

Detailed Application

Additional program information can be found in TxDOT's 2023 TA Call for Projects Program Guide <https://www.txdot.gov/business/grants-and-funding/bicycle-pedestrian-local-federal-funding-programs.html>

NOTE: All attachments must be submitted in letter-sized (8.5" x 11") format.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Project Sponsor Name (Only one entity can act as project sponsor)	
City of Dripping Springs	
2. Jurisdiction Population (" https://data.census.gov/ ")	
4,650	
3. Type of Organization/Agency/Authority	
Local Government	
4. Project Sponsor Contact Information (Authorized representative)	
Contact Person:	Michelle Fischer
Mailing Address:	PO Box 384
Mailing City:	Dripping Springs
Zip Code:	78620
Contact's Phone:	512-858-4725
Email:	mfischer@cityofdrippingsprings.com
Title:	City Administrator
Website:	https://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com
Physical City:	Dripping Springs
Zip Code:	78620
Entity's main phone	512-858-4725
Physical Address:	511 Mercer Street
<i>Other partnering governments/ project sponsors:</i>	

PROJECT CATEGORY

5. Select the project categories sought based on the determined eligibility from Step 1 of the application process.
 Community Based Infrastructure (Traditional TA)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

6. Project Name (Name should fit in space provided)

Old Fitzhugh Road Sidewalk Project

7. Project Description (Maximum 400 characters)

Construction of an eight-foot sidewalk, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and curb and gutter on the west side of Old Fitzhugh Road between Mercer Street and RM 12 (3,350 LF). The project includes five speed tables with raised crosswalks and pedestrian safety lighting. Bicycle racks are provided at four locations on the corridor. The project addresses pedestrian safety and connectivity issues between Downtown Dripping Springs and the Mercer Street Historic District.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
8. Project Location Information	
TxDOT District	Austin
Texas County	Hays
9. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	
a. Is any part of the project located within MPO boundaries?	
Yes	
b. If yes, please specify which MPO	
Austin MPO (CAMPO) (TMA)	
c. MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Inclusion Letter (if applicable)	
If this project is located within the boundaries of an MPO, include a letter from the MPO to the project sponsor indicating their willingness to include the project in the local TIP either as a grouped or individually listed project, if funded. Label attachment as J-MPO TIP Letter.	
10. Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	
a. Does this project connect children to schools or school related activities, or part of a Safe Routes to School plan or Program?	
No	
b. Has the project or a substantially similar project been submitted under a prior TxDOT TA or SRTS Call for Projects? Please select the latest program call submission.	
No prior submittal	
c. Has the project been awarded funds under a prior TxDOT TA or SRTS Call for Projects? Please select the call it was awarded funds.	
No prior submittal	
11. Detailed Project location	
a. Provide a Google map link: (see Detailed Application Instructions for guidance)	
https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1ZgvNOaXZv_MfWkMOWeG6adJ-T5WAjzo&usp=sharing	
b. Project location in relation to roadways:	
On/along a non-TxDOT roadway	
c. Project location Describe using streetname, adjacent waterway or other identifying landmark	
On or adjacent to (<i>ex main street</i>)	
Old Fitzhugh Road	
From:	Mercer Street
To:	RM 12
If project involves multiple locations, please provide project limits for the major segment in above blanks. Additionally, please create a complete list of all improvement locations using the descriptive limits and beginning and ending latitude/longitude and label this attachment as: A-Project Location Information - No more than 2 pages	
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PROJECT DETAILS

12. Project Details

Provide a project layout (required) at scale with clearly labeled streets, end points, and all construction locations as an attachment. Additional recommended attachments include typical sections and photographs that describe and provide details about the project. Attachments for this section should be labeled as **B-Project Details** (No more than 15 pages)

If the project plans are 30% or more complete, include only example sheets as attachments and provide a weblink for plan review here:

https://www.hdrinc.com/sites/default/files/2023-06/C_0_AUS_DrippingSprings-

The construction plans for this project are currently:

Under Development with 30% complete

13. Primary facility

Primary Facility Type:	Sidewalks
Total length:	3350 feet
Facility Width:	8 feet
Material Depth:	5 inches
Surface type/material:	Concrete

14. Secondary facility

Secondary Facility Type:	N/A
Total length:	0 feet
Facility Width:	0 feet
Material Depth:	0 inches
Surface type/material:	N/A

Does the project propose lighting adjacent to a roadway within state-maintained right-of-way?

