



Memorandum

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Subject: River to Sea TPO's Annual Call for Projects

***** **FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION** *****

Announcing River to Sea TPO's Annual CALL FOR PROJECTS

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (R2CTPO) is now accepting applications for projects to be added to our List of Priority Projects. These applications will be used by the R2CTPO to qualify and prioritize proposed transportation-related projects for feasibility study and/or implementation using federal and/or state transportation funding.

The deadline for submitting project applications is 2:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, February 26, 2021.

Any previously submitted project application which was ranked, but has not yet undergone a feasibility study, will remain on the List of Priority Projects **only if the project's sponsor submits a letter indicating its continuing support for the project. This letter must be received by the R2CTPO on or before 2:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, February 26, 2021.**

The R2CTPO has six categories of Priority Projects, which are:

- Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Roadway Projects
- Regionally Significant Non-SIS Roadway Projects
- Public Transit Projects
- Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives (traffic operations focused) Projects
- Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives (bicycle and pedestrian focused) Projects
- Transportation Planning Studies

Only applications for transportation-related projects in the following Priority Project categories will be considered at this time:

- Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives (traffic operations focused) Projects
- Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives (bicycle and pedestrian focused) Projects
- Transportation Planning Studies

Applications are not being accepted for projects to be included on the List of Priority Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Projects or the List of Priority Regionally Significant, Non-SIS Roadway Projects. Only projects identified in the adopted Long Range Transportation Plan qualify for these lists. Projects to be included on the List of Priority Transit Projects are selected by the TPO in cooperation with the public transit agencies.

Beverly Beach
Bunnell
Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Shores

DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Edgewater

Flagler Beach
Flagler County
Holly Hill
Lake Helen

New Smyrna Beach
Oak Hill
Orange City
Ormond Beach

Palm Coast
Pierson
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange

South Daytona
Volusia County

Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives Projects and Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Projects

All state and/or federal funded projects require a 10% local match for the feasibility study.

All state and/or federal funded projects that are not on the State Highway System (SHS) require a minimum 10% local match for project implementation.

The process for reviewing and ranking Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives projects and Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives projects is as follows:

1. For each proposed project, the Applying Agency (project sponsor) will submit a completed R2CTPO Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives Project Funding Application or Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Project Funding Application. The application will indicate whether the Applying Agency is requesting a feasibility study or project implementation. R2CTPO will accept an application for project implementation (design, right-of-way, construction) only if the proposed project has undergone a feasibility study or if a feasibility study will not be required.
2. R2CTPO staff will screen applications to ensure that they are complete and include only eligible improvements/activities.
3. Project applications for feasibility studies:
 - a. Applying Agency (project sponsor) will submit an official letter to the R2CTPO certifying that the project is supported by the Applying Agency and agreeing to pay its required local share (10%) of the cost for a required feasibility study.
 - b. Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives projects will be preliminarily ranked by the TIP Subcommittee; Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Project Applications will be preliminarily ranked by the BPAC Project Review Subcommittee. The R2CTPO Board will approve a final ranking of all projects.
 - c. The R2CTPO's consultant will perform a feasibility study on each proposed project in ranked order as funding becomes available. The R2CTPO will pay 90% of the study cost; the Applying Agency will be responsible for the remaining 10% (cash match).
4. Projects applications for project implementation (feasibility study or equivalent has been completed):
 - a. Applying Agency (project sponsor) will submit an application for project implementation, including the FDOT Project Information Application Form, and an official letter agreeing to provide the required local match for state and/or federal funds programmed on the project, and agreeing to pay for any cost overruns.
 - b. Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives Project Applications will be preliminarily ranked by the TIP Subcommittee; Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Project Applications will be preliminarily ranked by the BPAC Project Review Subcommittee. The R2CTPO Board will approve a final ranking of all projects.
 - c. R2CTPO will coordinate with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to program the projects in FDOT's Work Program and the R2CTPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in the order of priority set by the R2CTPO Board.

Local Initiatives Projects

These are projects that address complete streets retrofits, roundabouts, major technology improvements, climate change adaptation, aesthetics, and other improvements that support the goals of the Long Range

Transportation Plan. Local initiative projects that focus on traffic operations will use the *Traffic Operations, Safety & Local Initiatives Project Application*; those that focus on bicyclists and pedestrians shall use the *Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Project Application*.

Regional Trail Projects

Projects that contribute directly to the completion or enhancement of the SUNTrail Network will be eligible for inclusion on the Central Florida MPO Alliance's (CFMPOA) Regional Trail Projects List. For a project to be included on this list, the project's sponsor must submit a completed R2CTPO Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Project Application and indicate on the application that the project is being offered for consideration as a Regional Trail Project.

Application Process Support

To help with the application process, the following items will be available for download from the R2CTPO's website (<https://www.r2ctpo.org/2020/11/30/2021-call-for-projects-open/>) :

1. Memorandum Announcing R2CTPO's Annual Call for Projects
2. Schedule for the 2021 Priority Project Process
3. 2020 Lists of Priority Projects
4. R2CTPO's General Instructions for Project Applications
5. R2CTPO's Priority Project Application for Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives Projects
6. R2CTPO's Priority Project Application for Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Projects
7. R2CTPO's Priority Project Application for Transportation Planning Studies
8. Supporting Resolutions

For questions regarding Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives Projects and Transportation Planning Studies, contact Colleen Nicoulin, (386) 226-0422, extension 20417.

For questions regarding Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Projects, contact Stephan Harris, (386) 226-0422, extension 20428.

The deadline for submittal of all project funding applications is 2:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, February 26, 2021. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.