



Call for Projects Pre-application Workshop

Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning
Organization (CORE MPO)

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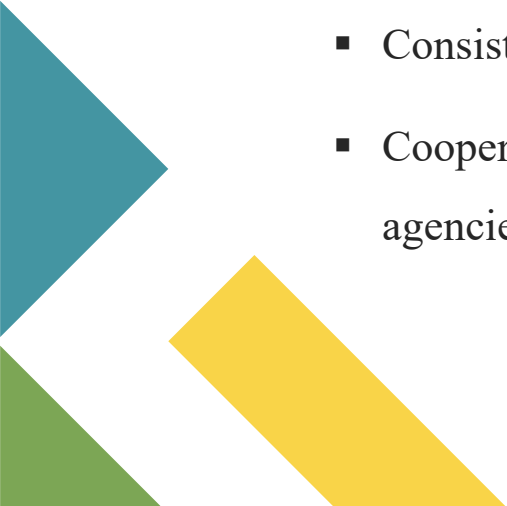
CORE MPO

- The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) is the federally required transportation planning agency/designated MPO for the Savannah area.
- CORE MPO is responsible for allocating federal dollars for transportation improvements through the 3-C planning process.
- Major planning documents
 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- CORE MPO's long range transportation plan – covers 20+ years, the current one is Mobility 2045
 - Specific highway projects
 - Operational Improvements Set-aside
 - Transit Improvements Set-aside
 - Non-motorized Transportation Improvements Set-aside
 - Roadway Maintenance Set-aside

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The MPO's short-range programming document.
 - Covers a multi-year listing of prioritized multimodal projects (phases and funding) – highway, transit, non-motorized transportation improvements, and others.
 - Consistent with current 2045 MTP – prioritized sub-set of 2045 MTP.
 - Cooperatively developed by CORE MPO, GDOT, CAT, and other MPO member agencies.
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Unified Planning Work Program

- CORE MPO's staff budget
- Includes planning studies
 - Funded
 - Unfunded



Call for Projects

- The 2022 Call for Projects will be conducted for two funding sources
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Urban Attributable funds (Y230 funds)
 - Transportation Alternatives Program funds (TA funds or Y301 funds)
 - Some Carbon Reduction Program funds are available. MPO is checking on this new program.
- Eligibility related to 2045 MTP and FY 2023 UPWP
- Support TIP amendment and development
 - FY 2023 – 2024 funds will be amended into current FY 2021 – 2024 TIP with programmed projects
 - FY 2025 – 2027 funds will build the prioritized waiting list for projects to be included in FY 2024 – 2027 TIP (revisit the prioritization during TIP development)

Jun. – early Aug.
2022

Pre-application workshop; obtain revenue estimates; revise Call for Projects packets

Aug. – Sep. 2022

Call for Projects for expected Y230 and Y301 funds

Early Oct. 2022

Evaluation and ranking of applications

Oct. 20 -26, 2022

Allocation of Y230 and Y301 funds based on actual revenue projections

Nov. 2022

TIP amendment report preparation and public involvement

Dec. 8 – Dec. 14,
2022

MPO/Committee meetings and two public hearings for TIP amendments

Y230 - Estimated Revenues

CORE MPO 2022 Y230 Call for Projects			
Fiscal Year	Total Expected Z230 Federal Revenues**	Minimum Federal Funding Request per Project*	Maximum Federal Funding Request per Project*
2023	<u>\$9,750,122</u>	\$200,000	<u>\$9,750,122</u>
2024	<u>\$6,480,778</u>	\$200,000	<u>\$6,480,778</u>
2025	\$4,000,000	\$200,000	\$4,000,000
2026	\$4,000,000	\$200,000	\$4,000,000
2027	\$4,000,000	\$200,000	\$4,000,000

**Final revenues are to be determined.

* Project sponsors are to provide 20% of the total cost as local match.

Y230 Funds - Eligible Sponsor

STBG program is geared towards state and local governments and agencies with responsibility for oversight of transportation improvements.