No

15. Bridges

Does this project include bridge improvements?

No

Total # of proposed bridges:

0

*Note: If more than one bridge is proposed, identify the bridge with the longest span length in the detailed application and identify additional bridges in **Attachment B**.*

Structural Materials (Deck/ Beams):	N/A
Bridge Construction:	N/A
Bridge Length (feet):	
Bridge Width (feet):	
Rail Type:	N/A

SAFETY

16. Identified bicycle and/or pedestrian safety hazards and countermeasures

Check all of the safety hazards located within the project limits. Next to each checked safety hazard, state the proposed countermeasure(s) addressing the hazard identified. Provide additional information about proposed countermeasures and photos of safety hazards as an attachment: Attachment C. Clearly identify these features on [Map 1-Safety](#) and include [Attachment C](#).

Identified hazards and countermeasures

High roadway speed (45 mph or greater)	
Hazardous intersection/conflict point	Risk , countermeasures include Install ADA-compliant curb ramps and crosswalk markings at Old Fitzhugh Road and RM 12
Uncontrolled intersection/crossing	Risk , countermeasures include Install enhanced midblock crossings with raised corsswalks and high visibility pavement markings
Lack of bike/ped infrastructure	Risk , countermeasures include Install 8' sidewalk on west side of Old Fitzhugh Rd connecting to Downtown Dripping Springs
High motor vehicle traffic volume	
On-street parking	
Wide roadway crossing (4 or more lanes)	
Lack of lighting	Risk , countermeasures include Install pedestrian safety lighting at crosswalks
other: Speeding	Risk, countermeasures include Install raised speed tables with marked crosswalks

17. Bicycle and/or pedestrian infrastructure elements

Which of the following features are part of the proposed project? Check all that apply. Clearly identify these features on: [Map 1-Safety](#)

Identified features

closes a gap in bicycle or pedestrian network, features traffic calming elements, includes a vertical separation element, new bicycle &/or pedestrian infrastructure, features traffic markings/signage, features safety lighting,

TxDOT is interested in projects that respond to documented safety issues. TxDOT will analyze crash records to determine the documented bicycle and/or pedestrian crash count and rate in proximity to the proposed project.

CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

18. Connection to multimodal transportation

Transit: Does the project support multi-modal transportation by providing access to a rail station, streetcar, and/or a bus stop?
(select)

Bike: Does the project connect to existing or planned bicycle facilities? Please check the facilities to which this project would connect. Clearly label on **Map 2-Connectivity**. Project connects to:
Planned

Pedestrian: Does the project connect to existing or planned pedestrian facilities? Please check the facilities to which this project would connect. Clearly label on **Map 2-Connectivity**. Project connects to:
Existing and planned

19. Connectivity to Destination

Does the project provide bicycle and pedestrian access to major destinations immediately surrounding the project area that are likely to attract bicycling or walking trips? Please check destinations below. Clearly label on **Map 2-Connectivity** and include in **attachment D-Connectivity**

The proposed project connects to the following destinations

Central Business District, High density residential, Park, Neighborhood, Other special trip generator (label on map), Community center, Commerical Center,

20. Barrier Elimination

Does the project eliminate an existing barrier to travel and provide safe crossing of that barrier by individuals with disabilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-drivers of all ages and abilities? Indicate the number of barriers below by clicking up/down. Clearly label on **Map 2-Connectivity**

ADA barriers*	2
Four lanes or larger roadways	0
Waterbod(ies)	0
Railroads	0
Other:	0

*For ADA barriers only count each type of ADA barrier that is being eliminated. For example, if your project includes curb ramps that would count as one barrier, and accessible pedestrian signals would count as another barrier.

