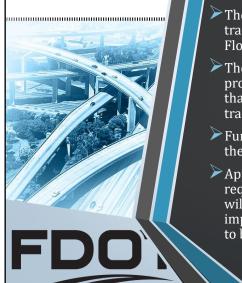
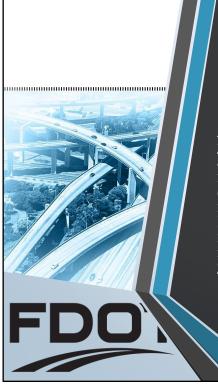
# Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)



# What is Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)?



- The TRIP Program provides funding to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in regional transportation areas defined by Florida Statute 339.2819.
- The purpose of the programing is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching (50/50) funds for improvements to facilities that function as part of an integrated national, statewide, or regional transportation system.
- Funds are allocated to Districts as specified in Florida Statute 201.15 to the State Transportation Trust Fund.
- Applicants for TRIP funding must provide matching **50%** or more and, if required, execute an interlocal agreement to ensure that TRIP funding will be exclusively used to improve facilities identified in the capital improvement element of a comprehensive plan that has been determined to be in compliant with Chapter 163, Part II, F.S.
- 1. TRIP was established by the 2005 Legislature, to improve growth management planning and the provision of transportation and infrastructure.
- 2. This is NOT a grant program, rather a fund matching program for regionally-significant road and public transportation projects.
  - The funds are intended to provide incentives for critically needed projects that benefit regional travel and commerce.
- 3. Funding is allocated to the districts via statutory formula from
  - doc stamps
  - vehicle registration.
- 4. 50% local match can be considered in-kind matches such as right of way donations and private funds available to the regional partners.
- Some Rural counties qualify for a waiver or reduction of required 50% local match.



#### Definition of **REGIONAL**:

A transportation project that is on a facility which serves <u>regional</u> transportation needs (such as access to and from the area outside of the region, major activity centers in the region, major planned developments such as new retail malls, sports complexes, etc., or transportation terminals) and would normally be included in the modeling of a Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) area transportation network, including at a minimum all principal arterial highways and all fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to <u>regional</u> highway travel.

One of the key aspects of TRIP is Regional significance.

To qualify as regionally significant a project will need to:

- Be on a facility which serves <u>regional</u> transportation needs
- Would normally be included in the traffic modeling of a TPO area transportation network

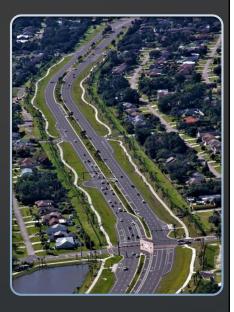
## **TRIP** Funding

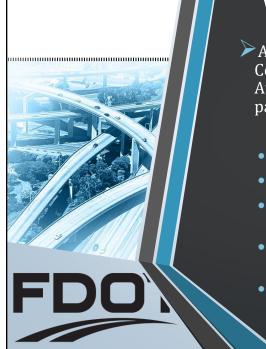
Annual program

Funding varies each year

• Based on population and motor fuel collections.

Approximately \$3 million annual budget for District 3.





## Who is eligible to participate?

All Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Counties, and Multi-County Transportation Authorities are eligible to participate, if they form partnerships.

- MPOs comprised of three or more counties
- Two or more adjacent MPOs
- One or more MPO and one or more adjacent counties that are not MPO members
- Two or more adjacent counties that are not MPO members
- A multi-county regional transportation authority created by or pursuant to law

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Within District 3 there are 4 Transportation Planning Organizations (TPO's) Emerald Coast Regional Planning Council (ECRC) :Florida-Alabama TPO, Okaloosa-Walton TPO, and Bay County TPO

ECRC also oversees the Rural Regional Transportation Program for the following counties and areas which lie outside the TPO boundaries: Bay, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Santa Rosa, Walton, & Washington

Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA): Gadsden, Leon, Jefferson and Wakulla Counties

Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC)- Provides various technical, support and oversight services to rural areas in the following counties: Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Gadsden, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson ARPC also oversees the Rural Regional Transportation Program for the following counties Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Franklin.

