

Questions Log – Call for Projects Informational Webinar (January 20, 2023)

General Questions

Q: Why are TDC's called Tollway credits?

A: Federal law permits States with toll facilities to earn credits that can be applied towards the non-Federal share requirement on Federal-aid projects. A State may earn toll credits when a public, quasi-public, or private agency uses toll revenues to build, improve, or maintain highways, bridges, or tunnels that serve the public purpose of interstate commerce. To earn toll credits, the State must also satisfy the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement for the fiscal year under evaluation. The MOE test calculates the State's non-Federal transportation capital expenditures during a 4-year period.

Q: Is a sample resiliency plan available?

A: There are links within the application booklet.

Q: When will the degree of preliminary engineering be determined? At time of award?

A: March 10, 2023, the day the call for projects closes.

Q: If I have phase 1 complete, but am just getting into phase 2, then we wouldn't be eligible for ROW?

A: If phase 1 is complete, all future phases are eligible to request funding.

Q: The description of substantially complete and underway seems very similar, but a NEPA determination cannot be made until all clearances are received.

A: More detailed descriptions are available in the application booklets, along with documents that should be attached to demonstrate the degree of completion.

Q: Do local bike/multi-use plans meet the criteria for projects being "in a plan"?

A: Yes, a local bike/ped plan counts as a plan.

Q: Are EV charging stations or electric vehicle purchases for fleet eligible under the CMAQ/CRP funding?

A: Yes. EV charging should be submitted in the "other" category. Personal-use vehicles or vouchers for purchase are not eligible. EV for fleet vehicles that are transportation specific (such as road maintenance vehicles) are fully eligible. Non-transportation vehicles (such as police cars) may be eligible for incremental cost differences. Please contact staff directly for more specific information.

Q: What does "substantially complete" mean to be eligible for land acquisition?

A: Detailed definitions are included in the application booklets.

Q: Will the Q/A session [on January 25th] be recorded and available to review?

A: Yes

Q: Would a Cohort 4 community receive maximum Inclusive Growth points by default?

A: No. The cohorts are based on the community characteristics, while the inclusive growth scoring is based on the users of the facility (the road, bridge, path, transit routes) being improved.

Project/Sponsor-Specific Questions

Q: The Village of Posen was funded for a Phase 1 study on 143rd Street. This funding was approximately \$128,000 for Engineering. We were supposed to have this out for bid in October but failed to have that completed. May we still be granted the opportunity with STP to continue? We are a Cohort 4. The TIP ID # 07-20-0032.

A: That project is programmed with STP-Local funding, which is not a fund source that will be discussed during this webinar. CMAP and/or Council staff will reach out to you to discuss further.