



Transportation Alternatives Application – August 2022

Applicant Organization:	City of Richmond Hill, Georgia
Project Title:	Ivey and Linwood Sidewalks



Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects

APPLICATION

AUGUST 2022

**An electronic copy of the completed application is due:
September 26, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.**

Send to:
Asia Hernton, Transportation Planner
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission
herntona@thempc.org

Phone:
912-651-1456

Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

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CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

- Have you answered all applicable questions in the application?

- Has the appropriate person signed the application?

- Have you filled out the detailed budget table on the last page of this application?

- Please indicate the sources of funding you are requesting for this project.
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- Have you attached a letter from your governing board or chief staff person who is able to commit to the local match?

- Have you attached a project location map?

- Have you attached other information that is applicable to the answers in your application?



Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

Transportation Alternatives (TA)

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The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) is conducting a competitive project selection process in order to award expected Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds.

- **Expected Available Funds:**
 - FY 2023 = \$1,733,095 (federal portion)
 - FY 2024 = \$0 (federal portion)
 - FY 2025 = \$400,000 (federal portion)
 - FY 2026 = \$400,000 (federal portion)
 - FY 2027 = \$400,000 (federal portion)
- **Minimum Award for a Project = \$200,000 (federal portion, not total project cost)**
- **Maximum Award Each Year = total available funds for that year (federal portion, not total project cost)**
- **At least 20% of the eligible costs of the proposed project must be non-federal funds.**
(Previously incurred costs cannot be counted as part of the 20% matching the newly awarded federal funds.)

The August 2022 Call for Projects will award approximately \$2,933,095 in FHWA Y301 funds from FY 2023 through FY 2027. The MPO may award one proposal or several. Therefore, an applicant may request up to the expected revenue for the *federally funded* portion for that fiscal year for their proposal. *Please be aware that the entire \$2, 933, 095 is not immediately available for programming in the initial years of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and therefore project sponsors will need to provide additional local match if the project’s cost is more than the available revenue for each year.* MPO staff will coordinate with the project sponsor regarding the TIP programming schedule for their project. The awarded projects or project phases will be amended into the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP or included in the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP.

The federal funding request in this application can represent no more than 80% of the total cost of the applicant’s proposal. Thus, for example, an applicant requesting \$1,000,000 in federal TA funds, and providing no more than the required 20% local match, would be submitting a proposal totaling \$1,250,000.

- **Federal requirements for the project development process are associated with federal funds.**

Applicants should keep in mind that this federal funding involves adherence to several federal requirements, as applicable, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), prevailing wage rates (Davis-Bacon), Buy America, competitive bidding, and other contracting requirements, regardless of whether the projects are located within the right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway. CORE MPO has set a minimum federal request because the federal requirements tend to make larger projects more administratively efficient. For guidance about the treatment of projects with these federal funds, see the

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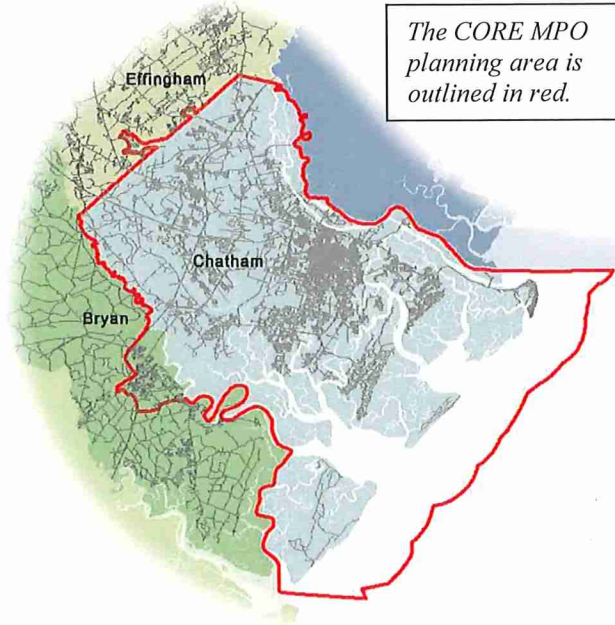
web page at:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/guidance/ta_guidance_2022.pdf.

- **Projects funded through this selection process must be located within the CORE MPO’s Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary.**

The Metropolitan Planning Area includes all of Chatham County, as well as Richmond Hill in Bryan County and a small portion of unincorporated Effingham County (see map).

