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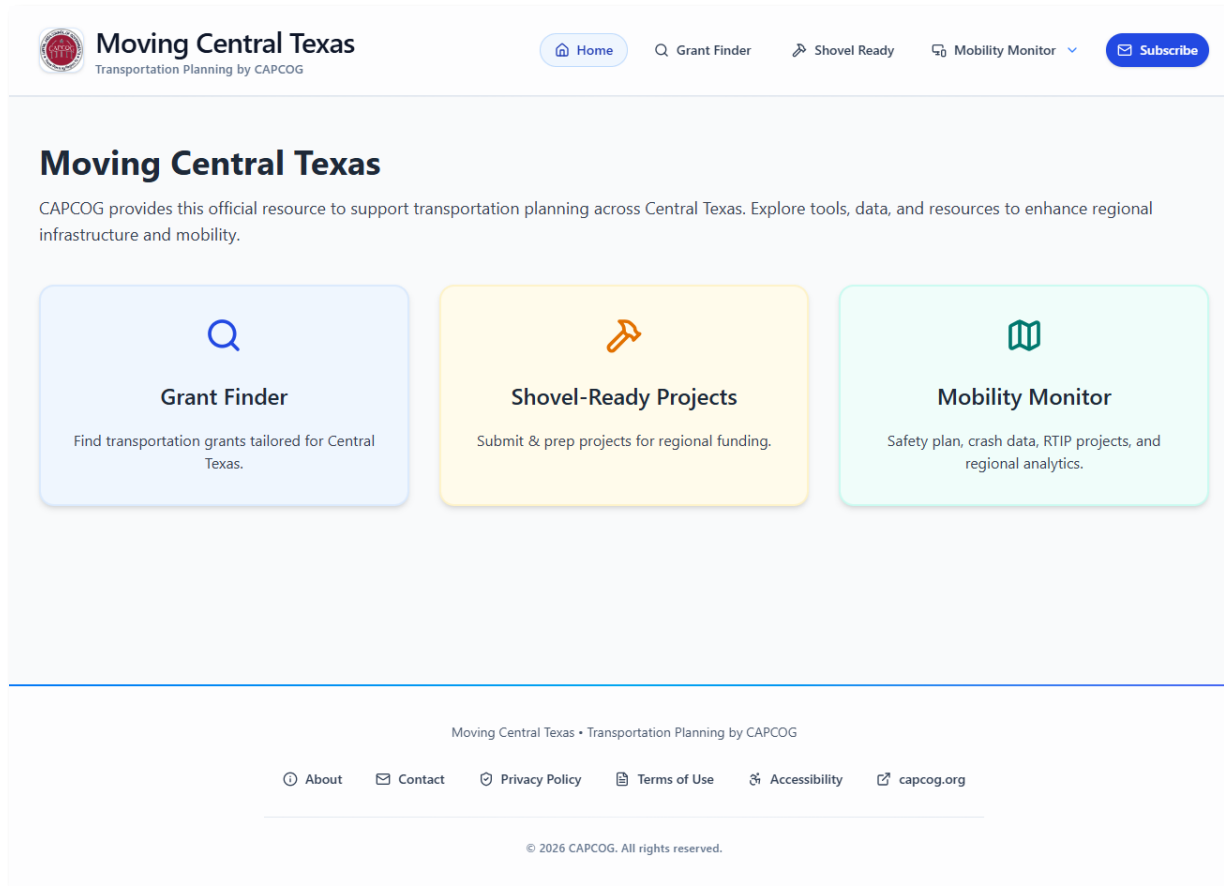
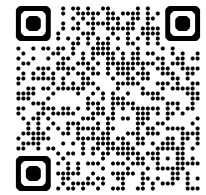
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## Moving Central Texas Connecting Data, Planning, and Funding

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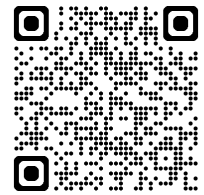
## The problems:

- Transportation information was scattered across many sources and systems.
- Connecting TxDOT with cities and counties across the region required significant outreach and coordination.