21. Long-distance bicycle route and tourism

Does the project implement a segment or locally favored alternative on the Bicycle Tourism Trail Example Network, improve non-motorized connections between population centers, and/or extend or develop other regional nonmotorized route for tourism? Label attachments to support your answer as **E- Long Distance Bicycle Routes**.

(Select)

Projects that add new off-street bicycle or pedestrian facilities along independent rights-of-way, such as creeks, railroads, or utility corridors, may have different benefits or impacts than projects following the alignment of existing roadways. TxDOT will review the response to question 7 to determine whether the project is proposed on independent right-of-way.

TxDOT is interested in projects that improve access to higher density residential and/or employment centers. TxDOT will analyze US Census data to determine whether projects are located in areas with higher residential and employment density. (Small Urban only)

GEOGRAPHIC EQUITY

TxDOT is interested in how the project improves access to everyday destinations for underserved communities. TxDOT will analyze census data to determine if the project will improve access for seniors, individuals with disabilities, racial or ethnic minorities, people without private vehicles, or low-income communities.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND PLANNING

22. Project Sponsor Resolution

An adopted resolution from the project sponsor's governing board is a required attachment to the detailed application. The attachment should be labeled **F- Project Sponsor Resolution**

23. Public Involvement and Support

a. Public outreach events in the last five years which engaged the public on this project should be summarized as a bulleted list or table, then attached with supporting documentation as **G- Public Outreach and Support**.

b. List all collaborating partners and their role in developing/implementing the proposed project.

c. Letters of Support.

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24. Maintenance and Operation

Name the entity responsible for project maintenance and operation after construction. Attach a letter of commitment if maintenance and operation will be conducted by a third party and label it **H- Maintenance Documentation**.

City of Dripping Springs

25. Planning

a. Projects may be referenced in various planning documents, such as local Bicycle, Pedestrian, Safe Route to School, Corridor, Traffic Safety, Hazardous Route List, or other Transportation Plan (if applicable). Is the proposed project included in a local transportation plan?

Yes

If yes, please ensure that this plan has been added to the Active Transportation Plan Inventory (ATPI). See this link for more information:

<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/bicycle-pedestrian-planning-designing/plan-inventory-tool.html>

If yes, include as an attachment ONLY the cover and pages of the plan referring to this project. Label attachment(s) as **I- Local Planning - No more than 10 pages**.

Insert transportation plan weblink:

<https://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/businesses/pages/transportation-master-plan>

b. Transition Plan for ADA Compliance

Is the proposed project included in the project sponsor's Transition Plan for ADA compliance? If yes, include as an attachment only the cover and pages from the plan relevant to this project. Label attachment(s) as **I- Local Planning - No more than 10 pages**.

No

TxDOT will give consideration to small communities (50,000 or less in population) who have limited access to planning resources.

PROJECT COMPLEXITY

26. Environmental Documentation

a. An environmental document is required for all federally funded transportation projects. Some site characteristics may require additional environmental evaluation. Are there known environmental issues requiring coordination, permitting, or mitigation? See Detailed Application Instructions for more details.

Yes

b. Known historic sites are identified in the Texas Historic Sites (<https://atlas.thc.state.tx.us/>). After reviewing this resource, are there known historic properties near the proposed project requiring coordination?

Yes

c. If there are known environmental or historic preservation issues, is there an approach to avoid delays in project development?

Yes

If "Yes" is marked for either 26a, 26b, or 26c, then provide written description of potential coordination, mitigation, and/or permitting actions foreseen for the proposed project. Label attachment(s) as **K- Environmental Documentation - No more than 10 pages**.

27. Property Ownership and Acquisition Information

All proposals must provide documentary evidence of the project sponsor's property rights by title of ownership, lease, or easement for all property within the project limits. Respond to a, b, & c below.

a. Has the property needed for the project already been acquired?

