



2009 Sustainable Development Call for Projects

**Application Workshops
March 16, 25, and 26, 2009**

Rules and General Conditions

**North Central Texas Council of Governments
Transportation Department**

Workshop Objectives



- Review of program rules and general conditions.
- Instructions on completing the application with an emphasis on evaluation criteria and exhibits.
- Tips on preparing a competitive application including information sources and technical assistance.

The Regional Transportation Council's Sustainable Development Policy

Utilize Existing System Capacity

Single use area type, non-transit, connected to existing infrastructure

Improve Rail Mobility

Commuter rail/light rail in single use areas

Infill rail

Infill mixed use with rail access

Infill mixed use

Mixed use with rail

Promote Mixed Use

Stand alone mixed use

Improve Access Management

Shared drives/parking, spacing of turns/signals





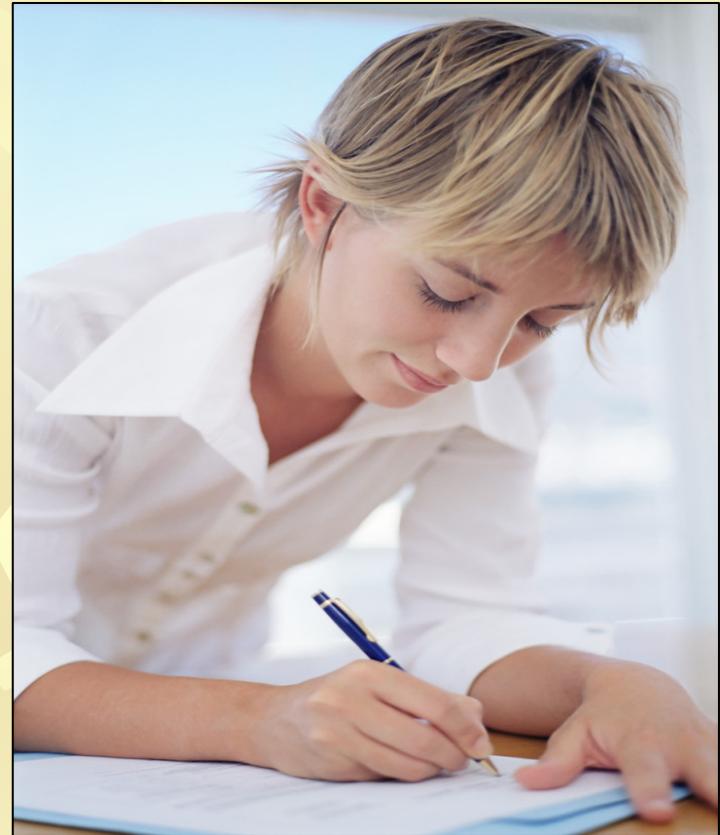
Program Goals

- Respond to local initiatives for Town Centers, Mixed Use Growth Centers, Transit Oriented Developments, Infill/Brownfield Developments, and Pedestrian Oriented Projects.
- Complement rail investments with coordinated investments in park-and-ride, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.
- Reduce the growth in vehicle miles traveled per person.
- Promote economic development throughout the region through public/private partnerships.



How to Apply

- On-line applications will be available March 23, 2009.
- Deadline for submission: **Friday, October 2, 2009, at 5 p.m.**
 - Electronic/on-line applications and attachments
 - Two paper copies of a completed and signed application with all the required attachments to be submitted and in-hand
- Post marked applications not received by the deadline are considered late and will not be reviewed.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and supplemental information will not be accepted after the deadline.



Eligible Applicants

☀ Infrastructure

- ☀ Primary Sponsor: Local Government with Land Use Authority (required)
 - ☀ County (unincorporated areas)
- ☀ Secondary Sponsor: For-profit developers (required)
- ☀ Additional Sponsors: Other local governments, counties, non-profits, colleges and universities, transit authorities, special districts, not-for-profit home builders, independent school districts, housing authorities, TIRZ, and PID's (optional)

☀ Planning

- ☀ Primary Sponsor: Local Governments, County, Special District, or a Transit Agency (required)
- ☀ Secondary Sponsors: Open (optional)





Funding

• Infrastructure

- \$40 Million RTR funds (or other federal funds) (80% of program funds)
 - \$12.4 M in the Western subregion
 - \$27.6M in the Eastern subregion
 - (The entire request of a local government cannot exceed the subregional amount.)
- Maximum award per project - \$3M
- 20% local match required
- Total project costs \$3,750,000
- Partial project funding not allowed

• Planning

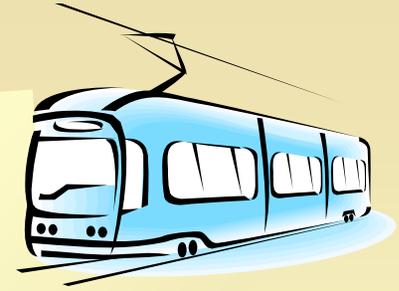
- \$1M RTC local funds (80% of program funds)
- Maximum award per project - \$300K
- 20% local match required
- Total project costs \$375K

Funding continued...

