



ATTACHMENT V: PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORIES

Background and Purpose: Programmatic categories are intended to group similar projects that are typically exempt from air quality conformity and/or are not considered projects of regional significance, but address a transportation need. Therefore, these projects do not have to be individually specified for the purposes of air quality conformity or travel demand modeling in the RTP. In the 2035 RTP there are not a significant number of programmatic categories and jurisdictions are not required to have programmatic categories.

Instructions: Project sponsors should group similar projects, which are exempt from regional air quality conformity analysis that do not add capacity or expand the transportation network, into broader programmatic categories rather than submitting projects individually. The programmatic category must list an estimated cost which equates to the sum of all the potential projects bundled in the programmatic category. Programmatic categories should only be created if there is any intention to fund these air quality exempt projects with federal funds.

Bicycle infrastructure projects serve as the exception. All bicycle infrastructure projects should be submitted individually and cannot be identified as programmatic categories as done in the previous 2035 RTP. Nonetheless, other bicycle projects (e.g. signage, bike parking) may be identified as programmatic categories.

The following lists acceptable programmatic categories:

Roadway

- Small/local bridge projects which do not add capacity or mode: (off-NHS projects selected by the state bridge committee.) (Thurman Street bridge rehab as example).
- Widening narrow pavements or reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes).
- Seismic retrofits for small/local bridges and ODOT bridge rehabilitation projects
- ODOT or Local ITS projects
- Railroad/highway crossing.
- Projects that correct, improve, or eliminate a hazardous location or feature.
- Shoulder improvements.
- Increasing sight distance.
- Highway Safety Improvement Program implementation.
- Traffic control devices and operating assistance other than signalization projects.
- Railroad/highway crossing warning devices.
- Guardrails, median barriers, crash cushions.

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- Pavement resurfacing and/or rehabilitation.
- Pavement marking.
- Emergency relief (23 U.S.C. 125).
- Fencing.
- Skid treatments.
- Safety roadside rest areas.
- Adding medians.
- Truck climbing lanes outside the urbanized area.
- Lighting improvements.
- Emergency truck pullovers.

Transit

- Operating assistance to transit agencies.
- Purchase of support vehicles.
- Rehabilitation of transit vehicles
- Purchase of office, shop, and operating equipment for existing facilities.
- Purchase of operating equipment for vehicles (e.g., radios, fareboxes, lifts, etc.).
- Construction or renovation of power, signal, and communications systems.
- Construction of small passenger shelters and information kiosks.
- Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals, and ancillary structures).
- Rehabilitation or reconstruction of track structures, track, and trackbed in existing rights-of-way.
- Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet.
- Construction of new bus or rail storage/maintenance facilities categorically excluded in 23 CFR part 771.

Alternative Transportation

- Continuation of ride-sharing and van-pooling promotion activities at current levels.
- Pedestrian facilities.
- Local or ODOT TDM programs

Other

- Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as:
 - Planning and technical studies.
 - Grants for training and research programs.
 - Planning activities conducted pursuant to titles 23 and 49 U.S.C.
- Federal-aid systems revisions.
- Engineering to assess social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed action or alternatives to that action.
- Noise attenuation.
- Emergency or hardship advance land acquisitions (23 CFR 710.503).

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- Acquisition of scenic easements.
- Plantings, landscaping, etc.
- Sign removal.
- Directional and informational signs.
- Transportation enhancement activities (except rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities).
- Repair of damage caused by natural disasters, civil unrest, or terrorist acts, except projects involving substantial functional, locational or capacity changes.