



# 2018 Call for Projects



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# 2018 Call Projects: Project Scoring

- **50% Benefit Cost Analysis**
  - Safety benefits/Crash Reduction
  - Reduced travel delay
  - Air quality benefits
- **50% Planning Factors**
  - Vary based on type of project
  - Same for all “Major Investments” costing > \$100M
    - Inter/Intra Reg Mob.; Multimodal LOS.; Resiliency.; State of Good Repair.; Economic Competitiveness.

# Other Investments Categories

- **Access Management/  
Safety/Grade Separations**
- **Active Transportation**
- **AV/CV Infrastructure**
- **Infrastructure Resiliency**
- **Innovative Freight Movement**
- **Regional ITS Infrastructure**
- **Rehabilitation/Reconstruction**
- **Roadway Added Capacity/New  
Construction/Complete Streets**
- **Transit Expansion**
- **Transit Facility State of Good  
Repair**
- **Transit Passenger Facilities**
- **Transit Priority Infrastructure**

# Planning Factors Revised

- **Major Investments**

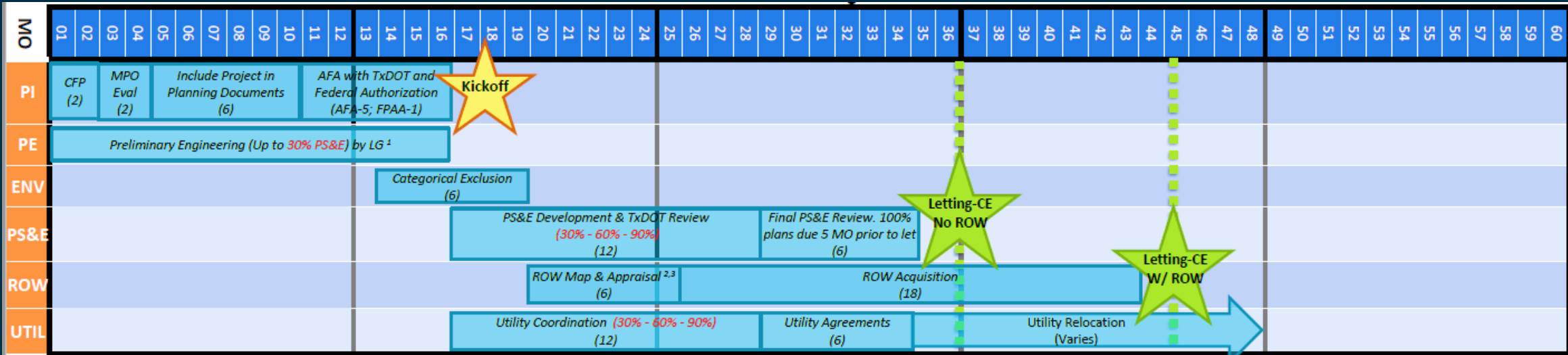
- State of Good Repair
- Economic Competitiveness

- **Other Investments**

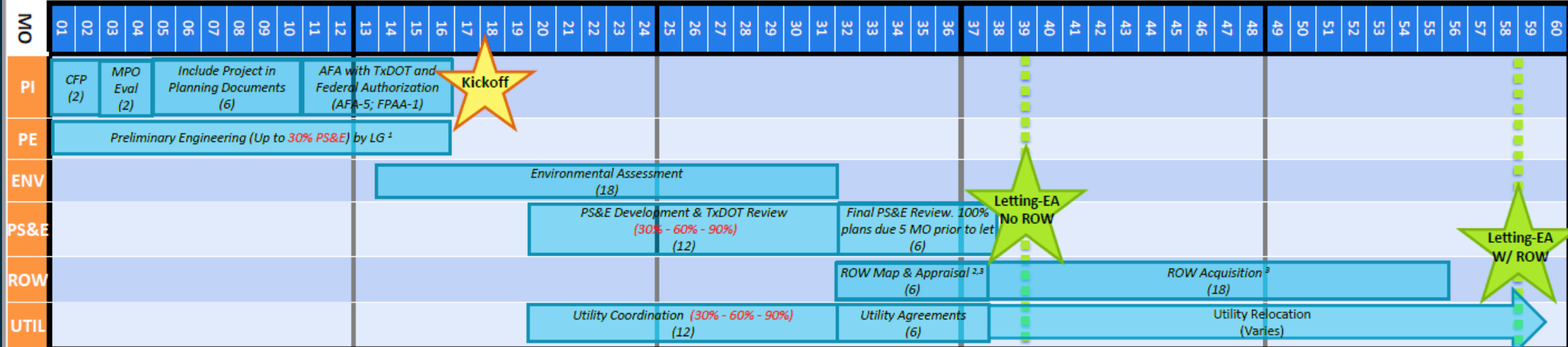
- Multimodal LOS
- Environmental Justice