If No - How many parcels will be acquired? Describe in the attachment how the property will be acquired. Include a commitment letter from current owner(s) demonstrating a willingness to transfer the property to project sponsor in accordance with state and federal laws.

No

b. Are there any known encroachments? (utilities, fences, adjacent property improvements)

If Yes, identify known encroachments in an attachment.

No

c. If acquired after 1971, was the property acquired in accordance with the Uniform Act?

N/A

Project property acquired after 1971 must have been acquired in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (Uniform Act). If No, describe briefly when and how the property was acquired in an attachment. Include details as attachment(s) **L-Property Ownership/Acquisition**

28. Requirements - Signals, Beacons, and School Zones

Projects proposing new traffic control devices including flashing beacons (RRFBs and PHBs) and school zones MUST attach supporting documentation demonstrating these improvements meet warrant/conditions in accordance with the TMUTCD and TxDOT policy. Label attachment(s) **M- Signals, Beacons, and School Zones**.

29. Railroad (RR) Support/Right of Entry Letter (if applicable)

a. Does the project cross RR right-of-way (ROW) or encroach (within 100') or begin/end within 500 feet from an at-grade highway-rail crossing?

No

If yes, the project sponsor must include documentary evidence from the railroad in support of the project and, where appropriate, a willingness by the railroad to enter into an agreement/contract with the local government for project implementation and provisions for right-of-entry for project construction. Where applicable, a cost for railroad work must be included in the budget.

b. If the project encroaches or crosses RR ROW, has coordination with the RR begun?

N/A

c. Does this project include rail banked right-of-way? Label attachment(s) as **N- RR Support/Right-of-Entry Letter - No more than 10 pages**

No

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimate the number of months it will take to complete this project (from planning through construction). Estimate the time required for each activity listed below. Several activities should be accomplished concurrently (such as environmental documentation, PS&E development, railroad coordination, and property acquisition); as a result, the Total Projected Time Estimate will be less than the total of the time estimated for each activity. Refer to the 2023 TA Program Guide for additional guidance. Label attachment(s) as **O-Project Timeline** - *No more than 2 pages*

Month	Activities
12	Planning Activities (<i>minimum 6 months</i>) (Include the project in the STIP, execute Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the department, complete required local government training, assign local government and department roles and responsibilities, etc.)
6	Project Design and Plan Preparation (<i>minimum 6 months</i>). (Solicit, select, negotiate, and execute contract(s) for engineering and environmental services. Develop construction Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) to state and federal standards. Include time for review by TxDOT District and Division staff, a registered accessibility specialist, and other agencies as needed.)
6	Environmental Clearance (<i>minimum 6 months</i>). (Complete the NEPA Scope Development Tool, environmental documentation, and appropriate resource studies; consider environmental mitigation, permits, and review by resource agencies). All documentation and exhibits must meet state and federal standards.
8	Row Acquisition (acquisitions should occur after environmental clearance)(Include time for surveying, appraisals, title transfer, etc. Only incidental utility adjustments may be eligible.)
0	Railroad coordination (<i>1 to 2 years</i>) . (Include time for railroad owner review of plan documents and execution of railroad agreement.)
0	No
15	Project Construction/Implementation (<i>minimum 12 months</i>) . (Include time for advertising, procurement of construction contractor, contract negotiations, site preparation, construction, inspection, project close-out, etc.)
43	Total Project Development Time Estimate

Reminder: All responses in the Detailed Application MUST be supported by the attachments. Proposed countermeasures and infrastructure elements MUST be specified in the Itemized Budget. Items missing supporting documentation will not be considered during project evaluation.