- All funding may be handled on a reimbursement basis and expenditures made prior to signing an agreement on a project may not be eligible for reimbursement.
- Cost overruns will not be the responsibility of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). Local partners will be responsible for any and all cost overruns.
- The RTC will approve all final projects and funding levels.
- The RTC reserves the right to remove funding from a project that is no longer supported by local partners.
- The RTC reserves the right to remove funding from a project for which the local sponsor is unable or unwilling to sign an agreement to implement the project or cannot provide the required 20% local match.
- All funds that are unexpended or removed from a project return to the regional Sustainable Development Program for future funding initiatives.

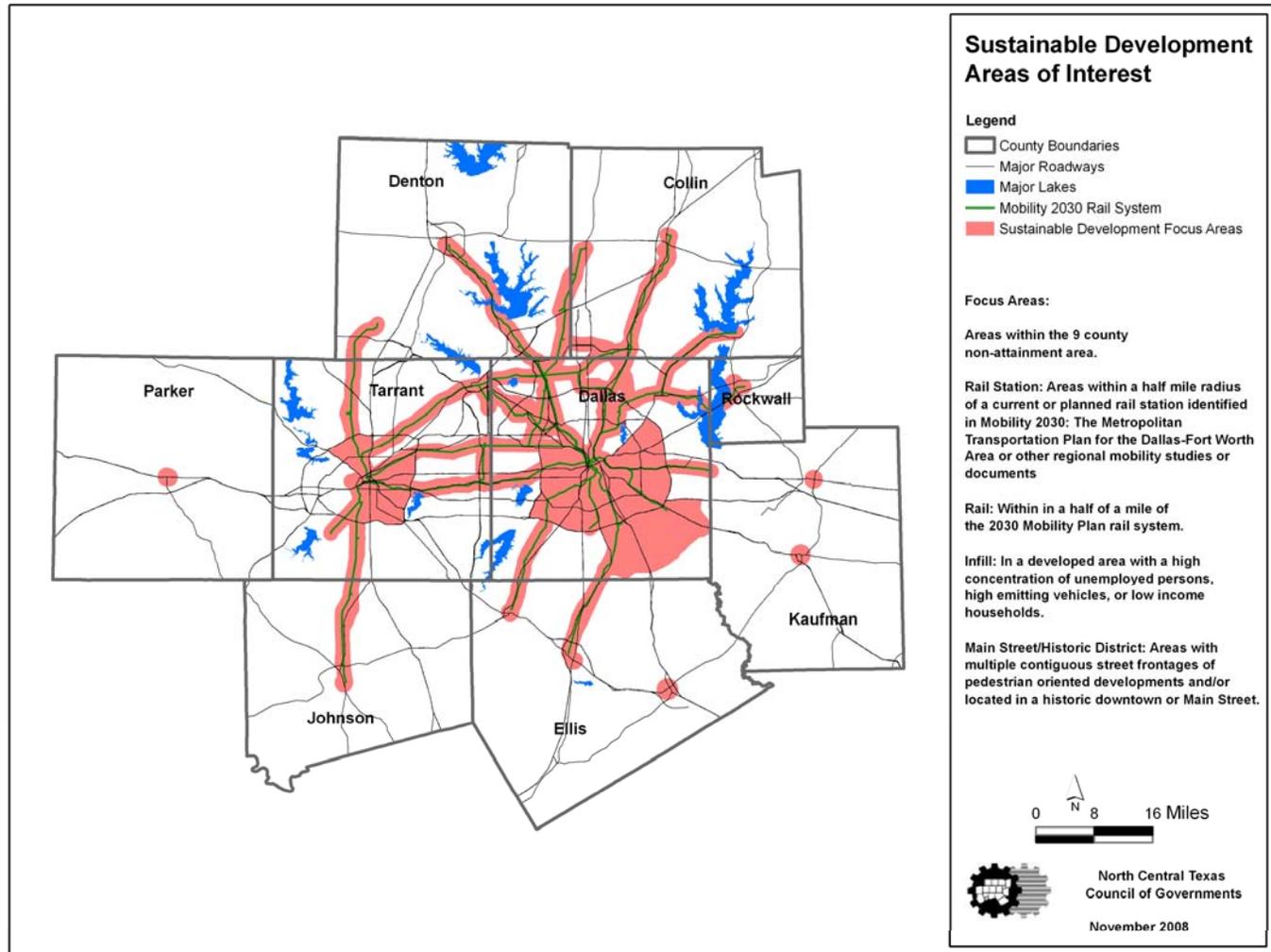


General Conditions



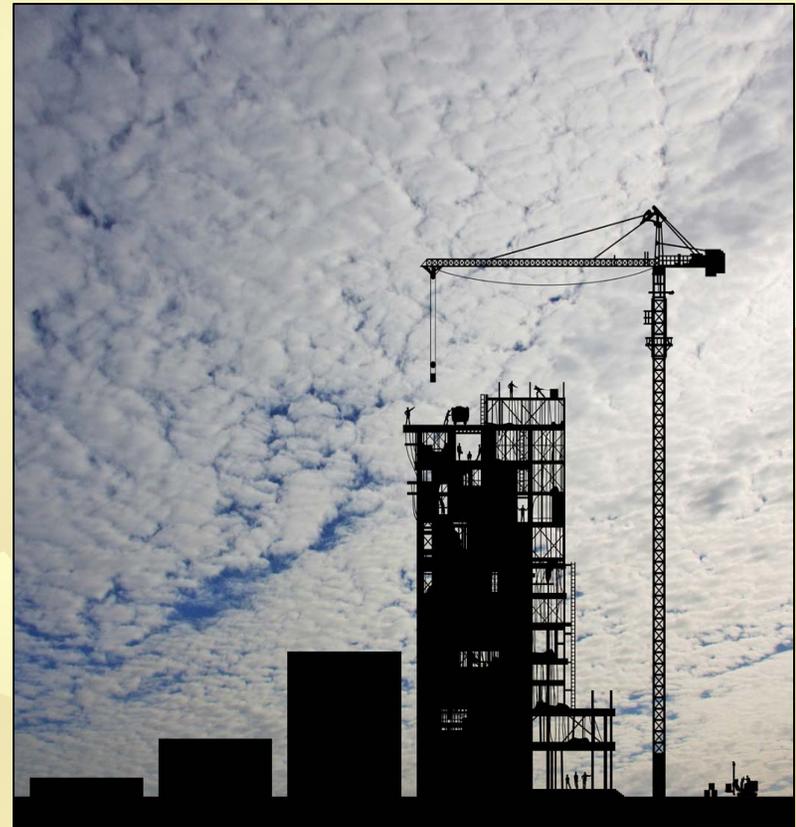
- Funds can only be applied in the NCTCOG nine county non-attainment area.
- Projects must fall within at least one of the Areas of Interest for the 2009 Sustainable Development Call for Projects.
 - Rail Station – Areas within a half mile radius of a current or planned rail station identified in Mobility 2030: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, 2009 Amendments or other regional mobility studies or documents.
 - Passenger Rail – Areas within a half mile radius of a current or planned passenger rail line identified in Mobility 2030: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, 2009 Amendments or other regional mobility studies or documents.
 - Infill – In a central city developed area with a high concentration of unemployed persons, high emitting vehicles, or low income households.
 - Main Street/Historic District – Areas with multiple contiguous street frontages of pedestrian oriented developments and/or located in a historic downtown or Main Street.

Areas of Interest Map



General Conditions continued...

- The primary public sector sponsor must provide, to NCTCOG, a resolution of its governing body, endorsing receipt of the award, and confirming any secondary or additional partnerships within 90 days of RTC action to select the project.
- Local sponsors will have one year after RTC project selection and award to enter into an agreement.
- Projects must begin construction by March 2013.



Infrastructure Rules

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Definition

- ☀ Infrastructure Project – An infrastructure project is a construction project that provides public infrastructure in the public right-of-way and can be used to support private vertical development. Examples include pedestrian amenities, landscaping, intersection improvements, lighting, street construction, traffic signalization, etc.



General Conditions



- Funds can be used for public infrastructure in the public right-of-way of a mixed use development.
- Must have a letter of support from the City Manager or County Administrator expressing the agency's support for the project. (example on SD website)
- Must have a letter of support from the active secondary private sector sponsor working on the development in the project area.
- Additional sponsors should also provide a letter of support.



