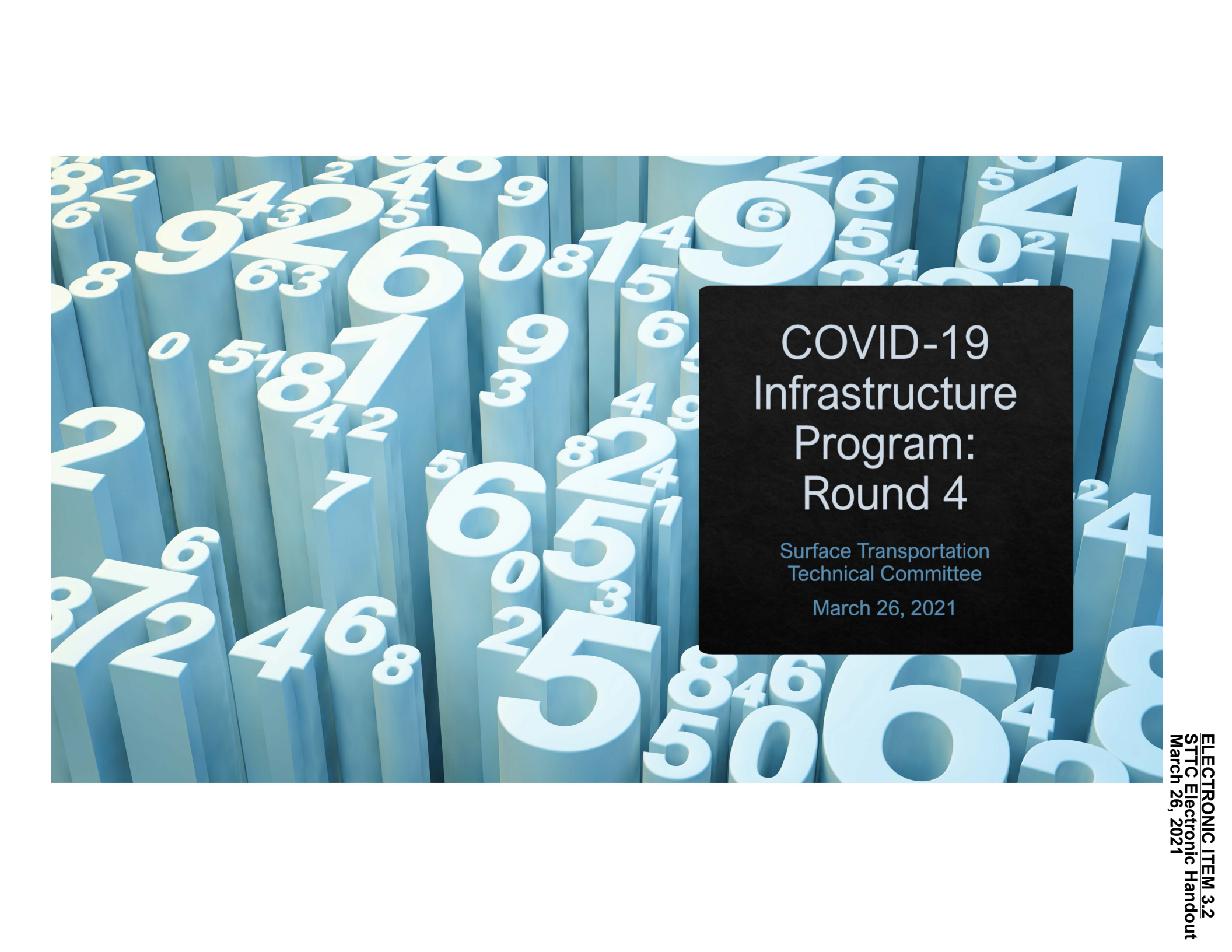




COVID-19 Infrastructure Program: Round 4

Surface Transportation
Technical Committee

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BACKGROUND

- ◆ Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the economy has suffered large setbacks and there is an urgency to stimulate the economy.
- ◆ As was done in 2009, the idea is to inject much needed cash into the local and state economies using infrastructure investment.
- ◆ North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff recommends funding a fourth round of projects.
- ◆ These projects meet one or more of the policies outlined in Mobility 2045 and/or assist in reaching the region's federal performance targets.
- ◆ Some of these projects have been the subject of discussions between NCTCOG staff and regional partners over the past several years and this action seeks to bring them to a conclusion. Others were submitted by local governments for consideration.