Grant Opportunities  
Safety Plans  
Crash Data  
Local Project Inventory

Rural TIP Outreach  
Project Updates





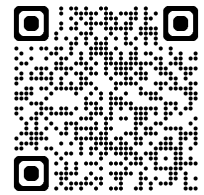
## What we were doing:

- Quarterly meetings of elected officials from each county;
- Periodically publish plans and studies
- Organization website
- On-demand assistance

CARTPO  
Llano County TED  
Lee County TED

Handouts at CARTPO meeting  
Email to somebody  
Staff-Dependent Newsletters



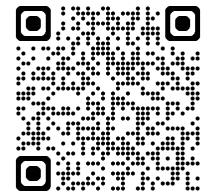


## **What we wanted to accomplish:**

- Make information self-serve and always available.
- Reduce effort for local governments to get grant info.
- Make access to data more interactive
- Provide outreach outside of committee meetings.
- Move projects closer to implementation
- Establish an authoritative source for regional transportation planning in Central Texas



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Submit & prep projects

## What we wanted to accomplish:

- Transportation grants from many sources
- Structure of announcements vary
- Usually verbose, even the summaries
- Important information may be difficult to find
- Provide estimate of required effort
- Match projects to grants

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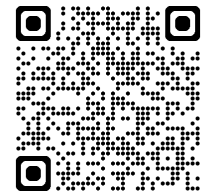
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## Transportation Grant Finder i

CAPCOG provides this searchable database to identify and filter transportation funding opportunities tailored to Central Texas communities, including grant types, funding sources, award amounts, and application details.

All Types All Funding All Communities Sort: Deadline

[Clear Filters](#) [Clear Favorites](#) [Viewing: All](#) 9 grants found

**Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program** ☆  
[Discretionary](#)  
Funding: USDOT  
Award: \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000  
Deadline: 6/15/2025

**Low or No Emission Grant Program** ☆  
[Discretionary](#)  
Funding: FTA  
Award: \$0 - \$1,105,512,334  
Deadline: 7/13/2025

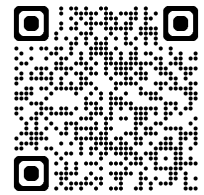
**Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program** ☆  
[Discretionary](#)  
Funding: FTA  
Award: \$0 - \$39,810,323  
Deadline: 7/13/2025

**Bridge Investment Program - Large Bridge Project Grants** ☆  
[Discretionary](#)  
Funding: USDOT  
Award: \$50,000,000 - \$3,000,000,000

**Competitive Highway Bridge Program** ☆  
[Discretionary](#)  
Funding: USDOT  
Award: \$1,000,000 - \$75,000,000  
Deadline: 8/3/2025

**Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program** ☆  
[Discretionary](#)  
Funding: USDOT  
Award: \$250,000 - \$2,500,000





Funding: FTA

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## Safe Streets and Roads for All - Implementation Grants

Discretionary

USDOT

**Purpose:** Implement projects and strategies from an existing action plan to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. May include planning, design, and development activities bundled into the application. An existing Action Plan finalized or updated 2021-2026 is required.

**Eligible Entities:** Metropolitan planning organizations; political subdivisions of a State or territory (cities, towns, counties, special districts, transit agencies created under State law); federally recognized Tribal governments; multijurisdictional groups of the above. Applicants must have ownership/maintenance responsibilities over a roadway network or a signed agreement from the agency that does. States and nonprofits are not eligible unless created under State law with roadway safety responsibilities.

**Preferred Communities:** Areas of Persistent Poverty (20%+ poverty threshold); underserved communities; rural communities. Expected 40-70 awards from \$687.8M total.

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Funding: FTA

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## Safe Streets and Roads for All - Implementation Grants

70 awards from \$687.8M total.

**Award:** \$2,500,000 – \$25,000,000

**Deadline:** 5/25/2026

**Match Required:** 20% **In-Kind Allowed:** Yes

**Shovel-Ready:** Not required, but Project Readiness is a selection consideration. DOT evaluates ability to complete full scope within 5 years and whether construction can begin in a timely manner.

**Pre-Engineering:** No

**Expected Project Length:** 24-60 months

**Estimated Application Hours:** 75

**Eligible Population:** 0 to unlimited

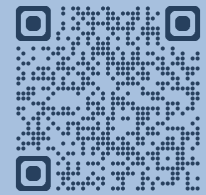
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**Eligible Jurisdiction Type:** all

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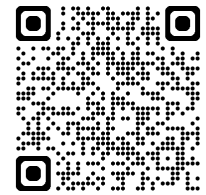
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Already filtered by  
city or county



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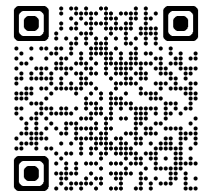
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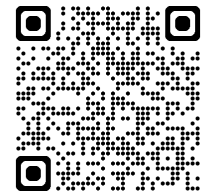
## What we wanted to accomplish:

- Collect inventory of projects from counties and cities
- Match projects to grant opportunities
- Encourage transportation planning in counties and cities

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## Shovel-Ready Projects

CAPCOG is collecting information on shovel-ready transportation projects from across the region. Local governments can submit project details using the form below. A project is considered "shovel-ready" when design is finalized, permits are obtained, and all that's left is securing funding. Sharing this information helps CAPCOG support funding efforts and track regional project readiness.