# FDOI:

# What are the responsibilities of the Partners?

- Regional partners must develop an interlocal agreement that provides the following:
  - Includes development of the regional transportation plan;
  - Delineates the boundaries of the regional transportation area;
  - Provides the duration of the agreement and how it may be changed;
  - Describes the planning process and defines a dispute resolution process.

Regional partners must develop an interlocal agreement that defines the partnership.



#### Project requirements for TRIP funding

Must support facilities that...

- Serve national, statewide or <u>regional</u> functions
  - ✓ Project must serve a <u>regional</u> need and the transportation facility must be noted within the Regional Transportation Authorities (RTA's) plan and map.
- Function as an integrated <u>regional</u> system

Must be supported by local planning efforts:

- Identified in Capital Improvement Element in the appropriate local government comprehensive plan;
- Project must be in compliance with the area TPO plans,
- Be in compliance with local corridor management policies within the comprehensive plan.

Must be consistent with the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS); example: adding capacity

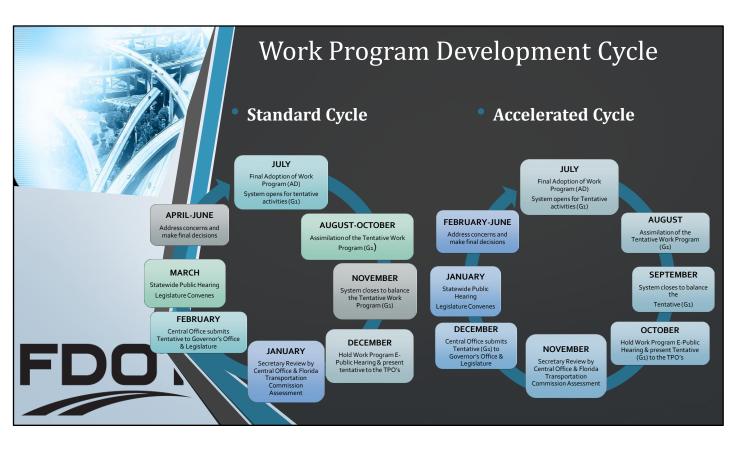
Must have a commitment of local, <u>regional</u> or private matching funds, unless eligible for a match waiver.

Project criteria consist of 4 must

- Must support regional facilities
- Must be supported by local planning efforts
- Must be consistent with Strategic Intermodal Systems (SIS)
- Must have a commitment of matching funds, unless eligible for a match waiver



#### By law the Department must prioritize projects according to F.S. 339.2819.



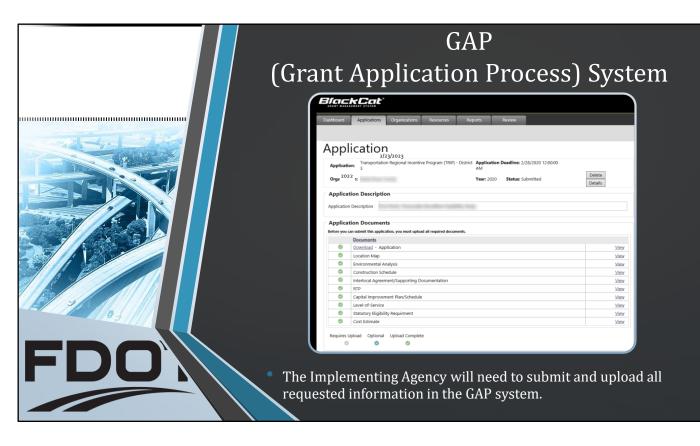
This slide explains the Work Program Development cycle in its entirety.

The Accelerated cycle indicates when the Legislature sessions meets in January vs March, which in turns shortens the time to build the work program.

