



RGVMPO FY 2025-2027 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Working Group Meeting #3

October 9, 2024



TASA Working Group Meeting #3 Agenda



- I. Review TASA Working Group Meeting #2 Feedback
- II. Discuss Final TASA Program Guide & solicit feedback via Mentimeter
- III. Discuss Final TASA Application & solicit feedback via Mentimeter
 - Part A: project proposal and evaluation questions
 - Part B: project information form (including budget breakdown)
 - Part C: SPA form (to determine project leads and oversight levels)
- IV. Discuss Final TASA Scoring Criteria & solicit feedback via Mentimeter
 - Project Readiness
 - Planning Projects are not applicable (N/A) to Project Readiness.
 - Resilience & Safety Benefits
 - Equity
 - Connectivity
- V. Timeline of Activities

I. Review TASA Working Group Mtg. #2 Feedback



Place a pin on the section of the Draft Program Guide needs additional work:

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BASED ON THE FEEDBACK FROM THE LAST MEETING, ONLY MINOR CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED

Please share any additional feedback or comments regarding the Draft FY 25-26 TASA Program Guide:

No further clarification

N/A

Emphasis on project readiness with the exception of Environmental (typically done with TxDOT after AFA is signed).

Need clarification on using RFP or RFQ process by the LG

Guide is presented well

It looks great!

Can you allow projects to be submitted to both the RGVMPPO and the TA calls?
It's completely arbitrary



Please rate the following statements regarding #2. Project Type:

Project Type options should be reduced to more common scopes of work funded with TASA.

3.8

Project Types need clear definitions in the 'Definitions & Terminology' section of the Program Guide.

4.1

Project Types should be linked to visual examples for a more clear understanding of expectations.

3.9

Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

Are #8 Proposed Safety Countermeasures & #9 Proposed Infrastructure Elements clear?

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Yes, both are clear as is.

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#8 needs improvement

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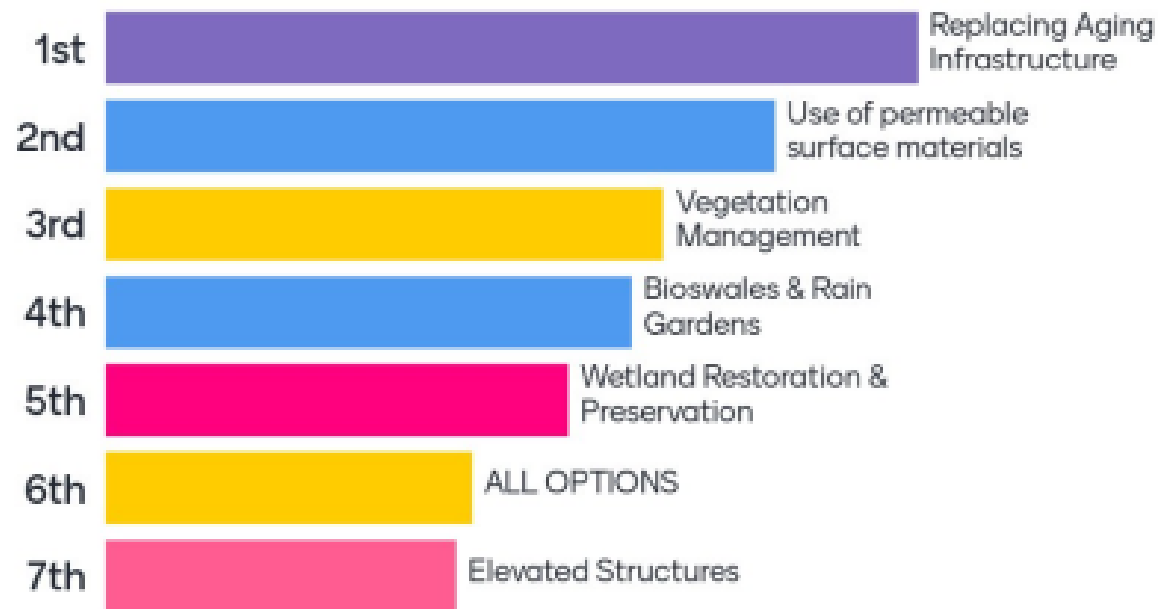
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Both could be improved



Which Adaptive Development (Resiliency) recommendations should be added to the application



Please share any additional feedback or comments regarding the Draft FY 25-26 TASA Application:

Looks good!

it's clear

Suggest that on 8 & 9 say that more than one can be selected or only one.

For your project description on location and site maps, this should be done with GIS software in preparation to further analysis and additional needs not Google maps

Suggestion - Project readiness should include a comment box next to the percentage.

same with 11. - comment box

Yes, many do not have GIS capability or staff.