### CAPCOG Shovel-Ready Project Submission Form

Submit your ready-to-go transportation project for CAPCOG review and inclusion in the regional database.

#### Section 1: Project Overview

Project Title \*

Enter a clear and descriptive project name (e.g., "FM 1626 Widening").

Sponsoring Entity / Organization \*

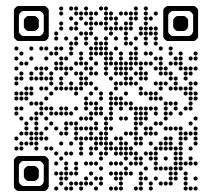
Name of the city, county, agency, or group submitting the project.

Project Location Coordinates \*

Enter latitude and longitude (e.g., 30.2672, -97.7431). Use Google Maps if needed.



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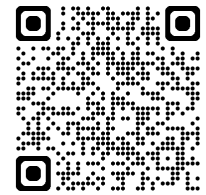
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## What we wanted to accomplish:

- Provide always-available reports, studies, etc.
- Maintain extensive library
- Put users in control of the information they see (and what we want them to see)
- Easily shareable



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## Mobility Monitor

Safety plan, crash analytics, RTIP projects and changes, and railroad quiet zones.

Interactive  
Data

Plan



### Safety Plan

Regional Safety Action Plan for Blanco, Lee, and Llano counties.



### Crash Analytics

Interactive crash map with severity filters and cause breakdowns.



### RTIP Projects

FY27-30 Austin District RTIP projects with live TxDOT tracking.



### RTIP Changes

Projects carried, added, or deferred between draft and final RTIP.



### Quiet Zones

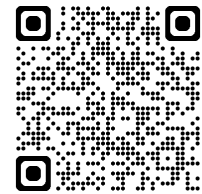
FRA railroad quiet zone requirements and interactive map.

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## Crash Analytics

Explore Central Texas crash data through interactive maps and analysis. Select counties and municipalities using the filters below, then switch between map, dashboard, and construction views to examine patterns from different angles.

All geographic filters persist across views for consistent analysis—compare multiple locations by adding them to your selection. Severity filters only apply to the Map view.

### Filter Crashes

**Places**

County

Select a County

Municipality

Select a Municipality

**Severity**

Fatal Injury

Suspected Serious Injury

Suspected Minor Injury

Possible Injury

Unknown

Not Injured

Show Advanced

### Crash Maps

MapDashboardConstruction Safety

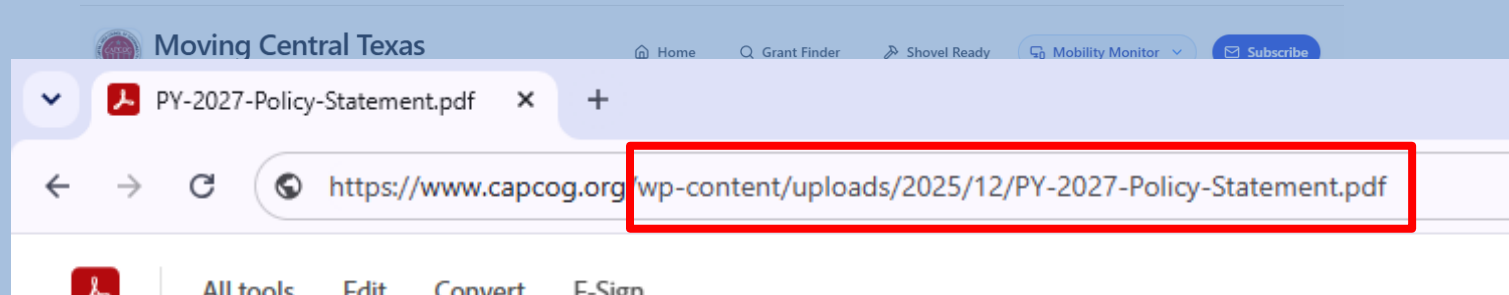
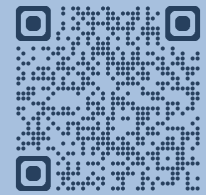
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About the Crash Map

