

Upcoming Events

EDA Good Jobs Challenge Office Hours

Nov.18, 2021, 2:00-3:00 PM CDT

Registration Fee: None

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USDA Rural Development Rural Workforce Innovation Monthly Network Series: Federal Priorities to Ensure Equitable Access to Workforce Funding Opportunities

Nov.18, 2021, 2:00 PM CDT

Registration Fee: Free

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CTR TAG Draft 2022-2026 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan Public Hearing

Nov.23, 2021, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM CDT

2180 N. Main Street

Belton, TX 76513

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To join the meeting

U.S Census Bureau for Vintage 2021 Updates

Nov.23, 2021, 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Registration Fee: Free

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Sneak Preview of SLOPE's New Scenario Planner

Nov.30, 2021, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

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TxDOT PTN Workshop: Implementation Time

Dec.8, 2021, 12:30-4:00 PM CDT

Registration Fee: Free

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Other Resources

USDOT Action Plan for Ports and Waterways

On Nov.9, 2021, the U.S Department of Transportation (DOT) announced an action plan to accelerate investments in ports, waterways, and freight networks. This plan is a set of concrete steps to accelerate investment in ports, waterways, and freight networks. As part of the action plan, the DOT will publish a playbook for States on how to use grant and loan programs across the Department to support goods movements and help alleviate freight bottlenecks. This playbook will highlight the policies, funding and financing available to strengthen the supply chain. The DOT will also develop and issue revised guidance on State Freight Plans that incorporates best worldwide freight planning practices.

For More Information, [Click Here!](#)

Funding Opportunities

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

On Nov.15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was signed by President Biden. The act includes an additional \$110 billion for roads and bridges, \$11 billion for safety, \$39 billion for public transit, and \$66 billion for freight and passenger rail (a five-fold increase). The five-year, \$273.2 billion federal aid highway program includes \$15.6 billion for the Highway Safety Improvement Program and \$1.2 billion for improving rail crossings. There is also \$5 billion for a new grant program called Safe Streets and Roads for All to help advance local Vision Zero initiatives, and \$25 million for grants to improve pedestrian safety by installing bollards.

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FTA Enhancing Mobility Innovation Program

FTA's Enhancing Mobility Innovation Program opens up \$2 million to support innovations that encourage people to get on board, such as integrated fare payment systems and user-friendly software for on-demand public transportation. Eligible recipients include providers of public transportation and public entities. Deadline to apply is Jan.11, 2022