Weight each criteria category for Construction Projects scoring:



How should Planning Projects communicate their Project Readiness in the Application?

- 1st  Planning Projects should have different scoring criteria weights than Const. Projects as PR is Not Applicable (N/A).
- 2nd  Incorporate points for different types of Planning Projects (ex: Master Plans, Feasibility Studies, Env., PS&E development, etc.)
- 3rd  Automatically receive PR pts as all planning projects help with project development.

Please share any additional feedback or comments regarding the Draft FY 25-26 TASA Scoring Criteria:

Will provide better feedback once scoring criteria percentages are defined

We need to assure scoring criteria is captured into process \ project requirements.

Please try to keep it simple. Please don't over complicate it for the reviewers. Ensure that staff factchecks the information submitted in the applications.

Can we have a defined process to get TxDOT Environmental approval for projects seeking either planning or construction projects? If possible getting a headstart prior to AFA is executed due to time

The way we include sample AFA, perhaps resources for planning scopes, procurement policy regs, etc. would be useful for planning project applicants

II. Discuss Draft TASA Program Guide & solicit feedback via Mentimeter



- An Appendix was developed with a map of previously awarded RGVMPO TASA Projects:
 - FY21-22 Projects
 - FY23-24 Projects(RGVMPO Staff still working on this)
- Workshop will cover why the projects were:
 - Successful through the competitive process.
 - Successful in the obligation of funds (project development).

The image shows the cover and table of contents for a program guide. The cover is blue and features the RGVMPO logo, the title 'FY 2025 - 2027 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TASA) PROGRAM GUIDE', the date 'NOVEMBER 1, 2024 - FINAL DRAFT', and a small icon of a person walking with a bicycle and a tree. The table of contents lists sections A through L, with section L, 'Appendix - RGVMPO Previously Awarded Projects', highlighted in red.

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Red – final revisions made

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FINAL Program Guide Feedback



Please share any FINAL feedback or comments regarding the FY25-27 TASA Program Guide:

I'm still good

The updates are good.

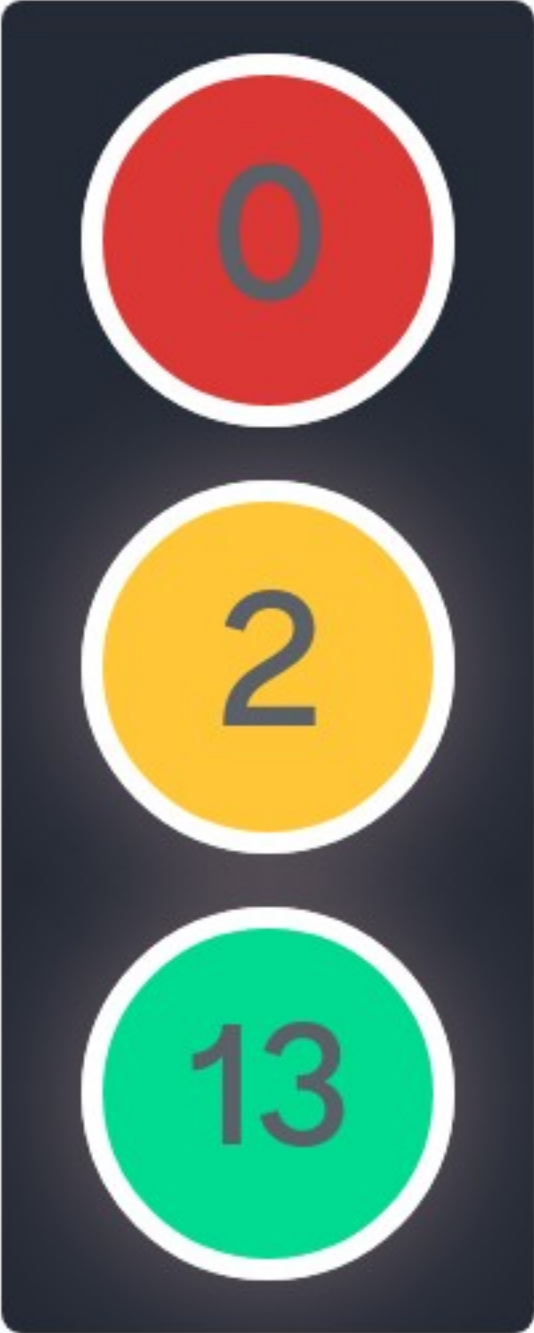
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Final TASA Program Guide



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Good to go!