# 2018 Call Projects: Project Readiness

- **Three time periods: TIP, 10-Year, RTP**
- **“Readiness” determined by level of project development:**
  - Design PS&E
  - Environmental Status
  - Right of Way Needed
  - Utility Coordination/Railroad or other agreements



**Environmental Document: Environmental Assessment**



- 1) If LG is seeking federal reimbursement for PE. PE would need to begin after entering into an AFA and receiving FPAA. LG should add an additional 6 months for PE/PS&E procurement review by TxDOT. Adjust timeline accordingly.
- 2) ROW mapping by LG prior to environmental clearance is at risk (preferred alternative should be identified through environmental process prior to ROW mapping).
- 3) If LG is seeking federal reimbursement for ROW, add 2 months to mapping/appraisal and 2 months to acquisition. Adjust timeline accordingly.

**Notes:**  
 This timeline could advance dependent upon LG willingness to complete PE/PS&E and Environmental work prior to a Call for Projects/Project Selection.  
 An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) would require additional development time.  
 Projects that require additional permits (e.g. Army Corps, Coast Guard) or railroad agreements will require additional development time.  
 Inclusion of projects in planning documents includes: Listing in RTP, TIP, STIP, and associated Transportation Policy Board, TxDOT, FHWA, and FTA approvals.  
 Projects that must be included in a conformity determination would require additional time and approvals.

**Acronyms:**  
 MO=Month  
 PI=Project Initiation  
 LG=Local Government  
 CFP=Call for Projects  
 MPO=Metropolitan Planning Organization  
 AFA=Advance Funding Agreement  
 FPAA=Federal Authorization & Agreement  
 PE=Preliminary Engineering  
 PS&E=Plans, Specifications & Estimates

CE=Categorical Exclusion  
 ROW=Right of Way  
 UTIL=Utilities  
 RTP=Regional Transportation Plan  
 TIP=Transportation Improvement Program  
 STIP=Statewide Transportation Improvement Program  
 TxDOT=Texas Department of Transportation  
 FHWA=Federal Highway Administration  
 FTA=Federal Transit Administration

# 2018 Call Projects: Project Readiness

- **Best-Case Scenario**
- **Most Streamlined Projects**
  - Only CE
  - No ROW
  - Will be Programmed in the TIP
- **Assumes Projects are in PE phase of Development**
- **Assumes LGs will use local funds for PE**

# 2018 Call Projects: Project Readiness

- **Projects With Construction Phase**
  - Require ROW
  - Need Environmental Clearance
  - Utility Relocation
  - Railroad Agreements
  - Likely in 10-Year Plan
- **Support Project Development**
  - Accelerate Projects in 10-Year Plan to TIP



# 2018 Projects Funding Availability

- **\$922M available for new projects (2019 – 2028)**
  - CMAQ, STBG, and TASA (Federal + Local Match)
- **\$339M Currently Programmed (2019 – 2028)**
  - Transtar + AQ + IM + Planning and
  - \$20M Regional Transit Fare Collection

# 2018 Call Projects Funding Reserves

- **Total Reserves - \$895 million**
  - \$237 million Category 2
  - \$658 million Flexible Funding (CMAQ, STBG, and TASA)
- **“Reserves” available for cost overruns or one time funding opportunities if approved by TPC**

# 2018 Call for Projects

- **Call open September 3 – October 31, 2018**
- **State, Local Govts, Public Ports, Special District With Local Government Support**
- **Minimum Federal Participation of \$500,000 for Roadways and \$150,000 for Transit**
- **Final Project Selection by TPC**

# 2018 Call for Projects Schedule

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 2019	Feb	March
Evaluation Criteria		+							
Evaluation Criteria Workshop	+ ● *								
Approve Project Call		● *							
Application Submission			+ +						
Application Workshop			▲						
Project Selection/Prioritization					+ +				
Draft Project List							+ ● *		
30 Day Public Comment								■	
Project Recommendation									+ ● *

+ TIP/RTP Subcommittee Meeting

● Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

\* Transportation Policy Council Meeting

▲ Application Workshop

■ Application Submission

■ Projects Selection/Prioritization

■ Public Comment Period

# 2018 Call for Projects: For More Info

- [h-gac.com/2018-call-for-projects](http://h-gac.com/2018-call-for-projects)
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## ■ Action Requested

- Recommendation to the TPC for approval of the 2018 Call for Projects schedule, funding availability, Funding set-aside for Regional Transit Fare Collection and investment category evaluation criteria.