FY 2026 Call for Studies

Regional Planning Commission

Technical Advisory Committee

August 2024

This application should be completed by eligible parties interested in having transportation studies included in the RPC Unified Planning Work Program for State FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026).

Only Local Planning Agencies (LPAs) may apply. (LPAs are defined per [23 U.S.C. 101](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/23/101): i.e., “…any city, county, township, municipality, or other political subdivision that may be empowered to cooperate with the State transportation department in highway matters.” If your entity does not meet this definition, you are encouraged to partner with an LPA who can act as the study sponsor. Please contact RPC staff if you are unsure about potential study partners.

Applications are due on November 1, 2024. Selected projects will be announced in February of 2023. Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

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| **Purpose and Need** | * Does the proposed study contribute to one or more of the identified planning priorities for FY 2023 (see question 4) or in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan?
* Does the proposal clearly identify a problem?
* Does the proposal allow for a range of alternative recommendations?
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| **Coordination** | * What city/parish departments worked on or otherwise were consulted the development of the scope?
* What agencies and entities worked on or were otherwise consulted in the development of the scope?
* Does the proposal have the support of local elected officials?
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| **Background** | * Is the study area and/or problem described in the proposal derived from any local or regional planning process?
* What data or evidence has the proposing entity used to demonstrate a problem that needs resolution?
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| **Community Impact** | * Could the proposed study result in a project that improves conditions in a disadvantaged community?
* Could the proposed study result in a project that worsens conditions in such a community (increased traffic and/or noise, worsened safety, etc.)
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Please complete the application in its entirety. Applications should be e-mailed to jsappington@norpc.org, along with any attachments as described below.

Sponsoring LPA: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address Line 1: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address Line 2: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text. Zip Code: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Email: Click or tap here to enter text. Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Secondary Contact: Click or tap here to enter text. Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Planning Area: [ ] New Orleans

 [ ] Mandeville-Covington

 [ ] Slidell

 [ ] Tangipahoa

1. Provide a description of the transportation or unmet need that the study would assess.

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1. Describe the proposed geographic extent of the study area.

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1. Describe how you came to identify the problem.

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1. Describe if and how traditionally disadvantaged populations might benefit from the results of this study.

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1. How does the study align with the goals and strategies of the 2052 RPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

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1. Who else besides the primary sponsor will need to participate in this study?

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1. Briefly (400 words or less) describe a proposed methodology for the study.

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1. Is the study scalable if the available budget is higher or lower than expected?

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