

7th Call Funding Category Definitions

Four project categories were defined for MCIP project applications and evaluation:

1. **Roadway Capacity & Connectivity** – This category would focus on traditional thoroughfare improvement projects that improve congestion or mitigate traffic impacts, typically through increased roadway capacity or providing new thoroughfare connections. Roadway projects that also incorporate elements to enhance or accommodate travel for other modes would also be scored under this category.
2. **Bicycle & Pedestrian** – This category would focus on projects that specifically create new connections or improve access/safety for bicycles and pedestrians. Projects may include on-street bicycle facilities, shared-use paths, trails, or sidewalks. Projects that improve bicycle or pedestrian access to transit service may also be considered as part of this category.
3. **Safety** – This category would consider projects that do not necessarily improve congestion or efficiency of the roadway network, but rather are focused on improving the safety on thoroughfares or multimodal facilities. This may include improvements related to mitigating vehicle crashes, traffic calming, intersection crossings, or other safety measures. In order for a safety project to be considered, it must relate to a facility identified on the Mobility Plan. Funding will be limited to \$1 million Dallas County cost participation per project.
4. **Innovative & Alternative Transportation Solutions** – This category would encourage projects that involve alternative or innovative mobility strategies, particularly those that reduce single occupancy vehicle traffic. This category may include a wide range of transit-related improvements, including rail transit, bus transit, fixed-route shuttle service, and ride-share service. It is also intended to provide flexibility for projects that may involve future transportation technology, such as connected and autonomous vehicles, high-speed rail, Hyperloop, and “smart cities” technology. Projects considered as part of the Innovative and Alternative category should be part of a regional program already in existence coordinated by a regional project partner (e.g. NCTCOG, TxDOT, DART, or Dallas County).