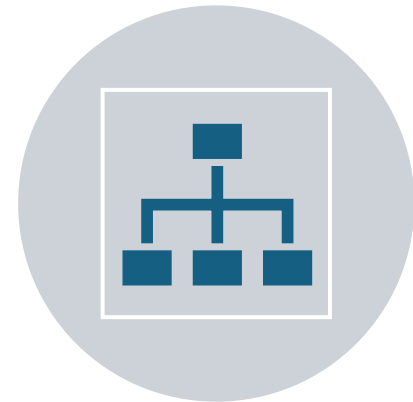
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PART A: PROJECT PROPOSAL AND
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PART B: PROJECT INFORMATION
FORM (INCLUDING BUDGET
BREAKDOWN)



PART C: SPA FORM (TO DETERMINE
PROJECT LEADS AND OVERSIGHT
LEVELS)



PART A: PROJECT PROPOSAL AND EVALUATION QUESTIONS



RGVMPO FY2025-2027 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES APPLICATION - Part A

For Projects in the [RGVMPO Metropolitan Area Boundary \(MAB\)](#) (Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr counties, Texas)

Project Sponsor Name		Date
Point-of-Contact Person		Title
Phone Number	Email Address	
TA Funding Request	Local Match	
Project Name		
Project Description (Scope of Work) Attach location and site maps, drawings, and photographs. Here's a tutorial for creating and sharing a google map for guidance.		
Project Length	Limits From	Limits To

1. Eligible Project Sponsor Category: Please select the applicable project sponsor.
SELECT

2. Project Type: Please select the project type for this project. Check all that apply.

- Multiuse Path or Protect Bike Lane
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Signal or Crossing
- Safe Routes for Non-Drivers Travel Plan Traffic Calming
- On-Road Bicycle Improvements
- Sidewalk
- Historical Preservation of Transportation Facility
- Environmental Mitigation
- Safe Routes Promotional Activities
- Vegetation Management
- Removal of Outdoor Advertising
- Bike Parking
- Overlooks or Viewing Areas
- Recreational Trails
- Project is a plan/study for future construction.
- Project will consist of construction of a new infrastructure and replace some existing facility.
- Project is 100% new construction.
- Other:

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A. PROJECT READINESS: Attach backup documentation and label first page as 'Exhibit A: Project Readiness'. If documentation is not provided it will be requested during review, prior to scoring, to verify eligibility of points. For all Planning Projects, please select not applicable (N/A).

3. Plans, Specifications, & Estimates Status
Select

4. Estimated Right-of-Way Acquisition (EROA) %
Select
0%
30%
60%
90%
100%
(N/A) - Planning Project

5. Right-of-Way Acquisition (EROA) % (property ownership or related agreements)

6. Railroad & Utility Status
Select

B. RESILIENCE & SAFETY BENEFITS:

7. Non-motorized crash count/rate [RGVMPO GIS Analysis]
RGVMPO Staff will analyze the proposed project route to determine the non-motorized crash count/rate and eligible scoring points.

8. Proposed safety countermeasures (Check all that apply.)

- Lighting
- Signage improvements
- Pavement marking improvements.
- Speed management
- Curb extensions
- Crosswalk visibility enhancements
- Medians and/or refuge islands Rectangular
- Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)
- Other:
- None

9. Proposed infrastructure elements (Check all that apply.)

- Separating bicycle and pedestrians from motorized traffic (excluding side paths with more than 10 crossings/driveways per mile)
- Safe routes for non-drivers travel plan
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing
- On-road bicycle facilities
- Side path with less than 10 crossings/driveways per mile
- Traffic Calming
- Replacement/Rehabilitation
- Other:

10. Project promotes/enhances Resilience & Sustainability elements:
Select Resilience & Sustainability elements

Select Resilience & Sustainability elements
Replacing Aging Infrastructure
Use of permeable surface materials
Vegetation Management
Bioswales & Rain Gardens
Wetland Restoration & Preservation
Elevated Structured
One or more of these options
Project does NOT promote/enhance Resilience & Sustainability elements

C. EQUITY

The BIL added a provision to the TA Set-Aside requiring that the competitive process used by a State or MPO include prioritization of project location and impact in high-need areas as defined by the State, such as low-income, transit-dependent, rural, or other areas (23 U.S.C. 133(h)(4)(D)).

11. Project Area: Is project located in a High-Need area? (is it transit dependent, rural, low-income)
Select

12. Population Impacted: What is the potential population impacted? [RGVMPO GIS Analysis]
RGVMPO staff will calculate the population residing within one mile of the project scope. If the project scope is part of a connected system, that population can be included with justification from the project sponsor.

