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Upcoming Meetings

CRPC Executive Committee Meeting

Dates:

Wednesday, June 12
Wednesday, August 14
Wednesday, December 4

CRPC Commission & Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, June 19
Wednesday, August 21
Wednesday, December 11

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Dates:

Tuesday, April 30
Tuesday, May 21
Tuesday, July 30
Tuesday, August 27
Tuesday, October 29
Tuesday, November 19



CRPC News!

We will soon be launching our newly revamped website. A completely redesigned user interface and layout to enhance your online experience.

- Easier and Faster
- Improved Homepage navigation
- Mobile and IPAD friendly

Coming Soon Exciting Updates on Our Website!



Grant Opportunities



Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program FY21 & FY22 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

On behalf of the Lake Pontchartrain Restoration Program (PRP)'s Executive Committee and EPA, we are excited to announce that we are now opening the Request for Proposals for the FY21 and FY22 awards.

Through this request, we are seeking to fund **approximately \$1,952,746** worth of project work in restoration and preservation efforts that support the ecological health of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

The full RFP document can be accessed through the link below and additional information, including workplan and budget templates, can be downloaded from the **program's website**. Please note that all proposals must be received by **Thursday, April 11, no later than 4:00 pm**. *Late proposals will not be accepted.*





USDOT Funding Opportunities

FHWA **announced today that it has opened applications for up to \$44.5 million in funding for projects that will strengthen safety and improve bicycling, walking and access to public transit in communities across the country.** FHWA's new **Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)**, made possible by the President's Investing in America Agenda, is a competitive grant program that will focus on building networks of connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements, including to better connect trail. The funding is available for states, local and Tribal governments, as well as metropolitan and regional planning organizations, and applicants can apply for more than one grant. FHWA is hosting two informational webinars – **register for the April 9 webinar** or the **April 10 webinar for Tribal nations**. Applications are due by June 17, 2024.

DOT's Build America Bureau released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for a new program authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program. This program makes \$100 million available over five years to assist public entities in facilitating and evaluating public-private partnerships and exploring innovative financing and delivery opportunities for **Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)** eligible projects. The NOFO allocates



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FHWA **launched the Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program**, which is aimed at lowering air pollution, specifically greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), through reimbursement and incentive funding for low carbon construction materials and products used in transportation. FHWA is making \$1.2 billion available to States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico through a Request for Applications (RFA) to fund activities and projects that reduce pollution, including carbon emissions, through the use of low-embodied carbon materials and products. States can refer to the **Request for Applications (RFA) for State Departments of Transportation** page for application information and program details. Applications are due by June 10, 2024. A Frequently Asked Questions for the **State RFA** will be posted soon. Later this year, FHWA will also make \$800 million available to target non-state applicants, including cities, Tribes, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and other agencies through a NOFO.

DOT's Maritime Administration (MARAD) published a \$450 million NOFO for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). PIDP grants support efforts by ports and industry stakeholders to improve port and related freight infrastructure to meet the nation's freight transportation needs and ensure port infrastructure can meet anticipated growth in freight volumes. The PIDP provides funding to ports in both urban and rural areas for planning and capital projects. Funds for the PIDP

funds for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024, totaling \$57.72 million in available grant funding. Applications are due May 10, 2024.

Two types of grants will be available:

- *Technical Assistance Grants will be awarded to build organizational capacity to develop, review, or enter into asset concessions to advance TIFIA-eligible projects.*
- *Expert Services Grants will be awarded for project development of identified assets, including hiring professional services to explore opportunities for leverage. Applicants can seek either type of grant but must choose one for this round of funding. Grants up to \$2 million are available, with the first million requiring no local match.*

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are awarded on a competitive basis to projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port. **View the PIDP NOFO.** Applications are due by May 10, 2024.

