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Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Working Group

December 19, 2022



Agenda

- Check-in
- TxDOT TA Program Guide review
- RGVMPO - Draft TASA Guide review & feedback
- TxDOT - TASA Application review
- RGVMPO - Draft Application review & feedback
- TxDOT - TASA Scoring Criteria & Timeline of Activities review
- RGVMPO - Draft Scoring Criteria Timeline of Activities review & feedback
- What's next





TxDOT's TASA Program Guide

<https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot/ptn/bicycle/2023-ta-program-guide.pdf>

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES
SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

2023 CALL FOR PROJECTS
PROGRAM GUIDE



Things we found helpful:

- TxDOT's 2023 TA Call for Projects Important Dates (p 4)
- 'Local Match for TA Projects' section (p 16)
- Criteria Categories, Descriptions, and Measures (p 20)
- 'Evaluation Process' section (p 21)
- 'Allowable Costs' section (p 23)

D. ALLOWABLE COSTS

For TxDOT's 2023 TA Program call, the department's TA funds are available for:

- Project construction
- Preliminary engineering and design, including preparation of construction plans, specification, and estimates (PS&E), and associated survey work
- Environmental documentation
- Planning activities associated with development of planning documents to assist communities develop non-motorized transportation networks
- Right-of-way acquisition on a case-by-case basis as approved by TxDOT. ROW acquisition must facilitate project execution within TA Program obligation requirements and be supported by affected property owners.

Any project costs incurred prior to selection by the commission, execution of a local agreement, and authorization from the department to proceed will not be eligible for reimbursement. The commission will specify an amount of federal TA funds for each project. See Section F for details.

Projects funded under 23 U.S.C. §133, including TA projects, shall be treated as projects on a federal-aid highway (23 U.S.C. §133(i)). This subjects all TA projects to various federal-aid requirements (e.g., Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, Buy America, planning, environmental review, procurement and letting, etc.). Guidance regarding such requirements is found in the **TxDOT Local Government Projects Toolkit (LGP Toolkit)** at <https://www.txdot.gov/government/processes-procedures/lgp-toolkit.html>. The LGP Toolkit provides specific information regarding the applicable laws (see Project Policy Manual), procedures (see Project Management Guide), and best practices (see Best Practices Workbook) that must be adhered to regarding some or all phases of a TA project. Relevant portions of the LGP Toolkit are referenced in this guide.

The following costs are not eligible for federal reimbursement under this program call with TxDOT's TA funds:

- Environmental mitigation
- Utility adjustments (unless incidental to the project and approved as part of the project scope)
- Landscape improvements (unless incidental to the project and approved as part of the project scope)
- Acquisition of right-of-way and other property purchases that are not approved by TxDOT

The total amount for incidental construction activities (such as minor utility adjustment, minor drainage improvements, roadway repair, etc.) should not exceed 30% and amenities are allowed up to 10% of the project's construction budget.



What did you find was helpful from the TxDOT TASA Program Guide?

was very helpful and the
program important dates
process detail on p 7 start to finish map
easy to read scoring criteria
criteria measures guided criteria
informative cities would benefit
terminology flow charts
possible program issues use visuals
the sidewalk information

refined

educative

DRAFT RGVMPPO TASA Program Guide

<https://rgvmpotx.prod.govaccess.org/home/showdocument?id=748>



RGVMPO TASA Guide Table of Contents:

- Introduction: Schedule
- Eligibility Guidelines
- Evaluation Criteria
- Application Process



Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

Application Guide
for

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

**APPLICATIONS DUE
May 31, 2023**

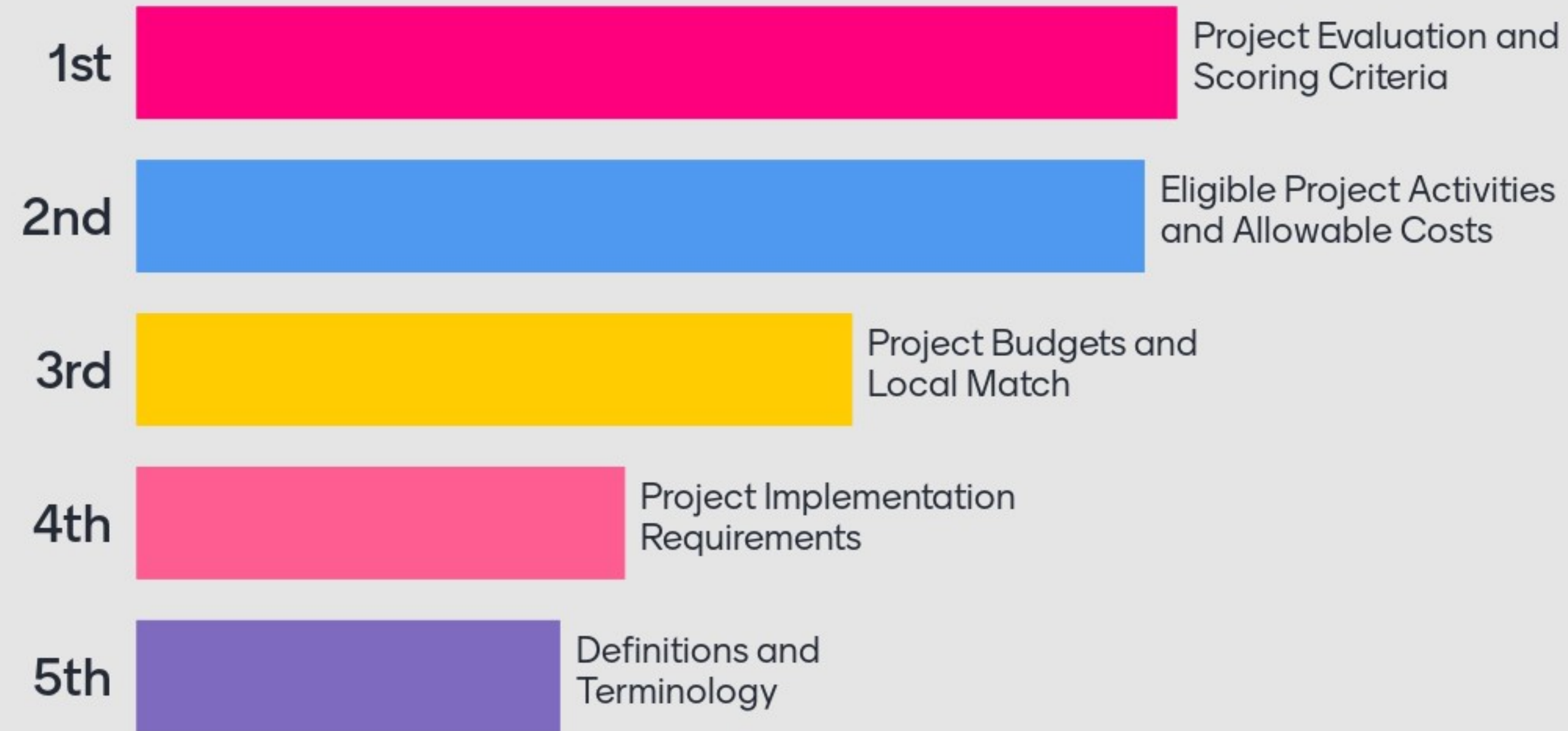
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Most useful in the RGVMPO TASA Program Guide?



What would you change/add to the Draft RGVMPO TASA Program Guide?

