



Florida Department of Transportation

DISTRICT THREE TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) FY2025 – FY2029 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

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District Three is pleased to notify you of the upcoming Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) application cycle for FY2025 – FY2029 Tentative Work Program.

General Information:

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created as part of major Growth Management legislation enacted during the 2005 Legislative Session (SB 360). The purpose of the program is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners.

Eligible Partners are those that have two or more contiguous Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); One or more MPOs and one or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO; a multi-county regional transportation authority created by or pursuant to law, two or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO; or MPOs comprised of three or more counties. Each Partner must sign an interlocal agreement that 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, and defines the planning and dispute resolution process.

Notification of each TRIP application cycle is sent to each Regional Transportation Area (RTA). Projects must be identified in a regional transportation plan (RTP) and prioritized for submittal to the Department. TRIP funds are used to match local or regional funds up to 50% of the total project costs. In kind matches such as right of way donations and private funds made available to the regional partners are also allowed for the local agency match.

Eligibility Minimum Requirements:

- ✚ Serve national, statewide or regional functions and function as part of an integrated transportation system,
- ✚ Be identified in the capital improvements element of the appropriate local government comprehensive plan that is in compliance with Part II, Chapter 163, F.S.,
- ✚ Be included in the MPO LRTP, the STIP, TIP and consistent with the local government comprehensive plan,
- ✚ Be consistent with the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) developed under Section 339.64, F.S.,
- ✚ Be in compliance with local corridor management policies adopted in the applicable local government comprehensive plan, and
- ✚ Have commitment of local, regional, or private matching funds (where appropriate).

Evaluation Criteria

The Department must consider, but is not limited to, the following criteria for evaluation of projects for TRIP:

- ✚ Does the project provide connectivity to the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)?
- ✚ Does the project support economic development and goods movement in rural areas of critical economic concern (RAO)?
- ✚ Is the project subject to local ordinances that establish corridor management techniques?
- ✚ Does the project improve connectivity between military installations and the Strategic Highway Network, or the Strategic Rail Corridor Network?
- ✚ At what extent are local matching funds available to be committed to the project?

How to Apply:

The key to a **successful project** starts with a clear vision. Each application package consists of the following submittal items:

1. Completed application (one PDF file),
2. Project location map and support data, as appropriate,
3. Environmental Analysis, if applicable,
4. The planned project construction schedule,
5. The authorizing interlocal agreement and any supporting documentation as appropriate,
6. Documentation demonstrating successful completion of a qualified (RTP),
7. Documentation that the candidate improvements appears in the capital improvement schedule of the comprehensive plan,
8. Document that level-of-service standards for the facility to be improved have been adopted by the local government if on the SIS,
9. Document that the candidate project meets the TRIP statutory eligibility requirements.

Attached is the user friendly, interactive pdf application and schedule deadlines. Application and forms can be found on the Florida Grant Application Program (GAP) at www.flgap.com. If you need access, you may request credentials by clicking the link at the bottom of the page that says, "Request User Access" or contact Tanya Branton, District TRIP Coordinator.

If you need additional information, you may visit nwflroads.com/planning. Applications are due to FDOT in GAP no later than Thursday, **February 23, 2023**. We will NOT accept ANY emailed or hard copies of application packages. We will not be allowed to accept any application packages after the deadline date. Please submit all materials in the GAP system before the due date.