This shows in detail when the cycles begins and when it ends with comparison to standard cycle vs accelerated cycle.

	l Year 2026/27 – 2030/31 Pevelopment Schedule
FDOT	Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program (TA) Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
Friday, November 1, 2024	FY2026-2031 Development Schedule Application Solicitation Starts
Friday, January 17, 2025	**
(Set By Planning Council)	Application Deadline to the Planning Council/Agency and RRTP
Friday, February 21, 2025	Planning Agency/Council/RRPT Priority List Drafts Due to Department
Friday, April 25, 2025	Planning Agency/Council Priority List FINAL Due to Department

Dates and deadlines



The Florida Grant Application Process ("GAP") system, launched in 2021, is the authorized platform for the submission and receipt of applications for TRIP funding; and the management of agreements for the disbursement of TRIP funding awards made by the department. Required documents, which include project plans, agency certifications, project reports and invoices, performance monitoring and compliance documentation should also be stored and maintained in GAP.

Please make sure you have completed and submitted the TRIP application and all supporting documentation in the GAP system.



# Frequently Asked Questions

*Can a project be submitted for TRIP funds that does not originate from a Regional Transportation Plan?* 

• No. The project must come from an approved Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

What does it mean for a project to be "consistent with the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Plan"?

• Being consistent with the SIS means that the project serves a national, statewide, or regional function, and it serves an integral part of an interconnected regional network.

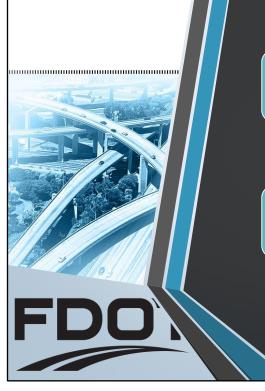
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• Can a project be submitted for TRIP funds that doesn't come from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)?

NO. Project must be approved by the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

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# **Frequently Asked Questions**

*If an eligible rural county is granted a waiver or reduction for its share of the non-TRIP match of project costs, can TRIP funds be used to cover the balance?* 

• In those instances where a match has been waived or reduced, the scope of the project will have to be reduced.

Who decides what is regionally significant and what are the criteria?

• Regional transportation areas designate regionally significant facilities. The definition of "regionally significant" is expected to vary according to the characteristics and policies of each region. FDOT has provided guidance for these designations and identified characteristics for consideration. This information can be found within the resources webpage.

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The TRIP application will be accessible through the Grant Application Process (GAP) system or by visiting the D3 Planning website (link is located on the slide above)

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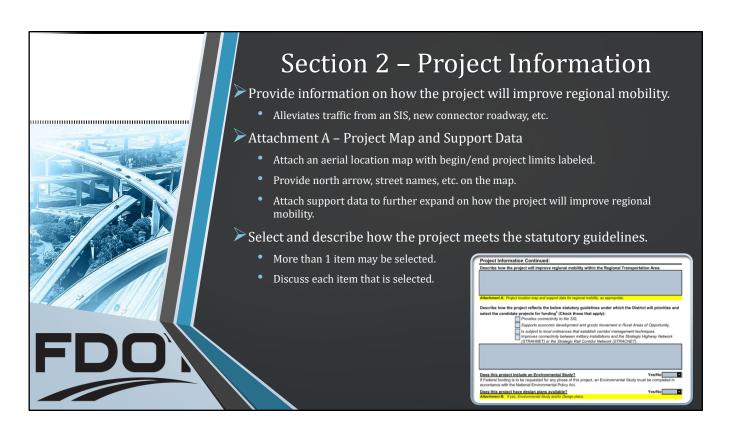
Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted the Grant Application Process (GAP) System before the deadline to be considered.