Helpful websites for information or documents

Area to upload documentation/references attached to scoring

Visual with explanation of evaluation and scoring criteria



2023 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects

Preliminary Application (PA)
Deadline to Submit PA: January 27, 2023

TxDOT's TA Preliminary Application

<https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot/ptn/bicycle/2023-ta-preliminary-application.pdf>

[Link to PA Instructions](#)

Project Sponsor

1. Contact information

Local Government/Project Sponsor Name: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____
Zip Code: _____ Office Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Other partnering entities: _____

2. Identify population area (based on project location)

An eligible project sponsor may represent a sub-area within its jurisdictional boundaries. Example: a County sponsors a project located within the boundaries of a City, Census Designated Place, Village, or Unincorporated Area – use the smaller population area where the project is located. For population numbers, use [Census data](#) from the [2020 Decennial Census](#).

Location Name: _____ Population size: _____

3. Is the project within the boundaries of a [Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\)](#)? Yes No

If the project is within a MPO boundary, is the project within a Census Urbanized Area greater than 200,000, designated as a [Transportation Management Area](#)? Yes No

Project Information

4. Project name: _____

Be concise and logical.

5. Eligible project type

Projects may include multiple project types; select all types that apply. (See instructions for details.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bikeway improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Other bicycle, pedestrian, or micromobility infrastructure installations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shared use path improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Boulevard improvements to enhance pedestrian, bicyclist and transit access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements for non-motorized transportation safety | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning document | |

6. Project location

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> On/along a TxDOT maintained roadway | <input type="checkbox"/> On/along a non-TxDOT roadway |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not within the right-of-way of any roadway | |

Project location notes: Projects or components of projects located entirely within school or park property that are for internal circulation only are not eligible for TxDOT's TA funding.

7. Provide a Google map link: _____

See PA instructions for recommended tutorial links and minimum requirements.



What did you find was helpful from the TxDOT TASA Application?

budget breakdown

detailed and easy to fill

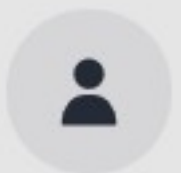
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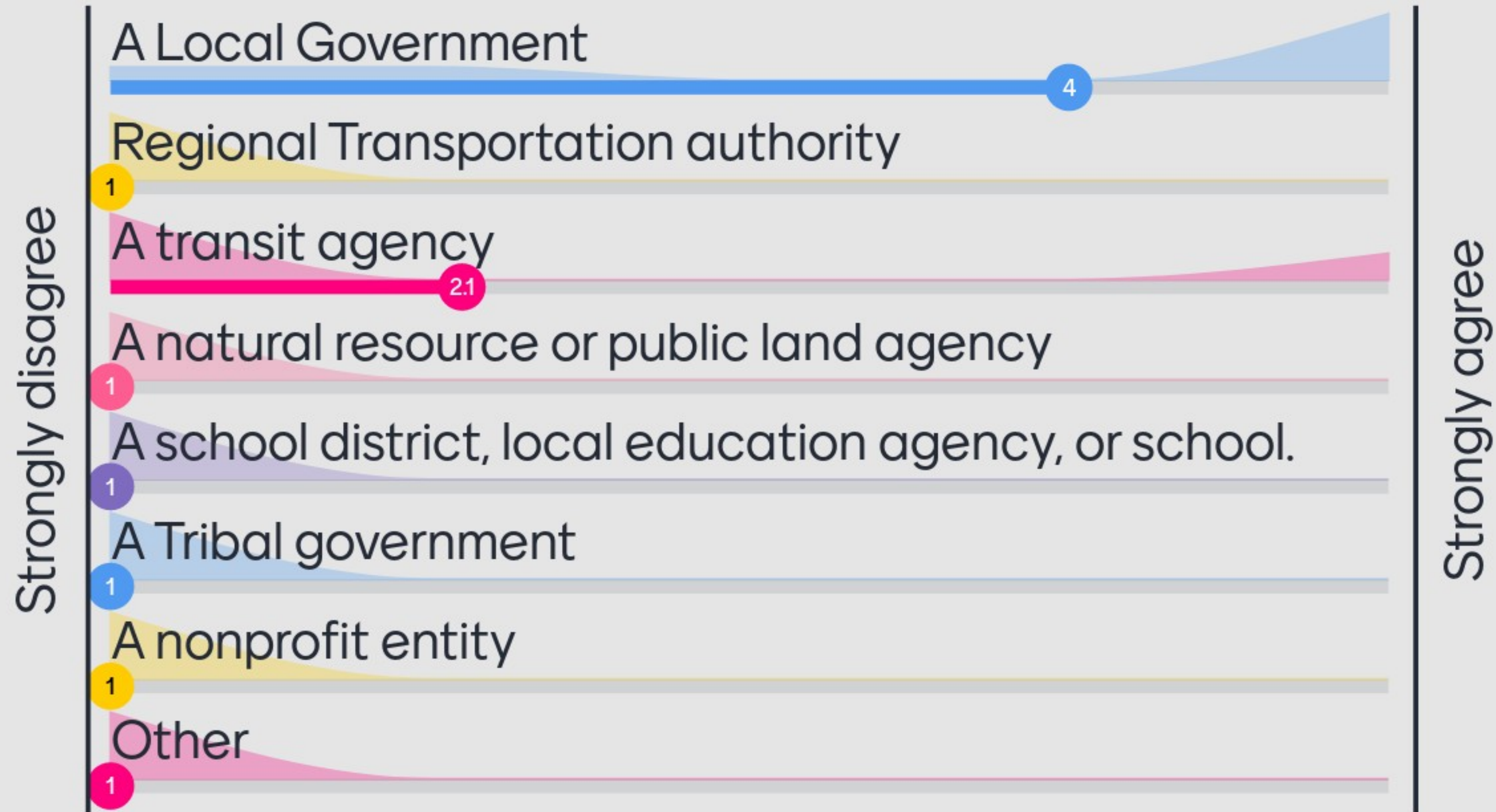
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What would you change or add to the Draft RGVMPO TASA Application?



