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TO: **Technical Advisory Committee**

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SUBJECT: Regional Solicitation: Application Category Purpose 2022

Statements

At the May 20, 2021, Funding & Programming Committee meeting, sample purpose statements were provided. Members were supportive of the purpose statements and requested time to send in comments on them upon further review. Listed below is an updated version of the purpose statements following feedback from several participants.

Funding & Programming Committee Comments

At the June 17, 2021, Funding & Programming meeting only one comment was made; it is tracked withing the Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Project purpose statement. Other comments were provided before and after the meeting and are tracked.

Roadway Categories:

- o Traffic Management Technologies: To fund traffic technology projects that reduce delay, emissions, and crashes.
- o Spot Mobility and Safety: To fund lower-cost, at-grade intersection projects that reduce delay and crashes.
- Strategic Capacity: To fund regionally significant highway mobility projects, as prioritized in the Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study and the Congestion Management Process (CMP), that reduce delay and crashes and improve multimodal travel options.
- Roadway Reconstruction/Modernization: To fund roadway preservation projects that improve infrastructure condition, reduce crashes, and enhance multimodal travel options.
- Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement: To fund preservation and replacement projects for existing bridges to improve infrastructure condition and multimodal travel options.
- Transit and Travel Demand Management Categories:
 - Arterial Bus Rapid Transit Project: To fund projects that implement the identified arterial bus rapid transit priorities in the Transportation Policy Plan that are not seeking FTA New Starts funds.
 - Transit Expansion: To fund transit projects that provide new or expanded transit service/facilities with the intent of attracting new transit riders to the system and reducing emissions.
 - Transit Modernization: To fund transit projects that make transit more attractive to existing riders by offering faster travel times between destinations or improving the customer experience.
 - Travel Demand Management: To fund lower-cost, innovative TDM projects that reduce emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in congested corridors.

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Categories:
 - Multiuse Trails and Bicycle Facilities: To fund multiuse trail and bicycle facilities
 that increase the availability and attractiveness of bicycling, walking, or rolling by
 improving safety: reducing or eliminating user barriers: and improving the Regional
 Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN).
 - Pedestrian Facilities: To fund pedestrian facility projects that focus on increasing the availability and attractiveness of walking or rolling by improving safety and removing gaps in the system.
 - Safe Routes to School: To fund Safe Route to School infrastructure projects that focus on improving safety around school sites.

Once finalized, these purpose statements will be included in the Regional Solicitation documentation.