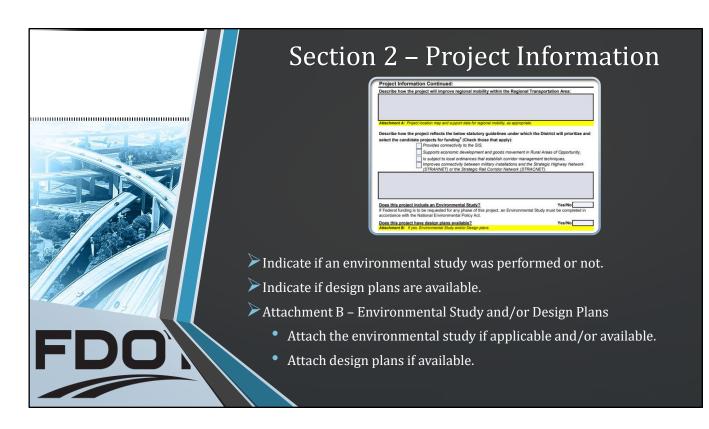
- Project Name (i.e.) County Road ABC; Connector Road Phase 1, State Road 123 Widening,
- Origin of Request(Applying RTA)-
  - 1. MPO region or
  - 2. RRTP region
- Contact Person- Primary contact for the grant
- Implementing Agency- The Agency overseeing the project

	Section 2 – Project Information
	Project Information: Facility: Project Limits: Work to be performed: Work to be performed: Provide the Facility Name – State or local roadway number or corridor
	name
	Project Limits
	<ul> <li>Project descriptions should run south to north or west to east.</li> </ul>
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	➢Work to be performed
FDO.	• Provide a detailed description of the work items that will be included (survey, geotech, mill & resurface, new construction, curb and gutter, sidewalk, signing and pavement markings, etc)

- 1. Facility Name- (i.e) Joe Johns Road; State Road 123
- 2. Project Limits- From A Street to B Street
- 3. Work To Be Performed: (i.e)
  - Construction of a new 2-lane roadway between A Road and the Z County line;
  - Resurface the roadway and re-align the intersection at A Road.



- 1. Attachment A- Location Map
  - 1. Identify the begin and end of project limits on the aerial map



• Provide any previous environmental study and design plans and attach the information as part of the application.

#### Section 3 – Project Funding

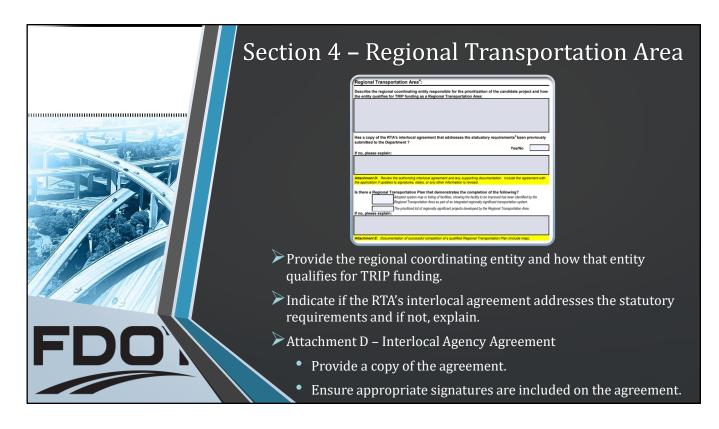
Project Funding:			
design, right-of-way, cr	onstruction) re	quires at least a 50% local agency	availability. Each phase requested (i.e., y match unless the agency is within a Rural al years (Department's fiscal year runs from
Phase Requested	FY	FDOT Amount	Local Match
PDE:			
R/W:			
Design:			
Construction:			
Attachment C: The pla	nned project co	nstruction schedule.	
Is the Agency eligible	e for a waiver	of up to 50% of the project cos	t? <sup>3</sup> Yes/No
Has other funding been requested for any part of this project? Yes/No (SCRAP, SCOP, CIGP, HSIP, SRTS, TA, Grant, etc.) If Yes, Name:			
How will TRIP fundin	g accelerate	this project's implementation?	