Please select your entity.



Leaderboard

No results yet

Top Quiz participants will be displayed here once there are results!



TxDOT's TA Scoring Criteria & Timelines of Activities

<https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot/ptn/bicycle/2023-ta-call-for-projects-workshop-slides.pdf#page=34>



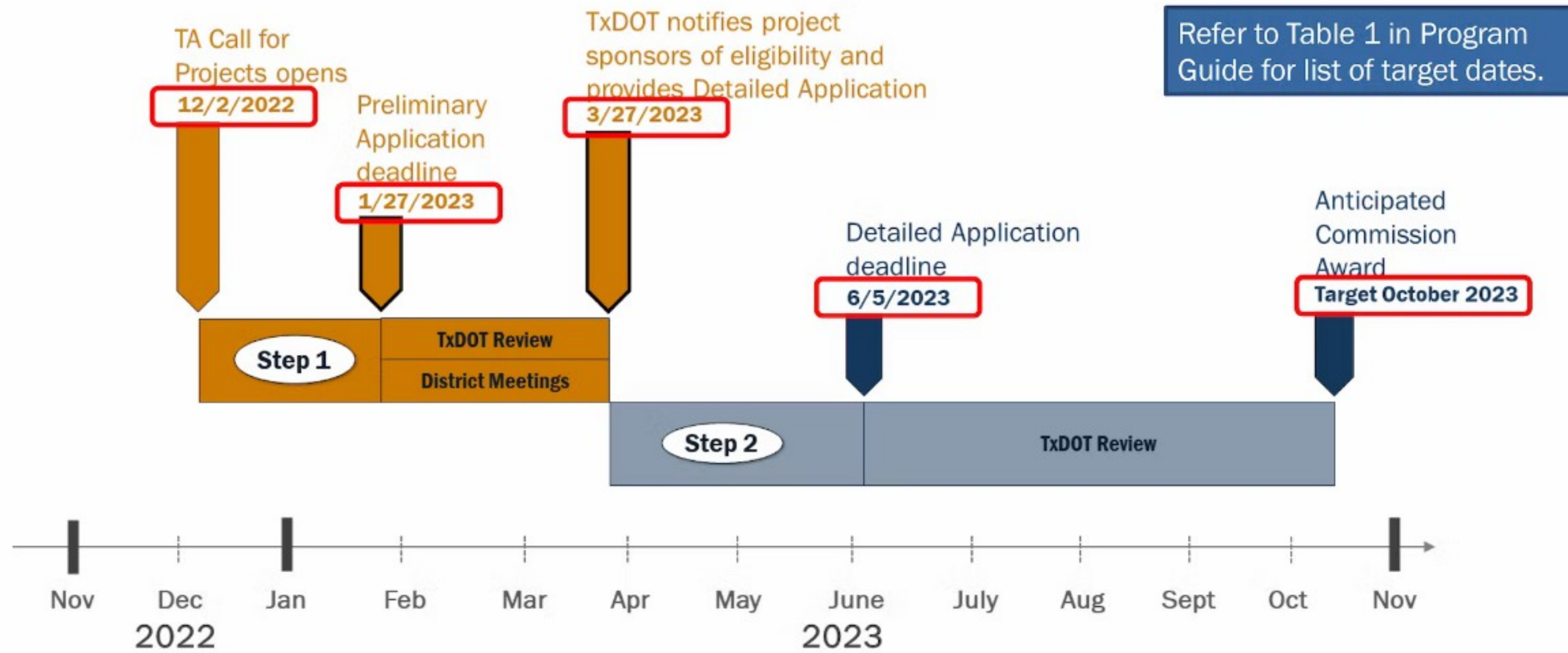
Table 1: TxDOT's 2023 TA Call for Projects Important Dates