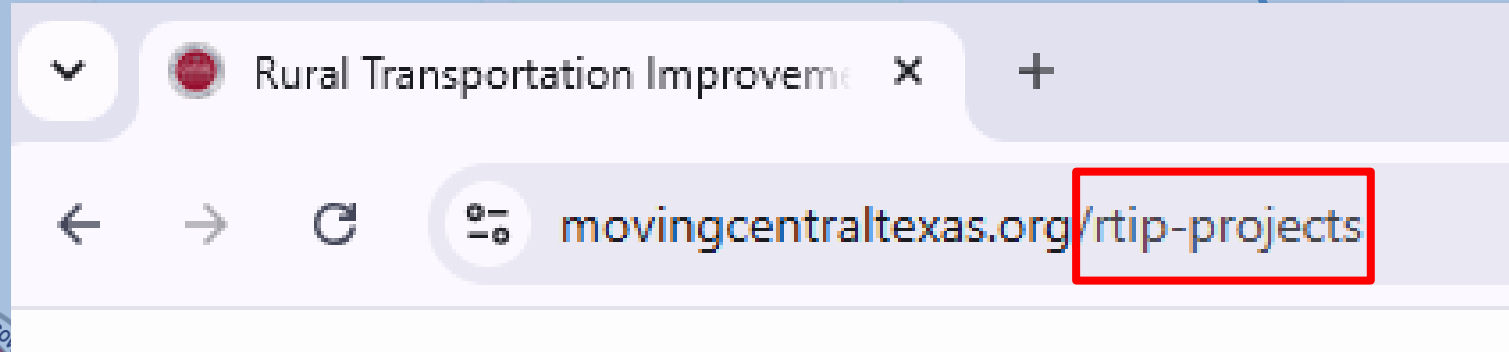
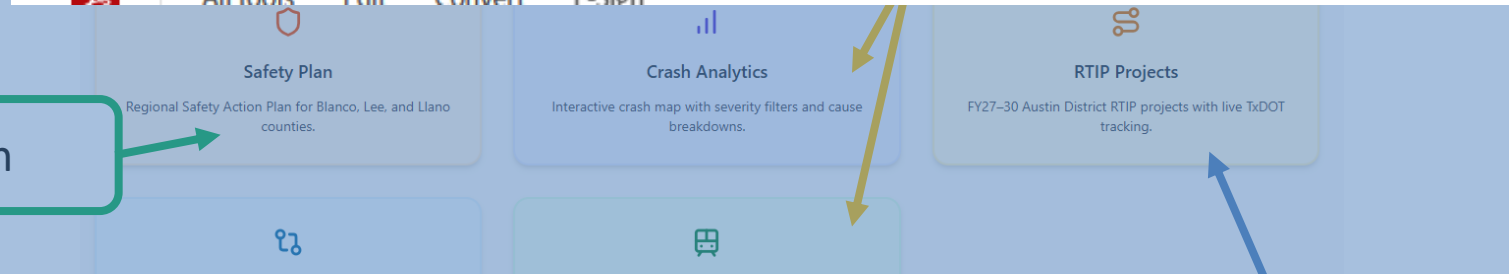
This map shows the location of every crash in the IxDOT dataset for your selected counties and municipalities. Toggle between the point view or the heatmap to identify crash density hotspots.

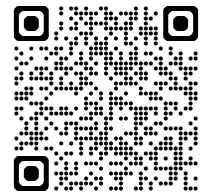


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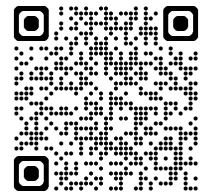




## Challenges:

- Communicating a new vision of a concept that doesn't exist in the organization.
- Required a broad interpretation of the TxDOT agreement objectives.
- Matching available staff skills to an ambitious vision.
- Planning for ongoing support, updates, and enhancements.
- Ensuring compliance with state technology, security, and accessibility requirements
- Adoption by local governments.

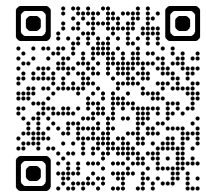




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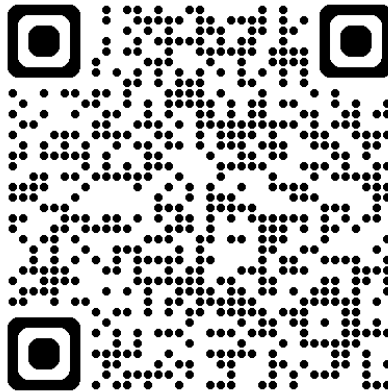
- Continuously improve and respond to feedback and usage.
- Automate linkage between project inventory and grant opportunities.
- Transform outreach into two-way engagement.
- Become the trusted source for regional transportation information.
- Replicate across other regional initiatives.





## Thank you!

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