



Memorandum

To: [Distribution List]
From: Robert Keeth, Senior Planner
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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 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, April 1, 2016.

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 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016.**

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

- Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Roadway Projects
- Regionally Significant Non-SIS Roadway Projects and Major Bridge 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 and the List of Priority Regionally Significant, Non-SIS Roadway and Major Bridge 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.

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 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 applicant (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 applicant 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. Applicant (project sponsor) will submit an official letter to the R2CTPO certifying that the project is supported by the applicant 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 applicant will be responsible for the remaining 10% (cash match).
4. Projects applications for project implementation (feasibility study or equivalent has been completed):
 - a. Applicant (project sponsor) will submit an application for project implementation 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 <http://www.r2ctpo.org/newsroom/2016-call-for-projects/>

1. Schedule for the 2016 Priority Project Process
2. 2015 Lists of Priority Projects
3. R2CTPO's Priority Project Application for Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives Projects
4. R2CTPO's Priority Project Application for Bicycle/Pedestrian and B/P Local Initiatives Projects
5. R2CTPO's Priority Project Application for Transportation Planning Studies
6. Supporting Resolutions

For questions regarding Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives Projects and Transportation Planning Studies, contact Robert Keeth, (386) 226-0422, extension 20424.

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 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, April 1, 2016. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.