- Avg. percent elderly
- Avg. percent disables
- Avg. percent zero car household
- Percentage living below the poverty line

13. Historically Disadvantaged Tract: Historically disadvantage tract follows the Justice 40 initiative which includes certain qualifying census tract, tribal lands, or any territory possession of the U.S. with a poverty rate of at least 20% as measured by the 2014-2018 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Bureau of Census. Please [utilize this map](#) to answer.
Select

D. CONNECTIVITY

14. Plan Consistency: Is the project consistent with regional and local plans? Provide documentation.

- Consistent with state plans (Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Study)
- Consistent with regional plans (County-wide; Metro-area; or District-wide).
- Consistent with local plans.
- Inconsistent with plans.

15. Connects to existing multimodal transportation systems: Bike/Ped/Transit stops.

- Intersects or expands on existing bicycle lanes, sharrows, trails.
- Intersects or expands on existing sidewalks, ramps, bridges.
- Proposed project is 0 to 0.5 mile to a transit stop or transfer center.
- Does not connect to existing multimodal transportation systems.

16. Connects to public buildings, schools, and parks:

- Proposed project is 0 to 0.5 miles from a public building (city hall, libraries, recreation centers, etc.).
- Proposed project is 0 to 0.5 miles from a school (public, charter, higher education, etc.).
- Proposed project is 0 to 0.5 miles from a park (local, state, or federal).
- Does not connect to public buildings, schools, and parks.

17. Multi-jurisdictional connections or 10+ miles in length:

- Connects across municipal (within city limits) and county jurisdictions (outside city limits).
- Connects three or more municipalities/county limits.
- Proposed project is 10 miles or more in length (spans across one city).
- Does not connect to outside city limits.

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PART B: PROJECT INFORMATION FORM (INCLUDING BUDGET BREAKDOWN)



Project Information Form- Part B

<p>Project CSJ: <u>Pending Funding Award</u> HWY: <u>N/A</u> Project Limits: _____ County: _____ Functionally Classified: <u>N/A</u> Project Estimate Total Amount: _____ Let Date: <u>FY</u> - <u> </u> Scope of Work: _____ _____ _____ Letting by: <u>LG PROJECT SPONSOR</u></p>	<p>Project Manager TxDOT Project Manager (PM): <u>TxDOT to Provide</u> LG PM & Contact Information: _____</p> <p>Sponsor Local Government's (LGs) DUN #: _____ Project Sponsor: _____ Project Sponsor Address: _____ City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip code (*****-****): _____ Interlocal Agreement Required: <u>select</u> Interlocal- Names of LGs involved: _____ Interlocal Agreement Executed: _____ Interlocal Agreement - Execution Date: _____</p>
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Description	Funding Source	Project Cost			Reimbursement to LG
	Category 9 or Local	LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S LATEST COST ESTIMATE (3)	Let Year	Federal 80% (4)	Yes or No (5)
PS&E (Preliminary Engineering)/Survey/Geo/ Pavement Design (1)	SELECT -		FY -		SELECT -
Environmental	SELECT -		FY -		SELECT -
Right of Way (ROW)	SELECT -		FY -		SELECT -
Utilities	SELECT -		FY -		SELECT -
Construction (2)	SELECT -		FY -		SELECT -
Construction (local 100%)*	SELECT -		FY -		SELECT -
Construction Engineering	SELECT -		FY -		SELECT -
Direct State Cost (15% of total project cost):	SELECT -		FY -		SELECT -
Project Total		\$ 0			

(1) Usually for Category 9 Planning Funded Projects. Locally Funded for Construction projects
 (2) For Category 9 Construction Funded Projects. For further guidance, please use [TxDOT's Construction Cost Estimates Assistance Tool](#).
 (3) Please provide the total cost estimates for each phase of the project. Some of these will be \$0.
 (4) Only for the 80% Federal amount to be awarded to the project.
 (5) Only Category 9 Funds are reimbursable.
 * The Local Government is responsible for 100% of the construction costs exceeding the approved federal funding.

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PART C: SPA FORM (TO DETERMINE PROJECT LEADS AND OVERSIGHT LEVELS)



PROJECT B

Name of previously completed project			
Describe type of work			
Describe any complex items of work			
Construction cost	Estimated:		Actual:
Letting date	Scheduled:		Actual:
Contract time	Scheduled:		Actual:
LG management activities performed by LG personnel			
LG management activities performed by consultants			
Name of current LG employee contact who worked on project		Phone #	
		Email	

2. The capability of the LG to perform the type of work proposed or to award and manage a contract for that work in a timely manner, consistent with federal, state, and Department regulations, standards, and specifications

Please describe the LG's proposed personnel.

Name of person to serve in the position of Responsible Person in Charge		Position/Title	
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- Must be full-time employee of LG;
- Must be able to administer project activities (cost, time, scope, adherence to contract requirements, construction quality, etc.);
- Must maintain familiarity with day-to-day project operations (including project safety);
- Must make or participate in decisions about change orders or supplemental agreements;
- Must visit and review the project regularly;
- Must review financial processes, transactions and documentation; and
- Must direct his/her project staff (agency or consultant) at all stages of the project.

