



Dallas County

April 26, 2019

Re: Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP) - Transportation Funding 7th Call for Projects – Invitation to Submit Project Proposals

Dear Dallas County Partner:

Dallas County is inviting cities to submit applications for project proposals to partner on improving regional transportation infrastructure eligible for funding through the MCIP 7th Call for Projects of the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP). Now in its seventh cycle, the MCIP is a partnership “Funding Commitment” financing mechanism for Dallas County to provide up to half of the total project cost for eligible transportation infrastructure improvements as outlined in the MCIP Master Agreement. Occurring on a multi-year cycle, this cycle of project selection allows Dallas County the flexibility to coordinate with cities on designing and constructing their highest priority projects selected for MCIP funding.

Dallas County is currently seeking eligible project proposals to fund construction in targeted timeframe of FY 2022 – FY 2025. All applications for funding must be submitted to Dallas County Public Works by 4:00 PM on September 27, 2019. Evaluations of these submittals will be completed by February 2020. Each city will be provided with the preliminary rankings of its own projects at that time for comment and feedback. Final project approval by the Commissioners Court is anticipated to occur as early as Spring 2020, with notifications of project approval being sent after Court approval. Public Works will be reconfirming by this fall with the Court on the amount of funding to be made available for awarding County MCIP project funding commitments and cities will be updated once the Court has confirmed the total amount of funding to be made available for the MCIP 7th Call for Projects.

In 2016, Dallas County adopted an Administrative Plan that established the following guiding visions for the County. In seeking to improve regional mobility, regional air quality and safety on regional transportation facilities by providing strategic transportation infrastructure improvements with our City partners, the Dallas County MCIP 7th Call for Projects will help fulfill the vision statements from the Dallas County Administrative Plan:

- *Dallas County is operationally a model governmental entity.*
- *Dallas County is a healthy community.*
- *Dallas County is a proactive regional partner.*
- *Dallas County is safe, secure, and prepared.*
- *Dallas County is the destination of choice for businesses and residents.*

To better facilitate attendance, there will be multiple opportunities to attend MCIP partnering workshops during the following dates in June 2019:

- June 3rd at Dallas County Health & Human Services, 2377 Stemmons Freeway, Room 627
- June 11th at Dallas County District 1 Road & Bridge, 715 Rowlett Rd, Training Room
- June 19th at the DeSoto Town Center, 211 E Pleasant Run Rd, Pecan Room



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Each of these MCIP partnering workshops will be from 9:30-1:00 with the same meeting content including a recap of the Dallas County Mobility Plan, an overview of MCIP 7th Call for Projects application procedures and a discussion of the draft ten-year MCIP Master Agreement, required prior to project specific agreements.

Comments from cities on the MCIP Master Agreement will need to be received by Fall 2019 so that the execution of the Master Agreements can occur in 2020 prior to expiration of most current Master Agreements in 2021. This will enable all participating cities to participate on specific MCIP projects into 2030 with approval by Commissioners Court.

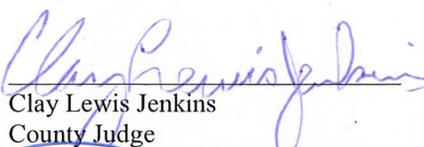
A workshop notice will be sent in April, then a follow-up reminder one month prior to the workshop date you have confirmed to attend and another follow-up reminder one week prior to that date. The workshop information and application forms will be available on-line beginning April 29, 2019 along with reference materials accessible on the Dallas County website at:

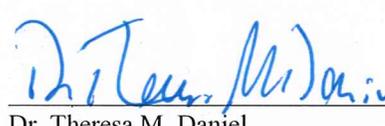
<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/pubworks/mcip-projects.php>

The application forms posted at this location are web-based, allowing progress to be saved. Applications will be submitted through the on-line interface including supporting documents; in particular, GIS shape files that specifies project location, project limits and proposed alignment.

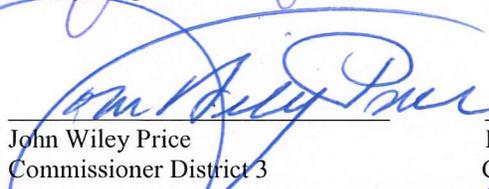
Public Works has provided the attached listing of the evaluation criteria that will be used to rate the proposals. Please note that local cost participation of at least 50% of the estimated project cost is a key element in the criteria. If your city qualifies as an economically distressed city, please contact us for more information. Ultimately, the Commissioners Court will determine the projects selected for MCIP funding commitments.

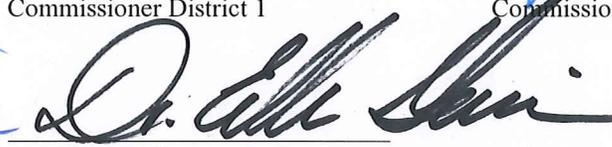
If you have any questions about any aspects of the MCIP or the selection methodology, we encourage you to contact Jonathan Toffer, with the Program Engineering Management Division of Dallas County Public Works at 214/653-7151 or by email at Jonathan.Toffer@dallascounty.org.


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Attachments: MCIP 7th Call for Projects Funding Category Definitions

Attachment B

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).