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program is accepting applications in response to its Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 NOFO. The FY24 SS4A NOFO has multiple application deadlines depending on the grant type. **Implementation Grant applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, May 16, 2024. **Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants have three deadlines: April 4, May 16, and August 29, 2024 (by 5:00 p.m. ET).** A number of webinars have been held to provide more information; the presentation slides and webinar recordings are posted on the **SS4A Webinar Series page.****



Staff Highlights

Travel Demand Management



Egg-Stravanganza



Pretty Wednesday

Commuter Krewé was honored to attend the Pretty Wednesday event at Southern University on March 6th. During the visit, the team had the opportunity to educate students and employees on the current traffic and construction scenarios in the capital region and surrounding areas. Students were able to register for the program and learn how to be rewarded for choosing alternative transportation.



On March 23rd, the Commuter Krewé team attended the Easter Egg-Stravaganza event hosted by Blue Cross Blue Shield and the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office in the City of Central. Residents were informed about the benefits of the program and even had the opportunity to download the app and create an account. Each participant who created an account was given a fun and colorful Commuter Krewé cup of lemonade.



LSU Public Safety Day

The Commuter Krewé team participated in LSU's Pedestrian Safety Day event on March 25th. During the event, they educated students and staff on how to download the Commuter Krewé app and create an account which enables them to find carpooling/vanpooling partners and receive incentives for successfully logging their clean commute trips. The event was a great success! They gained 123 new commuters to "The Krewé"!

SADD Club Field Trip Day

On March 14th and 21st, the Commuter Krewe team joined forces with the Livingston Parish SADD Club to take part in their annual Field Trip Day celebration. More than 600 students and 18 schools attended the event. The Commuter Krewe team hosted activities and fun games for the students which included air pollution and the effectiveness of choosing carpooling and vanpooling.



Commuter Krewe's Diversity Outreach

The Commuter Krewe team has gone above and beyond to ensure that the program is inclusive of all participants by taking an essential step towards translating their information into Spanish. With the assistance of fluent Spanish partners, they have successfully translated the Commuter Krewe incentives flyer, Commuter Karl (Pre K – 5) activity sheet, the instructional flyer on how to log a trip, and other informational handouts. This noteworthy initiative demonstrates their commitment to diversity and their willingness to go the extra mile to make the program welcoming for everyone.



Transportation Safety



LSU Pedestrian Safety Day

We were invited to attend

Upcoming Events

APRIL 11 Madison Preparatory Prom Safety Demonstration	APRIL 13 BREC/SU.AG Center Health Fair	APRIL 18 2024 Safety Road Show and Statewide I/O
APRIL 24 Slaughter Community Charter School- Prom Awareness	APRIL 25 CRTSC Full Coalition	APRIL 26 Atena Health Expo
APRIL 29 Introduction to Safety Data	MAY 3 Bike to School Day	



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Northeast High Prom Prevention

Prevention is key! We partnered with ICARE to help assist at Northeast High School with the education and prevention of fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways. We educated students on traffic safety, distracted driving, and impaired driving highlighting prom season for our young adults. If you are interested in having Capital Region Transportation Safety Coalition at

Louisiana State University's annual pedestrian safety day. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness for LSU pedestrians. We want to raise awareness on pedestrian safety on and off campus one foot at a time.



SADD Livingston

We attended the SADD Livingston event with over 383 students. We educated students on traffic safety. Students learned about different traffic safety signs, railroad safety, and bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Car Seats





IS YOUR CHILD IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT?

We are specialized in providing resources to expand education and awareness on child restraint/child seat safety. We educate about the advantages of knowing the importance of occupant protection as it relates to child transportation safety for different ages, weights, and car seat types. We also provide child safety seats to those in need along with installation from a certified technician from the Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force.

Parishes we Serve:

- Ascension
- East Baton Rouge
- West Baton Rouge
- Iberville
- Livingston
- Pointe Coupee

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your school, don't hesitate to reach out!



CRTSC Event Form

Coalition is working to ensure that Occupant protection for children is a top priority regardless of economic status. Children deserve safe transportation! If you know anyone that may benefit from this opportunity. Please share this flyer accordingly! Let's change occupant protection numbers by making sure all children are properly restrained. Louisiana law states that all drivers and passengers, regardless of which seat they occupy in a vehicle, must wear a seat belt or be properly restrained in a child safety seat that is properly installed. Besides being the law in Louisiana, wearing your seat belt is the single most important thing a driver or passenger can do to protect themselves in the event of a crash.

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