Name of person to serve as Project Manager		Position/Title	
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- Responsible for daily oversight of the project;
- Primary point of communication with TxDOT for day-to-day matters;
- May be same person as Responsible Person in Charge; and
- May be local government employee or consultant.

Project Manager's previous experience on projects of similar type, complexity and cost	
Project Manager's previous experience on TxDOT and/or FHWA-funded projects	

Name of person to serve in the position of Qualified Person		Position/Title	
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- Must have completed TxDOT-required LGPP training prior to execution of AFA;
- May be same person as Responsible Person in Charge or Project Manager; and
- May be LG employee or consultant.

Qualified Person's previous experience on projects of similar type, complexity and cost	
Qualified Person's previous experience on TxDOT and/or FHWA-funded projects	

Information submitted by:

LG representative signature	Date
LG representative printed name	LG representative title

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FINAL Application Feedback



Please share any FINAL feedback or comments regarding the FY25-27 TASA Application:

None

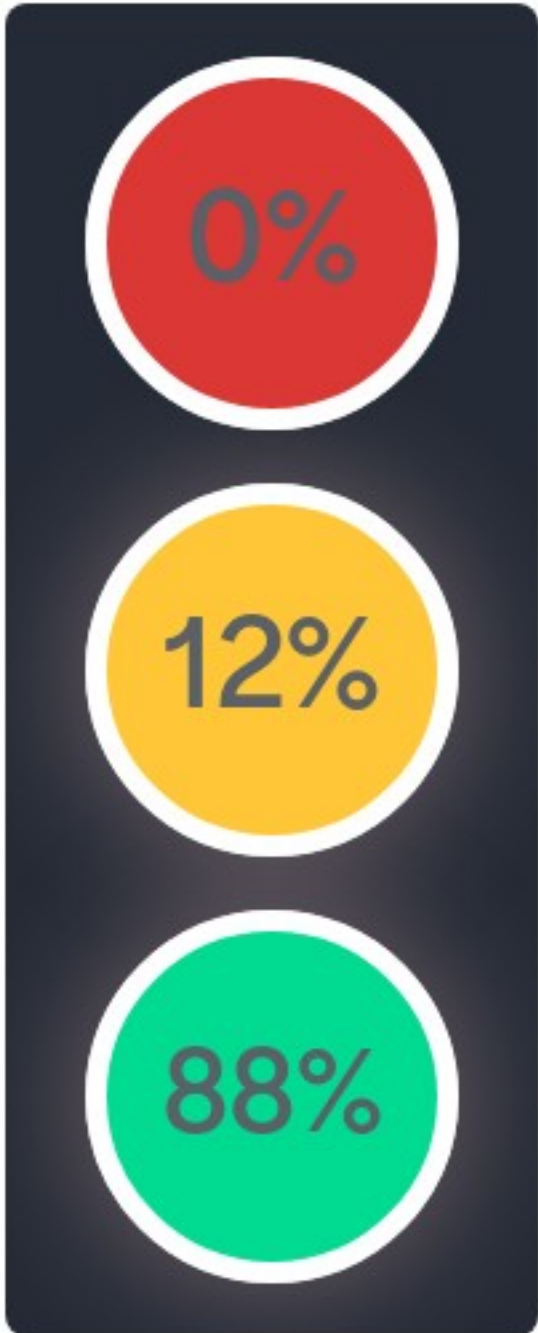
Thank you Eva and
Melany! LOOKS GREAT!



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Final TASA Application



Needs attention

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Good to go!

Ask me anything

0 questions

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IV. Discuss Draft TASA Scoring Criteria & solicit feedback via Mentimeter