Transportation Alternatives funding is not subject to the prohibition against use on local roads or rural minor collectors, as generally applies to Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. (Incidentally, TA-type projects are not subject to the prohibition even if funded with STBG funds.)



Please see CORE MPO Transportation Alternatives Manual for additional information.

Applicant and Project Information

Eligible Entities

Please indicate which type of eligible entity is the primary project sponsor: (Select one.)

- Local government

- Regional transportation authority

- Transit agency

- Natural resource agency or public land agency

- School district, local education agency, or school (public or nonprofit private)

- Tribal government

- Other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails that the State of Georgia determines to be eligible, consistent with the goals of subsection (c) of section 213 of title 23.

- Non-profit entities responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs.

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Types of Eligible Projects

Please indicate which categories your proposal falls under: (Select as many as apply. The number of categories does not affect your project’s score.)

- Construction, planning, and design of on-road or off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized forms of transportation, which can include sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users.
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- Community improvement activities, which can include but are not limited to: inventory control, or removal of outdoor advertising; historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities, vegetation management practices in transportation ROW, archeological activities relating to impacts of a transportation project eligible under Title 23 of the USC.
- Environmental mitigation activity, including stormwater management and water pollution prevention or abatement from highway construction or highway runoff; reduction of vehicle-caused wildlife death, restoration of the connectivity of habitat.
- Recreational trails under 23 USC 206
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure-related project
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) non-infrastructure-related project
- Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

Applicant Information		
Primary Sponsor Agency Name (i.e. agency that will manage implementation) City of Richmond Hill, Georgia		Date 9-20-22
Street Address 40 Richard Davis Dr.	City, State Richmond Hill, Georgia	Zip Code 31324
Contact Person’s Name Alex Floyd	Title Special Projects Manager	
Contact Person’s Phone Number 912 756-6496	Contact Person’s Email Address afloyd@richmondhill-ga.gov	
Project Manager’s Name (if awarded) Alex Floyd	Title Special Projects Manager	

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Project Overview		
Project Name Ivey and Linwood Sidewalks		
Project Location Description (please also attach a location map) The proposed project is located along Ivey and Linwood Streets in Downtown Richmond Hill.		
County (or counties) in which project is located Bryan	City (or cities), if any, in which project is located Richmond Hill	
Proposal Description Summary Ivey and Linwood Streets cross in an area considered by many to be the historic center of Richmond Hill. Several Ford-era (1920's-1940's) structures and streets center around an old elementary school, gym and playground. It is the goal of the City, the Downtown Development Authority and the Historic Preservation Commission to promote walkability and connectivity in and between these small neighborhoods. This project will require the installation of curb and gutter to replace the current roadside ditches. The soil in the area is sandy and good for drainage but will probably require some compaction work and to be amended with quality subsoil. Sidewalk will then be built and connected into the existing network. Ivey Street's proposed sidewalk is 1,100 feet and Linwood Avenue is 1,000 feet.		
Total Estimated Project Cost*	Federal Funds Requested under TA	Local Match
\$250,000	\$200,000	\$50,000
<i>*Please also be sure to fill out the Budget Detail Table at the end of this application.</i>		

Who is providing the local match?

Name of Agency or Organization	Source (e.g. particular CIP fund)
City of Richmond Hill	General Fund, SPLOST, T-SPLOST

Please attach a letter signed by either your governing board or an official or chief staff person who is able to commit to the stated local match.

Has the agency that will be managing this project previously completed other federal-aid transportation projects? (Choose one)

- 0 completed federal-aid projects
- 1 completed federal-aid project

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- 2 completed federal-aid projects _____
- 3 or more completed federal-aid projects

Please list up to three federal-aid projects completed by your agency, if applicable, *preferably for projects that are similar to your proposal*:

P.I. No.	Project Name	Sponsor's Project Manager

What agency will maintain the project after completion?

_____ City of Richmond Hill _____

If a maintenance agreement is necessary, has it been executed? (Chose one) Y / N / **NA**
If yes, please attach the agreement.

If the completed project will generate the need for operational funds, please describe the estimated annual cost and the status and source of funding for operations. (TA funds will not cover operations.)

The City of Richmond Hill estimates that it will spend \$ 5,000 annually on the maintenance of this project and these funds will be sourced from the Street Dept's portion of the General Fund.

