

Project Eligibility for Economic Stimulus Funding: A Guide

In general project(s) must:

- be on the functional classification system
- have followed federal ROW acquisition procedures
- able to be obligated within one year
- be in the TIP
- be a construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resurfacing, restoration, or operational improvements for highways (including Interstate highways) or bridges (including bridges on public roads of all functional classifications), including any such construction or reconstruction necessary to accommodate other transportation modes, or seismic retrofit and painting of (*and application of calcium magnesium acetate, sodium acetate/formate, or other environmentally acceptable, minimally corrosive anti-icing and de-icing compositions on bridges and approaches thereto and other elevated structures, mitigation of damage to wildlife, habitat, and ecosystems*)

Projects might include:

- Capital costs for transit projects eligible for assistance under chapter 53 of title 49, including vehicles and facilities, whether publicly or privately owned, that are used to provide intercity passenger service by bus.
- Carpool projects, fringe and corridor parking facilities and programs, bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways in accordance with section 217, and the modification of public sidewalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).
- Highway and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs, hazard eliminations, projects to mitigate hazards caused by wildlife, and railway-highway grade crossings. (National Hwy. Systems program)
- Highway and transit research and development and technology transfer programs.
- Capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management, and control facilities and programs, including advanced truck stop electrification systems.
- Projects that fall under the bridge program
- Projects under congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program (CMAQ)¹
- Projects that are part of the recreational trails program²

¹ Title 23 Section 104 b1

² *ibid*

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- Projects under the Appalachian development highway system program³
- Surface transportation planning programs.⁴ (Section 104 b1)
- Transportation enhancement activities.^{5,6} All projects must relate to surface transportation
 - the project's proximity to a highway or a pedestrian/bicycle corridor,
 - whether the project enhances the aesthetic, cultural, or historic aspects of the travel experience, and
 - whether it serves a current or past transportation purpose.

ACTIVITY	EXAMPLES
1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.	New or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, or curb ramps; wide paved shoulders for nonmotorized use, bike lane striping, bike parking, and bus racks; construction or major rehabilitation of off-road shared use paths (nonmotorized transportation trails); trailside and trailhead facilities for shared use paths; bridges and underpasses for pedestrians and bicyclists and for trails.
2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Educational activities to encourage safe walking and bicycling.
3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites (including historic battlefields).	Acquisition of scenic land easements, vistas, and landscapes; acquisition of buildings in historic districts or historic properties, including historic battlefields.
4. Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities).	For projects related to scenic or historic highway programs: Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas; construction of visitor and welcome centers; designation signs and markers.
5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification.	Landscaping, street furniture, lighting, public art, and gateways along highways, streets, historic highways, trails, and waterfronts. Landscaping recommendation: see FHWA's Roadside Vegetation Management website .
6. Historic preservation.	Preservation of buildings in historic districts; restoration and reuse of historic buildings for transportation-related purposes.
7. Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals).	Restoration of historic railroad depots, bus stations, ferry terminals and piers, and lighthouses; rehabilitation of rail trestles, tunnels, and bridges; restoration of historic canals, canal towpaths, and historic canal bridges.
8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use of the corridors for pedestrian or bicycle trails).	Acquiring railroad rights-of-way; planning, designing, and constructing multiuse trails; developing rail-with-trail projects.
9. Inventory, control, and removal of outdoor advertising.	Billboard inventories and removal of illegal and nonconforming billboards. Inventory control may include, but not be limited to, data collection, acquisition and maintenance of digital aerial photography, video logging, scanning and imaging of data, developing and maintaining an inventory and control database, and hiring of outside legal counsel.
10. Archaeological planning and research.	Research, preservation planning, and interpretation of archaeological artifacts; curation for artifacts related to surface transportation and artifacts recovered from locations within or along surface transportation corridors.

³ Title 23 Section 104 b1

⁴ *ibid.*

⁵ *ibid.*

⁶ 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(35)

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- Transportation control measures listed in section 108(f)(1)(A) (other than clause (xvi)) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7408(f)(1)(A)).

- Development and establishment of management systems under section 303. These may include:
 - A compliance schedule for development, establishment, and implementation of each such system and minimum standards for each such system.
 - TRAFFIC MONITORING - implementation of a traffic monitoring system for highways and public transportation facilities and equipment.
 - The management system required under this section for intermodal transportation facilities and systems -shall provide for improvement and integration of all of a State's transportation systems
 - Developing and establishing bridge management