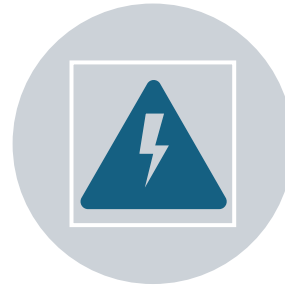


Planning vs Construction



Project Readiness*

*N/A for planning projects



Resilience & Safety Benefits



Equity



Connectivity

Planning vs Construction



Construction & Planning Scoring Criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Description/Factors	Evaluation Method	Evaluation Details
Project Readiness*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates planning/construction project funds obligating on time. • Demonstrates the ability to advance the project to construction immediately, if selected for funding • Identifies comprehensive, detailed construction/planning cost estimate. • Meets and/or exceeds design criteria established by UD Access Board, FHWA, AASHTO, TxDOT, and/or NACTO. <p>*Planning Projects are not applicable (N/A) to Project Readiness.</p>	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E)	Analysis of application responses
		Environmental Documentation	Analysis of application responses
		Right-of-Way (ROW)	Analysis of application responses
		Railroad Impacts & Utility Coordination	Analysis of application responses
Resilience & Safety Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated need for safety improvement and appropriate safety countermeasures. • Provides safer and/or less intimidating accommodations for walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized travel. • Enhances resilience to natural and man-made disruptions. • Promotes community resilience and sustainability, by ensuring access to alternative transportation during crises, supports vulnerable populations, and aligns with the RGVMPPO Resilience and Sustainability Analysis for environmentally and economically stable practices. 	Non-motorized crash count/rate	RGVMPO GIS analysis
		Proposed safety countermeasures	Analysis of application responses
		Proposed infrastructure elements	Analysis of application responses
		Promotes and/or Enhances Resilience & Sustainability elements	Analysis of application responses
