



# MOVEBR FUTURE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

## 2025 Call for Projects Process

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### INTRODUCTION

The MOVEBR Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements Program remains the most significant investment in East Baton Rouge Parish's transportation network. Approved by voters on December 8, 2018, the ½ cent sales tax funding the program began on April 1, 2019, and will continue through March 31, 2049. Of the funds generated, \$49 million is allocated for Future Community Enhancement (FCE) Projects (\$5 million dedicated to LSU Lakes Project). These projects focus on pedestrian and bicycle mobility, safety improvements, traffic calming, and streetscape beautification.

Following the success of the **2022 First Call for Projects**, which resulted in **29 new** community-based enhancement projects, the **2025 Second Call for Projects** looks to allocate approximately **\$12 million** in FCE funds for eligible local improvements.

This document outlines the process for the 2025 Call for Projects, detailing how project proposals will be solicited, evaluated, and selected for funding. It is intended to ensure that all submissions are reviewed using consistent criteria, with the goal of distributing available funds fairly and prioritizing projects that provide the greatest benefit to the residents of East Baton Rouge Parish.

### PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for funding under the 2025 Call for Projects, proposed enhancements must support the core objectives of the MOVEBR Future Community Enhancement (FCE) Program. Eligible projects should contribute to increased safety, mobility, and accessibility for all users. The table below outlines the types of projects that may be considered for funding.

Eligibility Category	Enhancements
Projects must include one or more of the following Core Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Sidewalks, bike lanes/paths, multi-use paths, handicap ramps</li><li>– Pedestrian safety improvements (crosswalks, flashing beacons, pedestrian signals, median refuges)</li><li>– Traffic calming measures (speed humps, bulb-outs, raised intersections, chicanes, radar speed signs, etc.)</li></ul>
Projects may also include one of the following Optional Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Signage</li><li>– Streetscaping/beautification (lighting, landscaping, signage)</li><li>– Green infrastructure (stormwater quantity/quality)</li><li>– Transit access improvements (e.g., bus stop accessibility)</li></ul>



The following criteria will be used to determine which projects are eligible to be evaluated for possible funding under the program.

1. Probability of significant usage of the proposed facility.
2. Projects that significantly improve safety for pedestrians and/or bikers.
3. Projects identified as part of an adopted Master Plan (such as the EBR Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan) or provides connectivity to a Master Plan project and is currently not fully funded.
4. Projects must be within the East Baton Rouge Parish limits.

### **INELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

1. Project is part of a planned street/roadway improvement project with an identified funding source (fully funded).
2. Improvements to private property, private facilities, and/or common areas.

### **PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Project Nomination
2. Project Proposal
3. Project Review and Evaluation
4. Department of Transportation and Drainage Approval
5. Metro Council Project Budget Approval

Schedule of approval to follow annual budgeting process and timeline:

#### **Step 1. Project Nomination**

The MOVEBR PMT, on behalf of City-Parish DTD, will request eligible project nominations from Council members, as funding allows. A 60-day response period will be allowed for projects to be submitted. In addition, projects can be included as a nomination if the project is part of community defined requests or existing master plans and proposed projects.

#### **Step 2. Project Proposal (See attached form)**

The Project Proposal Form must be completed for candidate projects and submitted to the MOVEBR FCE Manager (staffed by PMT project manager). All projects must be submitted prior to the date specified in the Call for Projects Notification Letter.

#### **Step 3. Project Review and Evaluation**

Projects complying with listed requirements will be scored and reviewed for potential funding by the DTD. Projects will be evaluated based on following criteria:

- 1. School Area.** Projects will receive a higher ranking in this category if they are adjacent to School areas that has a high occurrence of pedestrian and bike traffic.



2. **ROW Acquisition.** Projects will receive a lower rank in this category if new right-of-way or land acquisition is required resulting in added project costs and impacts.
3. **Bus stop location.** Projects with a bus stop(s) in close proximity which requires pedestrian access will receive a higher ranking than those with none.
4. **Project located in area of high pedestrian/bike traffic.** Projects located in areas of significant pedestrian/bike traffic and/or locations with known safety issues will be given a higher ranking in this category.
5. **Cost/Constructability.** Projects with above average cost or are more difficult to construct will receive a lower rank in this category.
6. **Connectivity, ADA upgrades and/or completion of project.** Projects with the need of minor additions/improvements to connect neighboring sidewalks, those that are part of or provide connectivity to a Master Plan project, or those that are in need of ADA compliance upgrades, will receive a higher ranking.
7. **Low to moderate income area.** Projects that are in Low-to-Moderate Income areas will receive a higher rank because of the increased need for pedestrian/bike facilities.
8. **Road Classification.** Roadway classifications are generally related to pedestrian usage with higher trafficked roadways having higher pedestrian/bike use. Higher trafficked roads will receive a higher score.

#### **Step 4. Department of Transportation and Drainage Approval**

After reviewing and evaluating all submitted projects using above criteria, the DTD will publish an approved project list and establish a project implementation plan.

#### **Step 5. Metro Council Project Budget Approval**

Approved projects will be added to the MOVEBR Program, added to the budget by Metro Council action, and constructed as funds become available.