Milestones	Date
TxDOT's 2023 TA Call for Projects opens	December 2, 2022
Virtual workshops	November 29 - December 16, 2022
Responses to workshop questions posted	December 21, 2022*
Preliminary Application (PA) deadline	January 27, 2023
District coordination meeting	Before March 17, 2023*
TxDOT PA review complete	March 24, 2023
TxDOT notifies sponsors of eligibility and provides Detailed Application	March 27, 2023
Detailed Application (DA) deadline	June 5, 2023
TxDOT DA review complete	August 18, 2023*
Commission award	October 2023*

*Target dates



2023 TA Call for Projects: *Timeline*



What did you find was helpful from the TxDOT TASA Scoring Criteria & Timeline of Activities?

criteria definitions

scoring community support

how to prove connectivity

how to score geo equity

gis analysis eval



Mo./Yr.	Activity	Additional Details
Dec. 2022	TASA Working Group Mtg. #1	Dec. 19 th at 2pm
Jan. 2023	TASA Working Group Mtg. #2	<i>TBD</i>
Feb. 2023	TASA Working Group Mtg. #3	<i>TBD</i>
Mar. 2023	Open FY2023-2024 Call for Projects	March 1 st at BPAC
Apr. 2023	Deadline to <i>Request</i> Technical Assistance	April 26 th at 5pm
May 2023	Application Deadline = Call Closes	May 31 st at 5pm
Jun. 2023	RGVMPO + TXDOT Application Review	<i>Staff may need to contact applicants for info.</i>
Jul. 2023	Applicants provide requested info.	<i>Clarification on project scope, budget, info., etc.</i>
Aug. 2023	Project Presentations at RGVMPO BPAC	Special Meeting for Evaluation & Scoring
Sep. 2023	Action at BPAC & TAC to recommend projects for funding	Resolution to Program TA funds at Policy Mtg.

Draft RGVMPO TASA Timeline of Activites

What would you like to change/add to the Draft RGVMPO TASA scoring criteria & timeline of activities?

Please consider changing how project information is shared with members.

Eva is amazing. I trust her.

extended technical assistance for cities with populations less than 10/20K?

It's a lot of info to process, but well described.

Guided scoring criteria with examples and flow timeline

Timeline is doable. The scoring criteria will help us identify the best project to submit, so once that is finalized, we'll dissect it on our end as applications.

Thank you!

An email will be sent with a set date for the TASA
working group meeting #2.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!