PROJECT TYPES

- ◆ Roadways
- ◆ Complete Streets
- ◆ Bicycle/Pedestrian
- ◆ Intersection Improvements
- ◆ Strategic Partnerships (e.g., planning studies, engineering, additional funding on existing projects, non-traditional project type)

SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS

- ◆ Eligibility criteria considered:
 - ◆ For Roadway/Intersection projects, facility must be at least a major collector on the Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) or can justifiably be added
 - ◆ For projects with added capacity, additional lanes must be warranted
- ◆ Selection criteria considered include:
 - ◆ Traffic volumes/Level of service
 - ◆ Air quality benefits/Cost effectiveness
 - ◆ Consistency with the Mobility Plan
 - ◆ Project addresses a safety issue (history of crashes)
 - ◆ Project addresses federal performance measures (e.g., bridge condition, pavement condition, part of the roadway freight network)
- ◆ The criteria/process used for each project type is included in the mailout 4

RECENT STIMULUS FUNDING

- ◆ As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signed into law in December 2020, \$9.8 billion of additional funding was set aside for transportation infrastructure.
- ◆ Of that amount, \$803 million is allocated to TxDOT and \$164 million is allocated to MPOs in Texas.
- ◆ Approximately \$54M is allocated to the Dallas-Fort Worth region.
- ◆ These funds will be added to the region's existing balance of Surface Transportation Block Grant funds in FY 2022/2023.
- ◆ Propose to incorporate these funds into existing project selection efforts (COVID Round 4+ and the 10 Year Plan).

WEST/EAST FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

West/East Sub-Region Funding Split of Recommended Projects				
Category	West	East	West %	East %
CMAQ ¹	<u>\$8.44M</u> \$7.32M	\$31.37M	<u>21.2%</u> 18.9%	<u>78.8%</u> 81.1%
STBG ²	<u>\$24.48M</u> \$34.08M	<u>\$75.19M</u> \$58.59M	<u>24.6%</u> 36.8%	<u>74.4%</u> 63.2%
RTR ³	\$1.32M	\$0	100%	0%
RTC Local	\$0.25M	\$0	100%	0%
Total	<u>\$34.49M</u> \$42.97M	<u>\$106.56M</u> \$89.96M	<u>24.5%</u> 32.3%	<u>75.5%</u> 67.7%

Funding distributions only take Regional Transportation Council (RTC) funds into account and do not include local matches

¹ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

² Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

³ Regional Toll Revenue

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUNDING

Project Type	CMAQ Funds	STBG Funds	RTR Funds	RTC Local Funds	Non-RTC Funds	TDCs ¹	Total
Roadways	\$0	\$32.95M	\$0	\$0	\$7.55M	1.88M	\$40.50M
Complete Streets	\$8.80M	\$19.50M	\$0	\$0	\$14.88M	0.44M	\$43.18M
Bicycle/ Pedestrian	\$18.48M <u>\$19.60M</u>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2.07M <u>\$2.25M</u>	2.04M <u>2.12M</u>	\$20.55M <u>\$21.85M</u>
Intersection Improvements	\$11.41M	\$3.40M	\$0	\$0	\$4.69M	0.87M	\$19.50M
Strategic Partnerships	\$0	\$36.82M <u>\$43.82M</u>	\$1.32M	\$0.25M	\$7.63M <u>\$5.23M</u>	1.52M <u>4.84M</u>	\$46.02M <u>\$50.62M</u>
Total	\$38.69M <u>\$39.81M</u>	\$92.67M <u>\$99.67M</u>	\$1.32M	\$0.25M	\$36.82M <u>\$34.60M</u>	6.75M <u>10.15M</u>	\$169.75M <u>\$175.65M</u>

¹ Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are not cash and do not count in total funding

APPROVAL TIMELINE

Meeting/Task	Date
Deadline to Submit Project Requests	January 29, 2021
STTC Action	March 26, 2021
RTC Action	April 8, 2021
TIP Modification Submittal Deadline for August Cycle	April 23, 2021
Anticipated Federal Highway Administration Approval	October 2021

ACTION REQUESTED

- ◆ Recommend RTC approval of:
 - ◆ The proposed projects outlined in the revised tables in the mail out
 - ◆ Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other administrative/planning documents as needed.

QUESTIONS?

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