Will your project require purchase(s) or easement(s) for right-of-way (Choose one) Y / **N** / Maybe
Additional information:

If other agencies or organizations are partnering with you on this application or on implementation of your proposal, please list and describe the nature of assistance and the status of any agreements (e.g. ROW donations or easements):

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Organization #1	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

Organization #2	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

Organization #3	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

If funding were available today, and you had already received a Notice to Proceed, how much time do you estimate would be needed for any phases of your project that would be funded by this request:

Phase(s) to be TA-funded	No. of Months
Grading and preliminary construction	3 months

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Construction	5 months

Please list any necessary preliminary work that already *has been completed*, and provide dates (e.g. GDOT concept approval, FHWA environmental approval or categorical exclusion, etc.):

Steps Completed	Date

Please describe status of any non-TA funded work that *still needs to be completed before the project or phase that would be funded by this request can begin* (e.g. if TA + Local Match will fund only the construction phase, what is the status and schedule for the incomplete preliminary engineering and ROW phases?).

Status of Steps to be carried out before TA-funded work begins	Estimated completion date
Preliminary Engineering and Design	3 months

In 500 words or less, please describe what public benefits and efficiencies would be provided to our area by your proposed project. (In preparing your answer, we suggest you review the TA scoring criteria related to access, connectivity, tourism, and safety, as shown in CORE MPO’s Transportation Alternatives Manual – August 2022.)

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This sidewalk crossing will promote walkability and connectivity in and between a historic neighborhood, the new sidewalks along Highway 144 (recently widened) and several small businesses along the commercial corridor. Several high-density developments (townhomes, quadplexes, small homes) will be served. The City of Richmond Hill’s annual Christmas Parade follows this route giving spectators a safer viewing platform than the current roadside/ditch bank.

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I understand that the latest versions of the following, as they relate to this project, shall guide project development and design.

- Accessible Public Rights-of-Way, Planning and Designing for Alterations, Public Rights-of-Way Access Advisory Committee.
- ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Department of Justice.
- Context Sensitive Design Manual, GDOT.
- Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU).
- A Policy on the Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, AASHTO.
- Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, AASHTO.
- Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities, AASHTO.
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), FHWA.
- Proposed Guidelines for Public Rights-of-Way (PROWAG)2, United States Access Board.
- Urban Bikeway Design Guide, NACTO.
- Urban Street Design Guidelines, NATCO.

SPONSOR

Paul J. Floyd
Name

Special Projects
Title

10-3-22
Date

Please remember:

- To fill out the Detailed Budget Table, to the extent applicable, on the following page;
- To attach a letter from your governing board or other official or chief staff person who is able to commit the agency to the stated local match.
- To attach a Project Location Map;
- To attach an executed maintenance agreement if you indicated that one exists.



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September 27, 2022

City of Richmond Hill
ATTN: Alex Floyd
40 Richard Davis Drive
Richmond Hill, GA 31324

Re: City of Richmond Hill Sidewalks

Dear Mr. Floyd

As the public works provider for the City of Richmond Hill, EOM Operations currently manages the City's sidewalk maintenance and repair activities. These services include activities such as edging, graffiti removal, concrete repairs and replacement when necessary. EOM maintains and repairs sidewalks utilizing currently approved budget funding. Any repairs exceeding the purchasing policy limit are submitted to the City for approval prior to commencing repairs. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kristen Hudspeth Achtziger'.

Kristen Hudspeth Achtziger
Chief Operating Officer



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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Metropolitan Planning Commission:

The City of Richmond Hill is committed to expand, connect, and strengthen our Alternative Transportation systems through sidewalks, bike paths, etc.

To this effect, please review and consider our application for sidewalks and Ivey and Linwood Streets and our full commitment to the local match required.

This match is part of our SPLOST and T-SPLOST program and is strongly supported by City Council and the community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Lovell', is written over the typed name.

Chris Lovell, City Manager
City of Richmond Hill

Budget Detail for Proposal

Project Name: Ivey and Linwood Sidewalks

Activity	Desired Fiscal Year for TIP Programming (GDOT Fiscal Year) ¹	Total Estimate	Requested CORE MPO TA Federal Funds (Maximum allowed is 80% of your total eligible costs.)	Local Match (Minimum required is 20% of your total eligible costs.)	Local Match Breakdown (by source)		
					Amount A	Source A	Amount B
PE	2024	25,000	20,000	5,000			
ROW	N/A						
Utilities	2024	25,000	20,000	5,000			
Construction	2024	200,000	160,000	40,000			
Other activity Specify:							
Other activity Specify:							
Other activity Specify:							
Total Amounts			200,000	50,000			

Please use this area to explain whether other grants or sources (not already shown above) are dedicated either to the proposed phase or to future phases, of your project.

N/A.