- Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?

NOTE: The cost-share requirements are defined in statute. In general, transit capital projects typically require 20 percent local share.

EXAMPLE: Local sales taxes are committed for 25 percent of the funds.

• Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?

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• Where is the project in the construction process?

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NOTE: Drop down options will include: Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, Right of Way, Capital purchase or lease (including bus purchases), Construction, and Other (please specify).

- Was the project on a State, Tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2021? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID Number comes from.

EXAMPLE: See ID Number circled below. The STIP or TIP also can be used for the location/description of a project, the total project cost, and information about where funding comes from.

DIVISION 1					
ROUTE/CITY	ID		LENGTH	TOTAL PROJ COST	YEARS COST
COUNTY	NUMBER	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	(Miles)	(THOU)	(THOU)
RURAL PROJECT	S				
NC 45	R-5809	HERTFORD COUNTY LINE TO	24.8	23589	2219
BERTIE	H141741	WASHINGTON COUNTY LINE.			
		MODERNIZE ROADWAY.			F

• Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.

EXAMPLE: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: \$10 million; FTA Formula Funds: \$5 million.

• If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.

EXAMPLE: Unidentified State funds will compose 10 percent of the remaining cost and previously identified federal formula funds will make up the rest.

<u>Ouestions</u>: If you have any questions about community projects eligible for Transit Infrastructure Projects, please email <u>TH.MemberRequests@mail.house.gov</u> and include "Transit Infrastructure Projects" in the subject line.