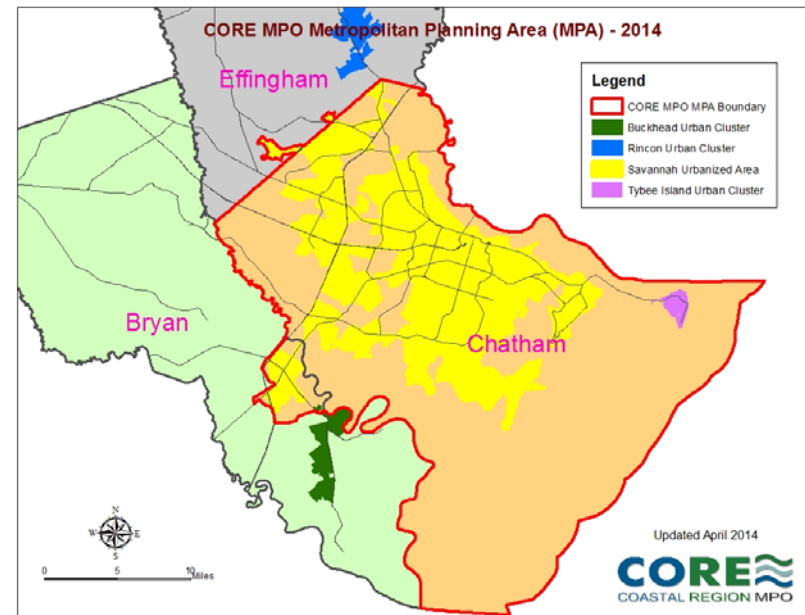
- Eligible primary sponsors should be local/regional governments and agencies responsible for transportation improvements.
- Local project sponsor must be LAP (Local Administered Project) Certified by GDOT to administer the federal funds.
 - If the local sponsor is in the process of becoming LAP certified while submitting an application, the MPO will consider the sponsor an eligible entity as long as the LAP certification becomes official before the requested funding phase starts.
 - LAP certification requirement **only** applies to transportation improvement projects, **not** planning studies.

Y230 Funds - Planning Requirements

- Y230-funded projects must be consistent with the CORE MPO's financially constrained 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Mobility 2045 - <https://www.thempc.org/Core/Mtp#gsc.tab=0>) or the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (<https://www.thempc.org/Core/Bpp#gsc.tab=0>)
 - Already in the 2045 MTP or Non-Motorized Transportation Plan – eligible
 - Not in the plans – amendments needed (one meeting or two meeting process)
- Y230-funded planning studies must be reflected in CORE MPO's UPWP (<https://www.thempc.org/Core/Upwp#gsc.tab=0>) and included in the TIP before funding obligation.
 - Already in the FY 2023 UPWP – eligible
 - Not in the FY 2023 UPWP – amendments needed (two rounds of discussions by the Technical Coordinating Committee)

Y230 Funds - Eligible Location

- STBG Projects and planning studies must be for areas located within the CORE MPO's planning boundary.
- STBG projects may not be undertaken on a road functionally classified as a local road or a rural minor collector unless it's bike or ped improvements- FC map at <https://www.thempc.org/docs/lit/CoreMpo/Data/RoadwayMap.pdf>



Y230 - Eligible Cost

All projects must follow applicable federal guidelines for implementation.

- Timing of expenditures – costs incurred prior to “obligation” are *not* eligible for reimbursement. Obligation occurs when a project is approved and an agreement is executed between the FHWA division office and the State. Any design and feasibility studies conducted prior to receipt of Y230 funds award notice are not eligible as reimbursable costs.
- Types of costs – the following project-specific costs are eligible.
 - Preliminary engineering (PE) work, including project development, environmental work, cost estimates, construction plans, and architectural work;
 - Utility relocations;
 - Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition (the acquisition of real property is subject to the Uniform Act); and
 - Construction costs.

Y230 - Eligible Activities

(1) Construction, as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(4), of the following:

- i. Highways, bridges, and tunnels
- ii. Ferry boats and terminal facilities eligible under 23 U.S.C. 129(c);
- iii. transit capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;
- iv. Infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems capital improvements, including the installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communication equipment;
- v. Truck parking facilities eligible under Section 1401 of MAP-21 (23 U.S.C. 137 note); and
- vi. Border infrastructure projects eligible under Section 1303 of SAFETEA- LU (23 U.S.C. 101 note).

Y230 - Eligible Activities (continued)

(2) Operational improvements and capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management, and control facilities and programs. Operational improvement is defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(18).

(3) Environmental measures eligible under 23 U.S.C. 119(g), 328, and 329, and transportation control measures listed in Section 108(f)(1)(A) (other than clause (xvi) of that section) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7408(f)(1)(A)).

(4) Highway and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs, including railway-highway grade crossings.

(5) Fringe and corridor parking facilities and programs in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 137 and carpool projects in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 146. Carpool project is defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(3).

Y230 - Eligible Activities (continued)

(6) Recreational trails projects eligible under 23 U.S.C. 206, pedestrian and bicycle projects in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 217 (including modifications to comply with accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)), and the Safe Routes to School Program under Section 1404 of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 402 note).

(7) Planning, design, or construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

(8) Development and implementation of a State asset management plan for the National Highway System (NHS) and a performance-based management program for other public roads*. (*Eligibility indicated here are applicable to state-managed STBG funds.)

Y230 - Eligible Activities (continued)

(9) Protection (including painting, scour countermeasures, seismic retrofits, impact protection measures, security countermeasures, and protection against extreme events) for bridges (including approaches to bridges and other elevated structures) and tunnels on public roads, and inspection and evaluation of bridges and tunnels and other highway assets.