Eligible Items

- Expanding roadway capacity
- Intersection improvements
- Traffic signalization
- Transit amenities & access projects
- Sidewalks
- Shade trees – landscaping
- Bicycle/pedestrian amenities – paths and trails
- Crosswalks
- ROW or easements needed for transportation/infrastructure purposes
- Retrofit projects that do not reduce capacity
- Storm water
- Some utility relocation
- PS&E – Plans Specifications & Engineering for infrastructure components (not to exceed 10%)
- Other soft costs (not to exceed 10%)





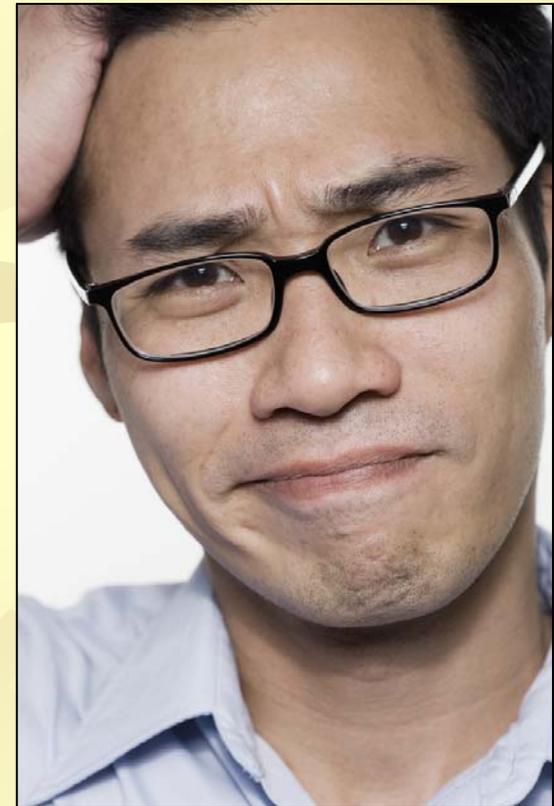
Ineligible Items

- Roadway reconstruction
- Construction or rehabilitation of private buildings
- Artwork
- Fountains
- Installation and/or rehabilitation of water & sewer lines
- Retrofit projects that reduce capacity
- Burying utilities
- Parking garages
- Extensions to transit lines
- Earthwork necessary to raise proposed buildings out of the floodplain
- Other items not directly related to mobility



Reconstruction vs. Retrofit

- ✱ **Roadway Reconstruction** – Roadway reconstruction is the rebuilding of a new pavement structure, which usually involves complete removal and replacement of the existing pavement structure, including new and/or recycled materials (Texas Department of Transportation)
- ✱ **Retrofit** – The addition of new technology and/or features to an existing roadway that were not available or required at the time of construction. Retrofit projects that reduce roadway capacity are not eligible. Examples of eligible retrofit projects include, but are not limited to: lane reconfiguration, the addition of right and left turn lanes, and raised cross walks.



General Conditions

- Contract implementation of RTR funds is to be determined.
- All projects must provide a demonstrable air quality benefit.
- The correct zoning must be in place at the project site when the application is submitted.
- All site parcels must be acquired prior to RTC final selection of projects (or under option to buy).
- All on-system projects must follow Texas Department of Transportation procedures.
- Projects funded with federal funds may be subject to Texas Department of Transportation engineering and contingency fees.



Planning Rules

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Definition



- Planning Project – Planning projects include market, housing, and economic analyses, transit station planning, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning, General Planning (subdivision regulations, creation of new code/zoning regulations, master planning, updates to pedestrian and/or bicycle plans, etc.), and others.



General Conditions

- Projects will require an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between NCTCOG and the project sponsor.
- Planning projects and consultant contracts will be managed by NCTCOG.
- Cities prepare the scope for the Request for Proposal (RFP) and participate in consultant selection and project management.



Meetings and Important Dates

- ★ Stakeholder meeting at NCTCOG offices - January 26
- ★ Application workshop at NCTCOG offices - March 16
- ★ Application release - March 23
- ★ Two regional application workshops - March 25 and 26
- ★ Deadline for applications - October 2, 2009, 5 p.m.



2009 Sustainable Development Call for Projects Schedule

December 8-9, 2008	Public Meeting
January 26, 2009	Stakeholder Meeting - Feedback on SDCFP
February 27, 2009	STTC Action Item
March 5, 2009	RTC Action Item
March 16, 2009	Workshop to Review Application and Rules
March 23, 2009	Release Online Application
March 25 and 26, 2009	Eastern and Western Subdistrict Workshops
October 2, 2009	Application Deadline
October - December 2009	Review of Applications
January 2010	Public Meetings
January 2010	STTC Information Item
February 2010	RTC Information Item
February 2010	STTC Approval
March 2010	RTC Approval
March - April 2010	Award of Funds - Begin Contracting





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