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhances livability by improving active transportation access and improves modes choice in underserved communities. • Provides health and environmental benefits by incorporating landscaping, sidewalk design, crossing treatments, street furniture, bike racks, or lighting to encourage pedestrian and cyclists to utilize the area. • New BIL requirements state the competitive process used by MPOs must prioritize project location & impact in high-need areas as defined by the State, such as low-income, transit dependent, rural or other areas (23 U.S.C. 133 (h)(4)(D)). 	Average percent elderly	RGVMPO GIS analysis
		Average percent disabled	RGVMPO GIS analysis
		Average percent zero car household	RGVMPO GIS analysis
		Percentage living below the poverty line	RGVMPO GIS analysis
		Within a historically disadvantaged tract	RGVMPO GIS analysis
Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves active transportation access to destinations of interest such as business districts, downtown, centers of business activity, high density residential, and/or employment centers • Supports multi-modal connections. • Eliminates barriers to pedestrians, bicycle riders, and wheelchair users. • Supports investments in local/interregional tourism, especially Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails 	Implements local/regional active transportation plans.	Analysis of application responses
		Connects to existing Bike/Ped/Transit Facilities and/or incorporates Complete Streets.	Analysis of application responses
		Connects to public buildings, schools, and parks	Analysis of application responses
		Mutli-jurisdictional connections or 10+ miles in length	Analysis of application responses

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Planning vs Construction

Criteria Category	Criteria Category Weights	
	Planning	Construction
Project Readiness* <small>*Planning Projects are not applicable (N/A) to Project Readiness.</small>	N/A	40%
Resilience & Safety Benefits	TBD%	20%
Equity	TBD%	20%
Connectivity	TBD%	20%
Total	100%	100%

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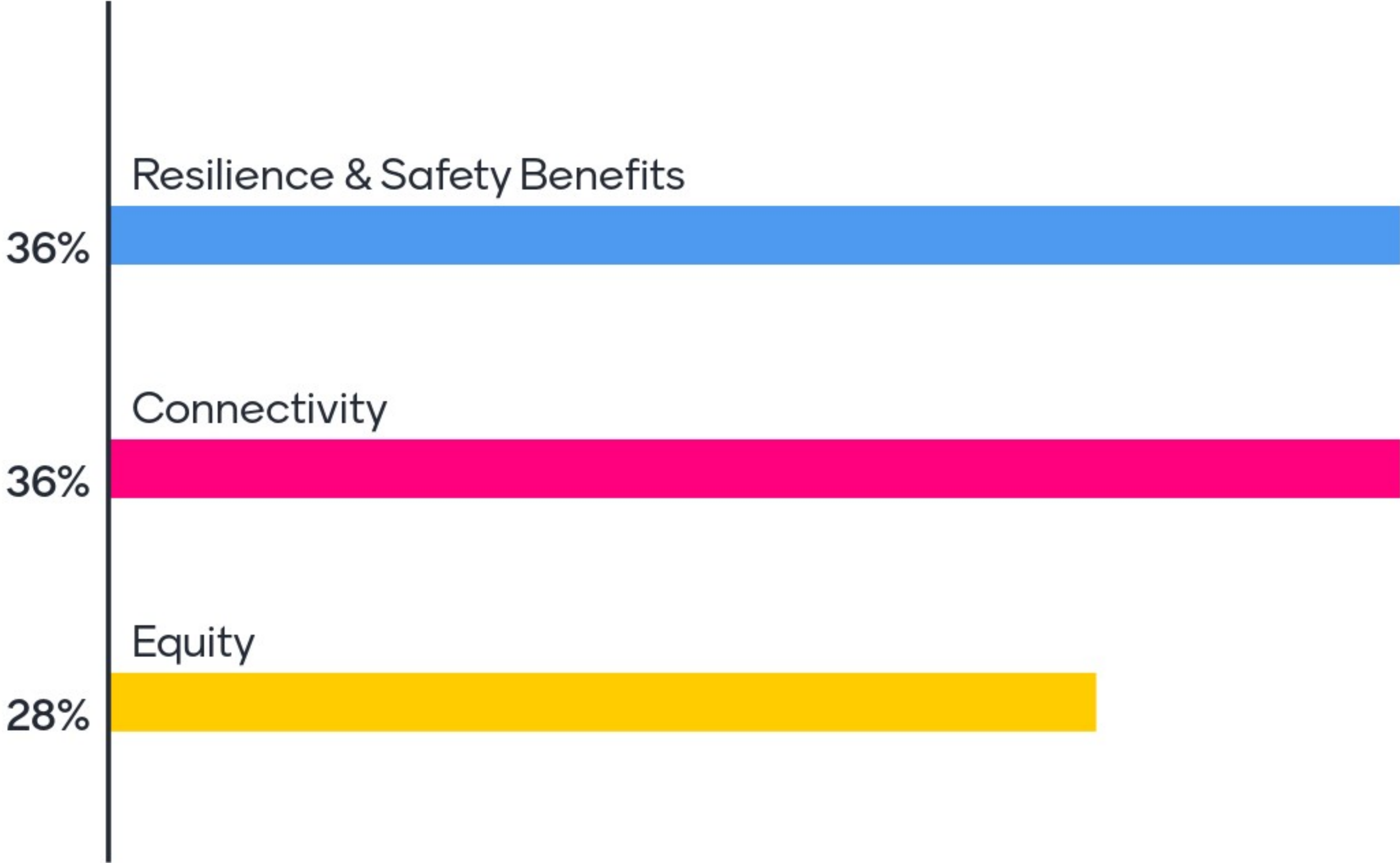