(10) Surface transportation planning programs, highway and transit research and development and technology transfer programs, and workforce development, training, and education under chapter 5 of title 23, United States Code.

(11) Surface transportation infrastructure modifications to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, and access into and out of a port terminal.

(12) Projects and strategies designed to support congestion pricing, including electronic toll collection and travel demand management strategies and programs.

Y230 - Eligible Activities (continued)

(13) Upon request of a State and subject to the approval of the Secretary, if Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) credit assistance is approved for an STBG-eligible project, then the State may use STBG funds to pay the subsidy and administrative costs associated with providing Federal credit assistance for the projects*. (*Eligibility indicated here are applicable to state-managed STBG funds.)

(14) The creation and operation by a State of an office to assist in the design, implementation, and oversight of public-private partnerships eligible to receive funding under title 23 and chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, and the payment of a stipend to unsuccessful private bidders to offset their proposal development costs, if necessary to encourage robust competition in public-private partnership procurements*. (*Eligibility indicated here are applicable to state-managed STBG funds.)

(15) Any type of project eligible under 23 U.S.C. 133 as in effect on the day before the FAST Act was enacted.

Y230 - Application

Is your agency or organization an eligible entity?

Is your project in an eligible location and for eligible activity?

Is your project (including all phases) identified in or consistent with the CORE MPO's financially constrained 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Mobility 2045) or Non-Motorized Transportation Plan?

Is your agency or organization LAP certified by GDOT?

Are you requesting at least \$200,000?

Do you have at least 20% match for the total project cost? Please provide written confirmation of your local match. Local funds already spent on prior project phases **cannot** be used as part of the local match for new STBG awards.

Y301 - Estimated Revenues

CORE MPO 2022 Y301 Call for Projects			
Fiscal Year	Total Expected Y301 Federal Revenues**	Minimum Federal Funding Request per Project*	Maximum Federal Funding Request per Project*
2023	\$1,733,095	\$200,000	\$1,733,095
2024	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
2026	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
2027	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$400,000

**Final revenues are to be determined.

* Project sponsors are to provide 20% of the total project cost as local match.

Y301 Funds - Eligible Sponsor

The following types of entities are eligible to apply for TA funds:

- Local governments;
- Regional transportation authorities;
- Transit agencies;
- Natural resource or public land agencies;
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools;
- Tribal governments; and
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a MPO or a State agency) that the State 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.

While States, MPOs, and non-profit organizations are not eligible entities, they may partner with an eligible entity on an application.

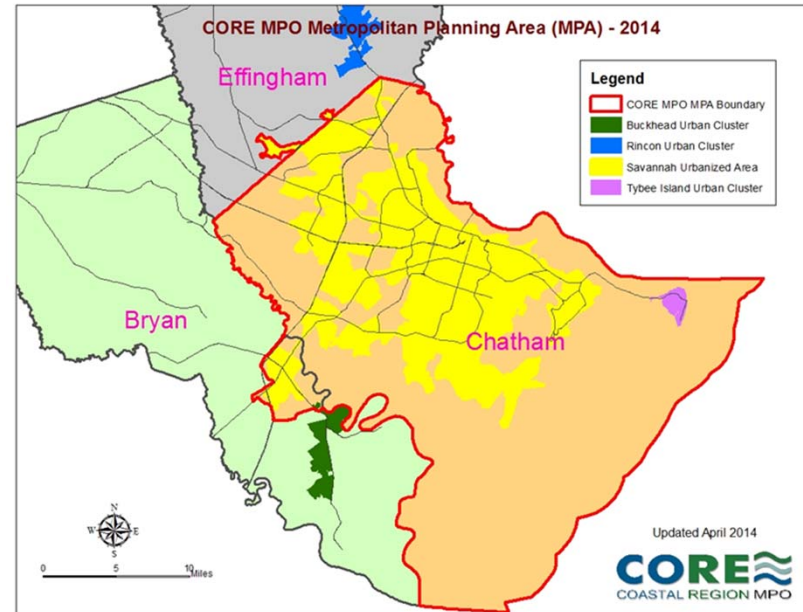
Y301 Funds - Planning and Certification Requirements

- Y301-funded projects must be consistent with the CORE MPO's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan - <https://www.thempc.org/Core/Bpp#gsc.tab=0>.
 - Already in the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan – eligible
 - Not in the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan – amendments needed
- Y301-funded project must have a dedicated local sponsor to provide matching funds and follow through the implementation.
- LAP certification is a requirement for TA funded projects.

Y301 Funds - Eligible Location

TA projects must be located within the CORE MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area.

TA projects are not subject to the prohibition against use on local roads or rural minor collectors, as generally applies to Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.