BUDGET SUMMARY

33. Project Budget Summary *(many lines automatically populate)*

Total Itemized Construction Cost Estimate <i>(topic 30 total, from Budget Page 3)</i>	1.	\$1,212,159
Contingency Costs <i>(line 1 X contingency percentage)</i>	2.	\$121,216
Inflation Adjustment <i>(line 1 X 4% X assumed years until construction)</i>	3.	\$151,355
Total Additional Construction-Related Costs <i>(topic 31 total, from Budget Page 4)</i>	4.	\$158,600
Total Construction Cost Estimate <i>[Sum of lines 1 through 4]</i>	5.	\$1,643,330
TxDOT Direct State Costs for project oversight <i>(15% of line 1)</i>	6.	\$181,824
Total Preliminary Engineering Cost <i>(topic 32 total, from Budget Page 4)</i>	7.	\$238,312
Total Project Cost Estimate <i>[Sum of lines 5 through 7]</i>	8.	\$2,063,466
Optional Local Match Increase*	20%	of line 8 \$412,693
TxDOT Optional Discretionary Funds**	0.0%	-

TDCs: If a project sponsor is eligible to use TDCs, these credits will be applied to the project in lieu of the local match. See Cost Participation Summary below.

***Local Match:** Project sponsors may increase the required Local Match above 20% by adjusting the Local Match percentage in the box above. If the project is eligible for Transportation Development Credits (amount shown in number 9 below), then the federal share will be fixed at 100% federal participation in lieu of local match.

****TxDOT Discretionary Funds:** In a minority of cases, TxDOT Districts may participate financially in projects to reduce the local match. "Optional Local Match Increase" percentage and "TxDOT Optional Discretionary Funds" percentage must total 20%. See Detailed Application Instructions for more information.

Eligibility for Transportation Development Credits

Select Project Sponsor from dropdown. If Project Sponsor is not listed, then it was determined to be ineligible for Transportation Development Credits.

Eligible Transportation Development Credits	9.	\$0
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	Participation				
	Percent	Preliminary Engineering Costs	Construction Costs <small>(plus contingency and inflation)</small>	Direct State Costs	Total Project Costs
Federal	80.0%	\$ 190,650	\$ 1,314,664	\$ 145,459	\$ 1,650,773
State	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local	20.0%	\$ 47,662	\$ 328,666	\$ 36,365	\$ 412,693
Total	100%	\$ 238,312	\$ 1,643,330	\$ 181,824	\$ 2,063,466

COST PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

Total Federal Participation	80.0%	\$1,650,773
Total State Participation	0.0%	\$0
Total Local Participation	20.0%	\$412,693

PROJECT COMMITMENT

The applicant confirms understanding of the following requirements by checking boxes and signing below.

- This is a reimbursement program. If the project sponsor implements any stage of the project, then they must finance that phase until reimbursement funds are available. Invoices must be submitted with proper documentation on a regular basis (typically monthly, but no less than quarterly).
- If TxDOT implements any phase of the project on behalf of the project sponsor, then any local match would be due in full to TxDOT prior to commencement of each phase (i.e. preliminary engineering or construction). Project selection does not guarantee that TxDOT will implement a project on behalf of any recipient.
- Until authorized by TxDOT with a notice to proceed, the project sponsor should not enter into a contract or incur costs for any aspect of the project for which the project sponsor is seeking federal participation. Otherwise, the project sponsor risks incurring costs that will not be reimbursed.
- The project sponsor understands they are responsible for providing a local match (cash) to cover 20% of the total project cost (including TxDOT Direct State Costs) unless eligible for Transportation Development Credits (TDCs). For project sponsors eligible for TDCs, these credits will be applied as additional federal funds in lieu of local match. Depending on approved local match option, TxDOT will reimburse a portion or all of the total expenses on each invoice submitted with proper documentation of expenses.
- The project sponsor must be prepared to fund any project costs in excess of the amounts indicated in the budget entered into this detailed application and/or the amount awarded by the commission (i.e., project cost overruns).

<hr/> <i>Signature</i>
<hr/> <i>Print Name and Title</i>
<hr/> <i>Telephone Number</i>
<hr/> <i>Date</i>

<hr/> <i>TxDOT District Signature (if applicable)</i>
<hr/> <i>Print Name and Title</i>
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<hr/> <i>Date</i>

Refer to TxDOT's 2023 TA Detailed Application Instructions for submittal instructions.