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FINAL Scoring Criteria Feedback



Weight each criteria category for Planning Projects scoring:



Please share any FINAL feedback or comments regarding the FY25-27 TASA Scoring Criteria:

I'm good.

Excellent

Good.

Good with the criteria discussions.

focus on shovel-ready projects for construction funds!

Looks good.

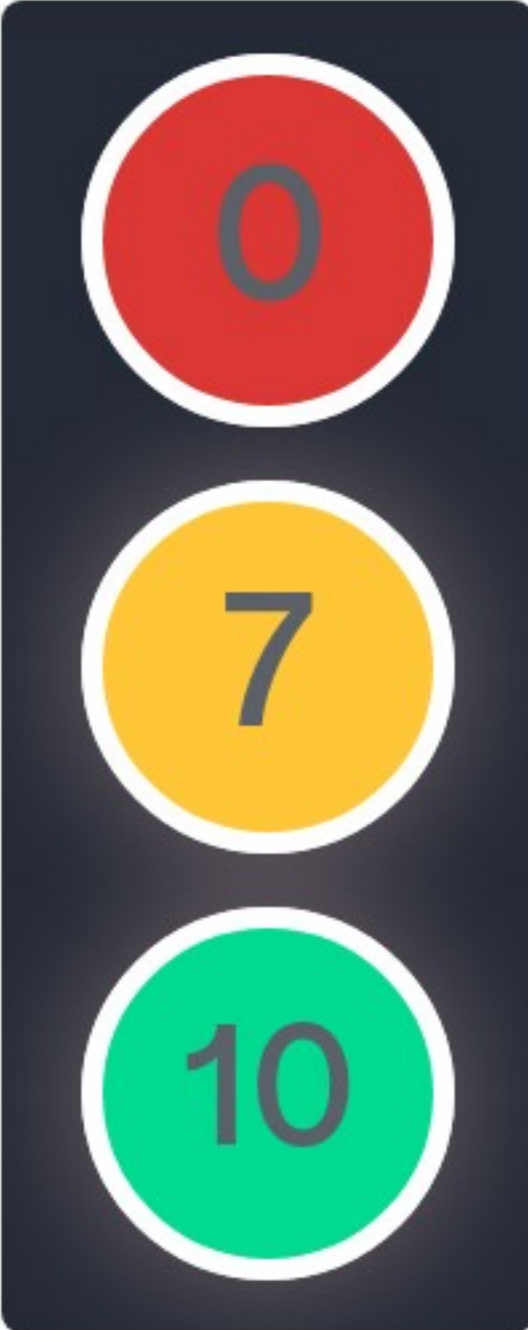
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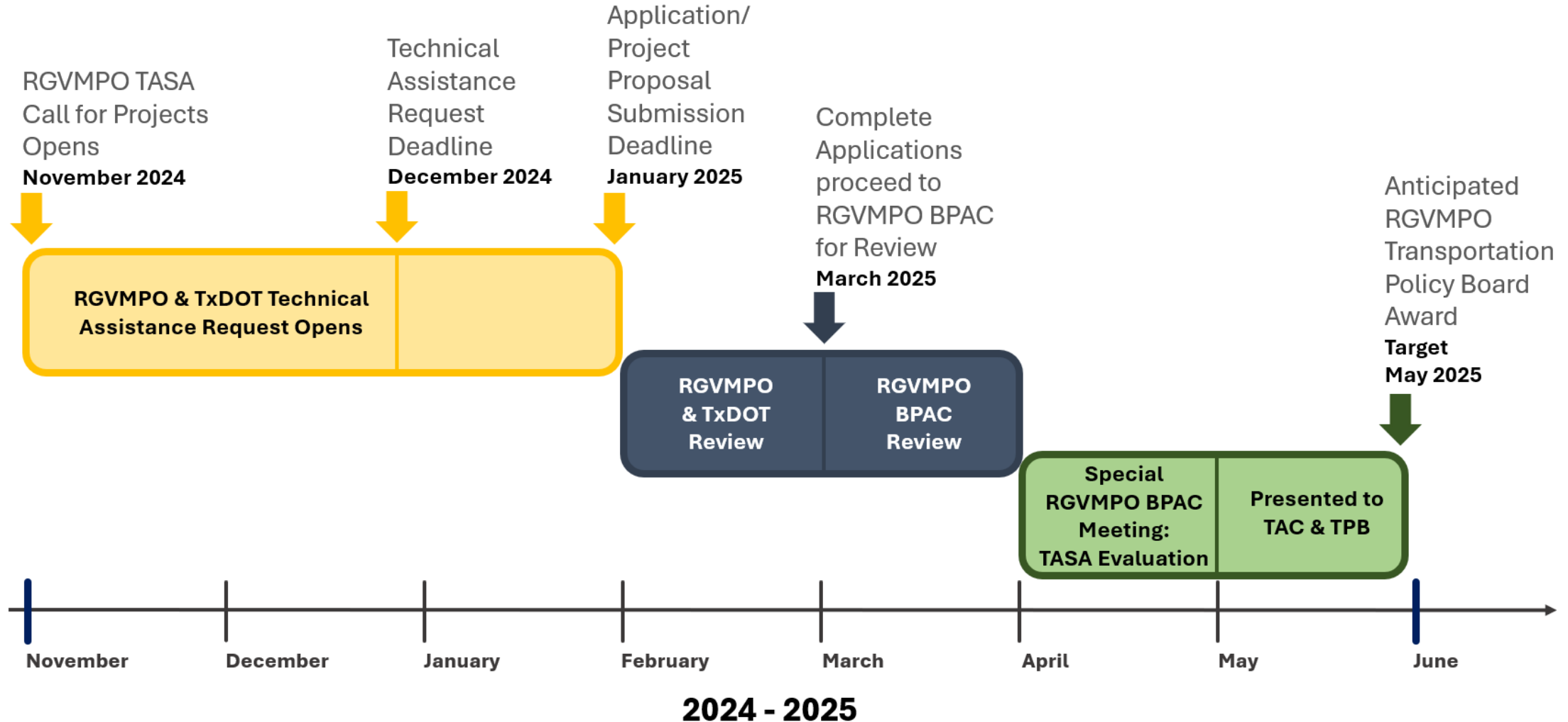
Timeline of Activities



Date	Milestones
November 1, 2024	RGVMPO FY 2025-2027 TASA Call for Projects Opens (12 p.m.).
November 1, 2024	RGVMPO TASA Program Virtual Workshop (Microsoft Teams).
November 13, 2024	RGVMPO TASA Program Virtual Workshop (Microsoft Teams).
November 27, 2024*	Responses to TASA Workshop questions posted.
December 23, 2024	Deadline to request Technical Assistance (5 p.m., more info. on page #12).
January 31, 2025	Deadline to submit application/project proposals (5 p.m.).
February 2025	RGVMPO & TxDOT Staff application review (may seek clarification).
March 2025	Complete applications proceed to RGVMPO BPAC Voting Members for review.
April 2025	Special RGVMPO BPAC Meeting for application evaluation and project scoring.
May 8, 2025	Recommendations presented to RGVMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
May 28, 2025*	RGVMPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB) awards/programs TASA funds.

*Target dates

Timeline of Activities





Thank You!

RGVMPO FY 2025-2027 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Workshop #1

Will be held virtually on November 1, 2024, from 1:30pm-3:00pm via MS TEAMS