Y301 - Eligible Cost

All projects must follow applicable federal guidelines for implementation.

- ❑ Timing of expenditures – costs incurred prior to “obligation” are **not** eligible for reimbursement. Obligation occurs when a project is approved and an agreement is executed between the FHWA division office and the State. Any design and feasibility studies conducted prior to receipt of Y301 funds award notice are not eligible as reimbursable costs.
- ❑ Types of costs – the following project-specific costs are eligible.
 - Preliminary engineering (PE) work, including project development, environmental work, cost estimates, construction plans, and architectural work;
 - Utility relocations;
 - Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition (the acquisition of real property is subject to the Uniform Act); and
 - Construction costs.
- ❑ Any administrative costs, maintenance costs, or costs of general planning studies would **not** be eligible for reimbursement.
- ❑ Costs incurred through procurements that were not in accordance with applicable federal guidelines also are **not** eligible for reimbursement.

Y301 - Eligible Activities

- Transportation Alternatives as defined in section 101 [former 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(29)]:
The term “transportation alternatives” means any of the following activities when carried out as part of any program or project authorized or funded under this title, or as an independent program or project related to surface transportation:
 - A. Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation, including 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 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).
 - B. 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.
 - C. Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users.
 - D. Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.

Y301 - Eligible Activities (Continued)

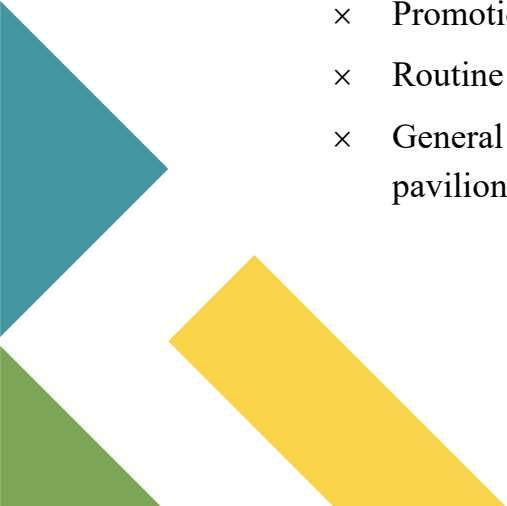
- F. Community improvement activities, *which include but are not limited to*:
 - A. inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising;
 - B. historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities;
 - C. vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control; and
 - D. archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under title 23.
- G. Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to:
 - A. address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff, including activities described in sections 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(3) [as amended under the FAST Act], 328(a), and 329 of title 23; or
 - B. (ii) reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats (Former 23 U.S.C. 213(b)(2)-(4)).

Y301 - Eligible Activities (Continued)

2. The [recreational trails program](#) under 23 U.S.C. 206 of title 23. See the [Recreational Trails Program](#) section.
 3. The [safe routes to school program](#) eligible projects and activities listed at section 1404(f) of the SAFETEA-LU:
 - A. [Infrastructure](#)-related projects.
 - B. [Noninfrastructure](#)-related activities.
 - C. SRTS coordinator. SAFETEA-LU section 1404(f)(2)(A) lists “managers of safe routes to school programs” as eligible under the noninfrastructure projects.
 4. Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.
 - A. See [Boulevards from Divided Highways](#) for examples.
- TA projects must benefit the general public.

Y301 - Eligible Activities (Continued)

Not Eligible: TA funds cannot be used for the following activities because there is no authorization under the Federal-aid Highway Program:

- × State or MPO administrative purposes. Exceptions: See FHWA's Memo Allocating Indirect Costs to Projects, dated September 4, 2015.
 - × RTP administrative costs of the State for RTP set-aside funds.
 - × Promotional activities, except as permitted under the SRTS (2 CFR 200.421(e)(3)).
 - × Routine maintenance and operations, except trail maintenance as permitted under the RTP.
 - × General recreation and park facilities, playground equipment, sports fields, campgrounds, picnic areas and pavilions, etc.
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Y301 - Application

	Is your agency or organization an eligible entity?
	Is your project an eligible activity?
	Are you requesting at least \$200,000 in federal TA funds?
	Is your agency able to cover project expenses as the project progresses and be reimbursed for no more than 80% of eligible costs as invoices are submitted?
	Do you have at least 20% match for the total project cost? You will need to provide written confirmation of your local match. Local funds already spent on prior project phases cannot be used as part of the local match for new TA awards.

Application Suggestions

- Determine your funding needs.
- Review the Y230 and Y301 Call for Projects manuals to check eligibility.
- Coordinate with CORE MPO staff to satisfy eligibility requirements.
- Decide which funding source you are applying for.
- Fill in the information in the application form as detailed as possible.
- Be realistic in developing implementation schedule.
- Be aggressive in estimating project costs.
- Be ready to provide more than 20% of local match to enhance competition.



Questions?

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