Fill in the table to include

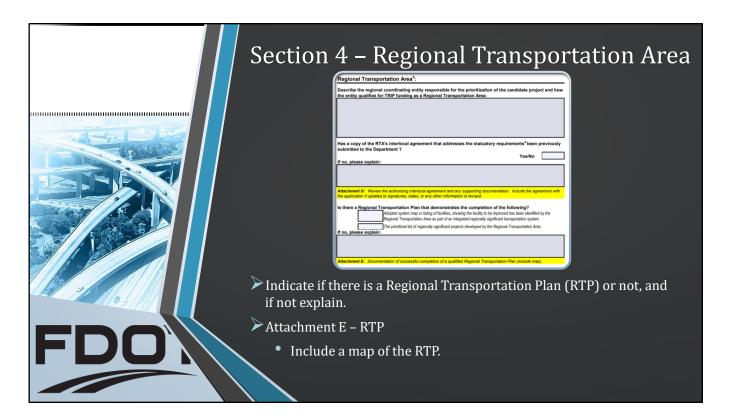
- Fiscal Year each applicable phase is planned
  - Each phase must be separated by 2 fiscal years
- Amount being requested from FDOT for each phase.
- Amount of Local Match provided for each phase.
- Attachment C Construction Schedule
  - Provide a brief timeline for begin/end of each phase.

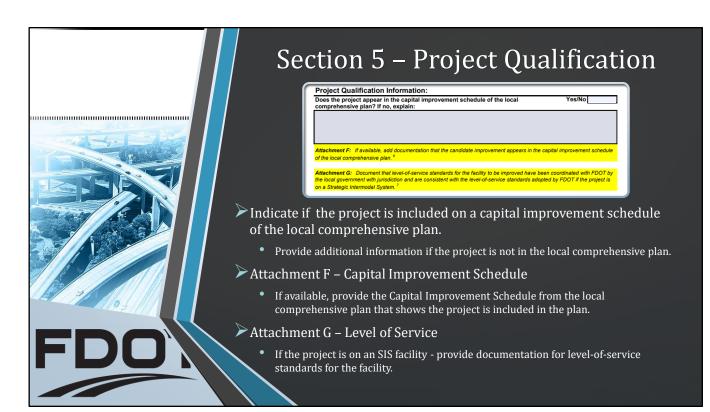
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3	<ul> <li>Indicate if other funding sources have been applied for and if so, provide what source was applied for (SCOP, SCRAP, CIGP, etc).</li> </ul>
	Acceleration of Project
FDO	• Provide information on how TRIP funding will help expediate the project.

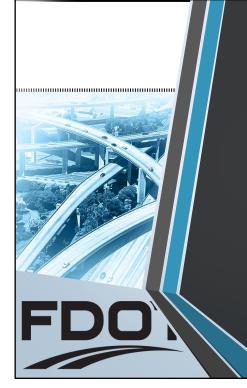
- Consider using the FDOT Design Staff-hour forms with an average hourly rate of \$165/HR along with Design Staff-hour guidelines to develop an estimated cost for design. Staff-hour forms and guidelines can be located at the link below for reference and use: <u>https://www.fdot.gov/designsupport/scope/default.shtm</u>
- Estimate of Probable Construction Costs- Suggest using FDOT statewide average historical unit costs for engineer's cost estimate https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/estimates/reports/histo rical-item-average-cost-reports



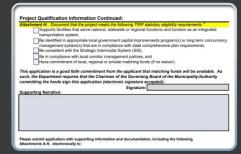
- 1. Local Transportation Planning Organization or Regional Rural Transportation Program
- 2. Provide the interlocal agreement







#### Section 5 – Project Qualification



Attachment H – TRIP Eligibility

- Provide documentation on how the project meets TRIP eligibility.
- Select the reasons the project meets TRIP eligibility.
  - Select all that apply and expand on eligibility in Attachment H.
- Ensure the application is signed.

Provide any supporting information that may be relevant to the project that did not fit into an application question.